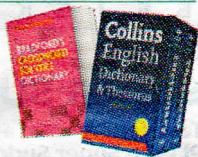
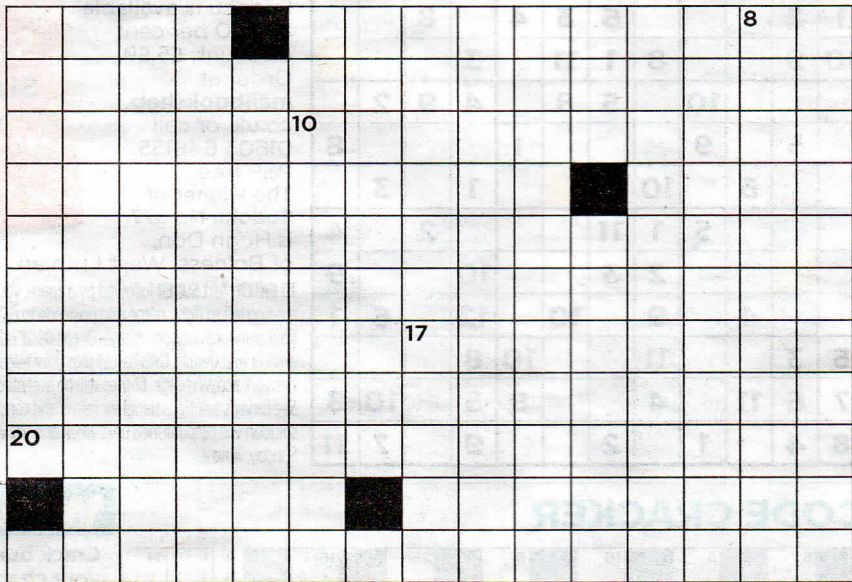


# BARE BONES

**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.



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 944, The Mail on Sunday, PO Box 3451, Norwich NR7 7NR. Entries must arrive by Friday, May 22 (photocopies not accepted). The winner's name will be published on June 7 from the first correct entry drawn.

Winner of Bare Bones No 941: Phil Ledington, of Gosport, Hampshire.

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## Across

- 1 Eccentric person provides a message
- 4 Left during lucrative period to flourish
- 7 Reticent artist conceals a pastry item
- 9 Glen sees European boy coming back
- 10 Disagreement at home after outdoor exercise (Two words, hyphenated)
- 11 Lake surrounded by total shanty town
- 12 Diminish some of Kyle's sensitivities
- 13 Label not showing initial heart
- 14 Sound that's not meandering, say

- 18 Show resentment at controlling mechanism
- 20 Reporter has a bad cough
- 21 The first one acquired new weight
- 22 Generous daughter is backing family
- 23 Bishop tempted to eject journalist in confusion
- 24 Greeting gets socialist engaged
- 25 Bristle with squad, by the sound of it

## Down

- 2 First character donated a plant
- 3 Sounds expensive, hunter getting a hat
- 4 Stop taking gold back for aristocrat

- 5 Admit old wife has overturned joke (Two words)
- 6 Painter encountered having no rum inside
- 7 Try out insect in summer sport (Two words)
- 8 Cosmetic is a shade foreign
- 15 Series is the first to complain
- 16 Short person is titan's first irritation
- 17 Victor misses front part of target
- 18 Crook to include large mixture
- 19 Point toboggan outside in sudden movement