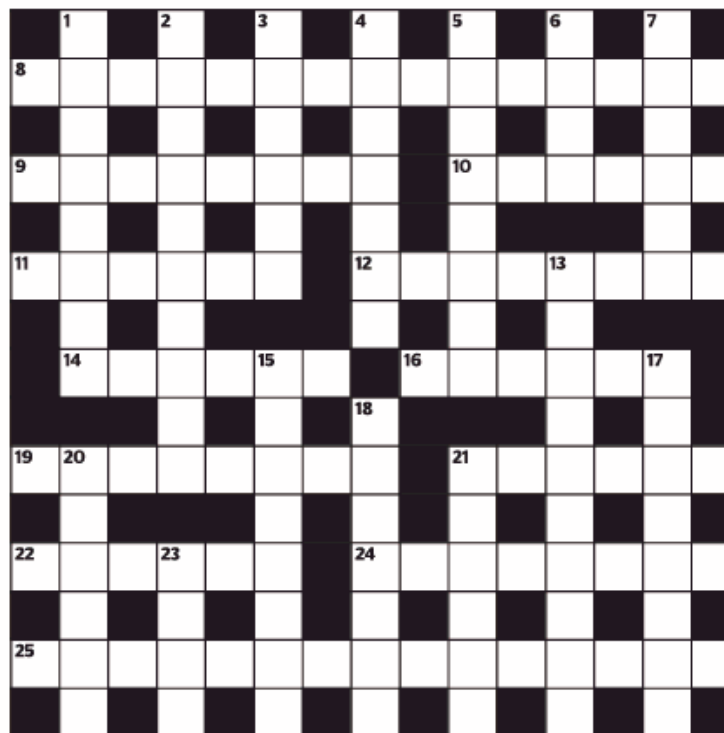


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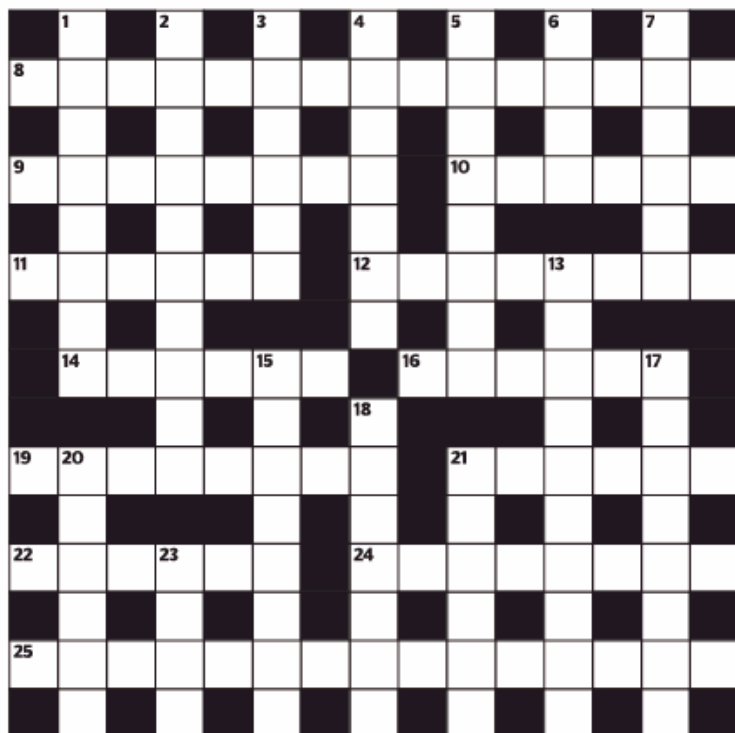
- 8 Enduring the inevitable but tighten libel amendment (6,3,6)
- 9 We finally dig into pre-first edition of the record of descent (8)
- 10 Put money into a clothing item (6)
- 11 Various types of deep-water swimmers (6)
- 12 Deer take long, slow steps after disturbing Nate (8)
- 14 The bench is to resolve the argument (6)
- 16 Implore a person to leave (6)
- 19 Minimise the significance of fun with feathers (4,4)
- 21 A state on the west coast of India with the method to clear out (2,4)
- 22 I'm also working for a citizen of a country on the Horn of Africa (6)
- 24 Carries to excess about some of the deer (8)
- 25 Oddly, a bit reminiscent of a leading parliamentarian (7,8)

DOWN

- 1 Subtle distinctions with pleasant links (8)
- 2 The guy from East Timor left, duty completed most conscientiously (10)
- 3 Silver or a silver head from former spaces for assemblies (6)
- 4 A spotted cat is one that can't be trusted, I hear (7)
- 5 A liqueur from the lab's in the cabinet (8)
- 6 One Eastern European comes back in certain intervals (4)
- 7 Establishes the cat back around Vets Centre (4,2)
- 13 Sold, per se, a sort of big cat (10)
- 15 Gives a lot of public attention to oiliness in a stew (8)
- 17 And, in France, clearly agrees to have sets of display shelves (8)
- 18 Advises in school classes (7)
- 20 Ha, fool! Take back the sponge! (6)
- 21 Gradually collects new angles (6)
- 23 Very keen to bring back an opera star (4)



