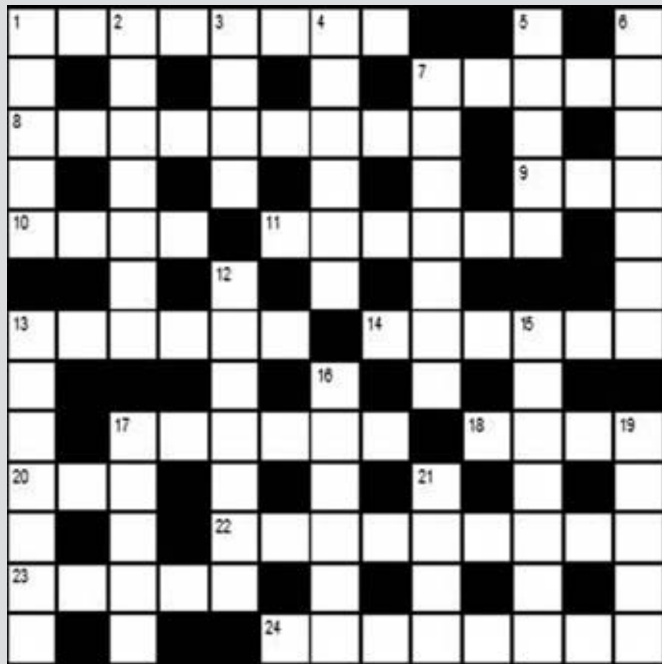


Crossword



Complete the puzzle using the Cryptic or Regular clues - the answers are the same.

Cryptic clues

Across

- 1 It's rather nice when an agricultural labourer takes in an apprentice (8)
- 7 See 21 Down
- 8/22 Where one acquires the bulk of one's knowledge, or is it? (9,9)
- 9 Having difficulty giving a massage (3)
- 10 It can be used to spin a tale (4)
- 11 Harsh treatments a sailor employs (6)
- 13 There's method in the madness of my sets (6)
- 14 Easy job in a light wind (6)
- 17 I want a transfer to somewhere in the Far East (6)
- 18/3 Encore causing a stir in America (4,4)
- 20 A timer you can't trust (3)
- 22 See 8
- 23 Engaged without an explanation of the the instigator did (5)
- 24 In the coniferous trees, heading back to the mountains (8)

Down

- 1 Pallid looking meat pie (5)
- 2 Costers turn into bodyguards (7)
- 3 See 18 Across
- 4 Barney gets out, but it's a close thing (6)
- 5 Tolerates furry animals? (5)
- 6 Not the result of a close shave (7)
- 7 Viewer annoyed at a blot on the landscape (7)
- 12 Explained why there's a bit of fish in the act (7)
- 13 Noticed it's blemished (7)
- 15 A concoction of iodine and tea is an issue (7)
- 16 Fertiliser a chap put on a Yorkshire flower (6)
- 17 Secret Chinese organisation on a Pacific island (5)
- 19 It's a convenience for decent fellows (5)
- 21/7A The major attraction takes place at sea, apparently (4,5)

Regular clues

Across

- 1 Enjoyable (8)
- 7 See 21 Down
- 8/22 Learning provided by a high school (9,9)
- 9 Cause friction (3)
- 10 Fine cord of twisted fibres (4)
- 11 Maltreats (6)
- 13 An ordered manner (6)
- 14 Blow gently (6)
- 17 Country formerly known as Formosa (6)
- 18/3 Prison in New York (4,4)
- 20 A brace (3)
- 22 See 8
- 23 Encouraged (5)
- 24 Chain of hills in Britain (8)

Down

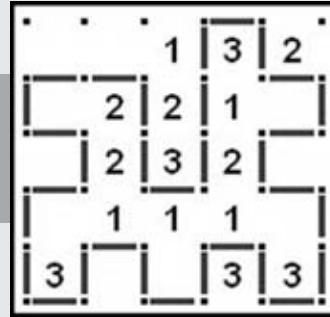
- 1 Small meat pie (5)
- 2 Participants in a date (7)
- 3 See 18 Across
- 4 Close at hand (6)
- 5 Puts up with something unpleasant (5)
- 6 Unshaven hair (7)
- 7 Something very ugly and offensive (7)
- 12 Determined the nature of (7)
- 13 Having small round marks (7)
- 15 An issue of a newspaper (7)
- 16 Animal dung used as fertiliser (6)
- 17 Friendly Islands (5)
- 19 Public toilet for men (5)
- 21/7A Most important happening (4,5)

