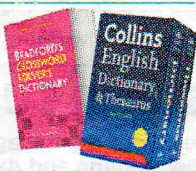


BARE BONES

WIN A COLLINS ENGLISH DICTIONARY AND THESAURUS SET, AND A BRADFORD'S CROSSWORD SOLVER'S DICTIONARY



Our Bare Bones Crossword is unique because you have to complete the grid - numbers and squares - as well. We have inserted four black squares and four clue numbers to get you going. The crossword has a four-way symmetry: both top and bottom and left and right match, so you can fill in 12 more squares straight away.

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There is a prize of a Collins English Dictionary and Thesaurus set, and a Bradford's Crossword Solver's Dictionary. Send your solution to: Bare Bones Puzzle No 968, The Mail on Sunday, PO Box 3451, Norwich NR7 7NR. Entries must arrive by Friday, November 6 (photocopies not accepted). The winner's name will be published on November 22 from the first correct entry drawn.

Winner of Bare Bones No 965: Mr I. Probert, of Nelson, Caerphilly.

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Across

- 1 British bank takes on the top woman
- 5 Policeman arranged toil for fellow flier
- 9 Low-flying bird of prey
- 10 Tease students after party for soft toy (Two words)
- 11 Second person reported a tree
- 12 Pugilists' underwear?
- 13 Ale is confusing your head without effort
- 14 Perplex the French after graduate gets very loud
- 17 Large animal has right to be sullen

- 21 Excessively, as well
 - 22 Carpenter's weapon of choice? (Two words)
 - 23 Left keys for boy
 - 24 Wicked young lady with time that cannot be recovered (Two words)
 - 25 Having the will to try tea out
- Down**
- 1 Setback makes bishop depressed
 - 2 One good latrine in house
 - 3 Danger, about to sell dodgy gear - that's between neighbours (Two words)

- 4 Guts, swimming around a river
- 5 Selected huge revolutionary to go round
- 6 Conceal parts of mattress in US city (Two words)
- 7 True alloy always conceals it
- 8 Won't move to residential area
- 15 Dodge having to disallow answer first
- 16 Live like a headless chauvinist
- 17 May display power
- 18 Dance? Sauce!
- 19 Knock and smash bust
- 20 Lazy hero, by the sound of it