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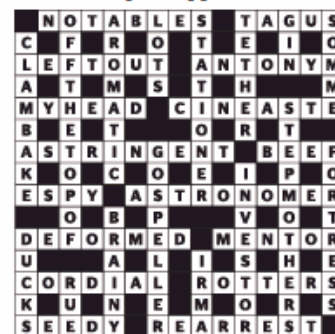
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ACROSS

- 8 English king executed in 1649 (7,3,5)
- 9 Digit or digits that may need to be used before dialling a phone number (4,4)
- 10 The under part of the foot (6)
- 11 Hold together (6)
- 12 Praiseworthy (8)
- 14 Deadly (6)
- 16 Protective cover for the head (6)
- 19 People who are proficient in sports (8)
- 21 Jeans (6)
- 22 Place of detention (6)
- 24 Beat with a whip (8)
- 25 Divine rules of conduct (3,12)

DOWN

- 1** A form of carbon produced by burning organic material without air (8)
- 2** Decorative (10)
- 3** Prior to (6)
- 4** Church tower and spire (7)
- 5** Cosmetic treatment for the feet (8)
- 6** Intentions (4)
- 7** Also; too (2,4)
- 13** Reprimanded firmly (10)
- 15** Words opposite in meaning to other words (8)
- 17** Violent windy storms (8)
- 18** A smoker's receptacle (7)
- 20** The person or object at which an attack is aimed (6)
- 21** Ridicule (6)
- 23** A piece of footwear (4)



Yesterday's quick

14.217



TARGET

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Today's Target:

13 words:
good

19 words:
very good

26 words:
excellent.

How many words of four letters or more can you make? Each letter may be used once per word. Each word must contain the centre letter and there must be at least one nine-letter word. No plurals ending in "s"; no proper names. Source: *Collins Concise English Dictionary*.

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WORDWIT

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Root-wise, each answer derives from a planet in our solar system. Can you solve the set?

Warlike (7)
Gloomy (9)
Prosaic (7)

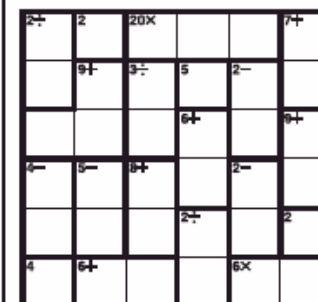
Merry (6)
Capricious (9)

Solution tomorrow

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LEVEL: Challenging



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LETTER GAMES

This Way and That

1	2	3	4
2			
3			
4			

The answers down and across are the same.

1 curved structure

2 irritate

3 group of common descent

4 fowls

Yesterday's solution:

1 sale, 2 afar, 3 lair, 4 errs.

Missing Letters

				L	Y
U		R			
			T		
K		W			
				W	L
					Y

What three letters will fill the gaps?

Today's subject is birds

Yesterday's solution:

A, O and S.

Across: Odessa, Omsk, Laos, Omaha

Down: Osaka, Samoa

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SOLUTION TOMORROW

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LEVEL: Challenging

2 ⁺	2	20 ^x			7 ⁺
	9 ⁺	3 ⁺	5	2 ⁻	
			6 ⁺		8 ⁺
4 ⁻	5 ⁻	8 ⁺		2 ⁻	
			2 ⁺		2
4	6 ⁺			6 ^x	

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SUDOKU

LEVEL: Diabolical

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	3				8			
		8			1	3		
		2	4	9		8	6	
					4		1	6
	7		1			5		
		3	5	6		2		
7	2		8			4	9	
		9		1				3
		6						

There is only one rule to completing a sudoku: each 3x3 box, as well as each column and row, must contain all the numbers from 1 to 9. © Pagemasters

5	6	7	9	1	4	3	8	2
1	4	9	3	8	2	7	6	5
8	2	3	5	7	6	9	4	1
6	9	2	4	3	8	5	1	7
4	8	1	7	5	9	2	3	6
7	3	5	6	2	1	8	9	4
2	7	4	8	6	3	1	5	9
9	1	8	2	4	5	6	7	3
3	5	6	1	9	7	4	2	8

Yesterday's Sudoku

Yesterday's KenKen

6	4	1	3	2	5
2	5	3	4	6	1
3	1	4	2	5	6
5	3	2	6	1	4
1	2	6	5	4	3
4	6	5	1	3	2

Yesterday's Target solution: acre, ager, agree, anger, angrier, arcing, arere, cagier, cairn, care, careen, career, CAREERING, caring, carr, cere, cigar, crag, crane, crier, cringe, eager, earn, earner, earring, enrage, erica, erne, erring, gainer, garner, gear, genera, generic, genre, grace, grain, green, grin, nacre, near, nearer, nicer, race, racer, racier, racing, rage, rain, rang, range, ranger, rangier, rani, rare, raring, rear, rearing, regain, reign, rein, reran, rice, ricer, rinn, rinner