Costalink



Some of the squares formed by the dots have numbers 0 to 3 inside them. Connect horizontally and vertically adjacent dots so that the lines form a single loop with no loose ends. The number inside a square represents how many of its sides are segments in the loop.

COSTALINK EXAMPLE



ON THIS DAY (FEBRUARY 18)

- 1. Who was the author of The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, first published on this day in 1885?
- 2. With which musical instrument would you principally associate Andrés Segovia who was born in Linares, Spain on this day in 1894?
- 3. Born in Aberdeen on this day in 1943, who along with Bill Oddie and Tim Brooke-Taylor made up comedy trio The Goodies?



- 4. The religious reformer Martin Luther and the Italian painter, sculptor, architect and poet Michelangelo both died on this day, in which century?
- 5. Which monarch, born in Greenwich on this day in 1516, was the first queen to rule England [1553-58] in her own right?
- 6. In which television series that ran from 1985 to 1989 did actress Cybill Shepherd, who was born in Memphis, Tennessee, on this day in 1949, play the part of former model Madeline 'Maddy' Hayes?
- 7. John Travolta, who was born in Englewood, New Jersey on this day in 1954, has had two British number one hit singles, You're The One That I Want and Summer Nights, both with Olivia Newton-John, but what was the title of his only solo top 10 hit, which reached number

- two in 1978?
- 8. What is the name given to the ratio of the speed of a body to the speed of sound in the undisturbed medium through which the body travels, which was named after an Austrian physicist who was born on this day in 1838?
- 9. With which instrument would you principally associate Niccolò Paganini, who was born in Italy on this day in 1784?
- 10. Since he began his managerial career in 1968, former England boss Sir Bobby Robson, who was born in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne on this day in 1933, has managed eight different club sides, name any three.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Duke of Clarence drowned in a butt of malmsey wine on the orders of his brother, Richard, Duke of Gloucester, on this day in 1478.
- Victor Emmanuel was proclaimed king of a united Italy on this day in 1861.
- The planet Pluto was discovered by American astronomer Clyde Tombaugh on this day in 1930.
- Nepal, the landlocked Asian country lying along the southern slopes of the Himalayan mountain ranges wedged between India and China, became a constitutional monarchy on this day in 1951.
- On this day in 1965, the BMA [British Medical Association] suggested that a blood alcohol level roughly equivalent to 12 whiskies should be made the statutory safe limit for drivers.
- The western African country The Gambia became an independent state within the Commonwealth on this day in 1965.
- Snow fell in the Sahara on this day in 1979.
- The Rolling Stones' bass player, Bill Wyman, announced on this day in 1980 that he intended quitting the group in 1983.

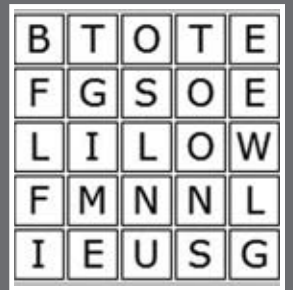


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Answers on page 20

Mind Boggler

Find as many English words (min four letters) as possible from the letters in the grid. Start a word from any letter and continue through adjacent boxes - forwards, backwards, or diagonally. You cannot use the same letter twice in a word.

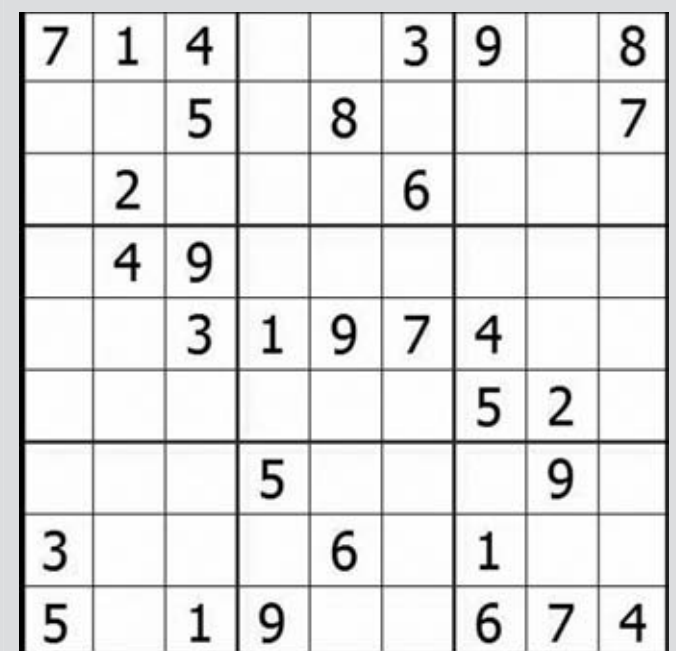


Proper nouns, foreign words, abbreviations and slang words are not permitted. However prefixes (cycle and bicycle), suffixes (warm and warmer) and plurals (lion and lions) can be used.

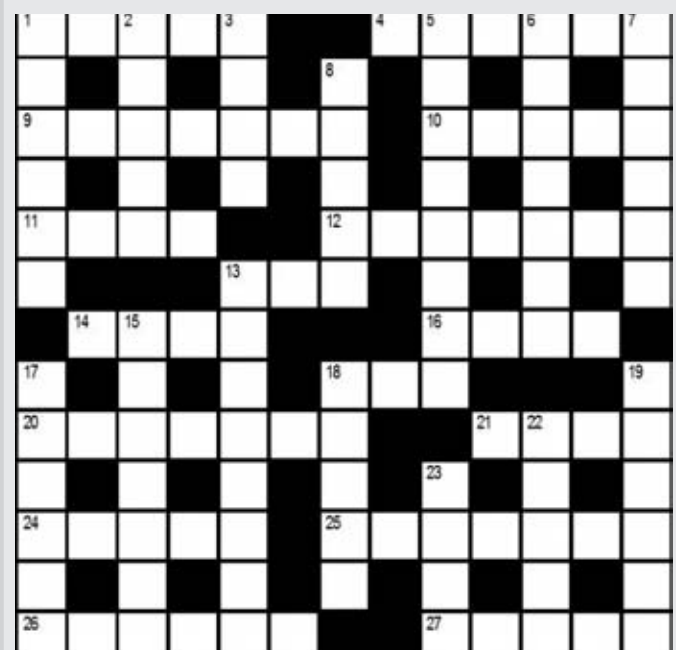
Score one point for a four-letter word, two points for a five-letter word, three points for a six-letter word, etc.

Points Target: Average: 16, Good: 21, Very good: 31, Excellent: 38

Sudoku



Spanish-English crossword



Improve your vocabulary with our Spanish/English crossword. The clues are in Spanish and the answers are in English.

Across

- 1 Puro (5)
- 4 Fantasmas (6)
- 9 Más pequeño (7)
- 10 Nervio (5)
- 11 Último (4)
- 12 Apellido (7)
- 13 Sí (3)
- 14 Eco (4)
- 16 Polvo (4)
- 18 Tiene (3)
- 20 Licencia (7)
- 21 Carbón (4)
- 24 Baile (5)
- 25 El más rico (7)
- 26 Hacienda (6)
- 27 Rosas (5)

Down

- 1 Castillo (6)
- 2 Vidrio (5)
- 3 Regla (4)
- 5 Cientos (8)
- 6 Arroyos (7)
- 7 Suecia (6)
- 8 Vestido (5)
- 13 El más joven (8)
- 15 Coco (7)
- 17 Trineo (pequeño) (6)
- 18 Corazón (5)
- 19 Platas (6)
- 22 Hornos (5)
- 23 Cicatriz (4)

NewsAgram

Unravel the name of a famous person who has featured in the news recently.

MAN JOINS NORTH