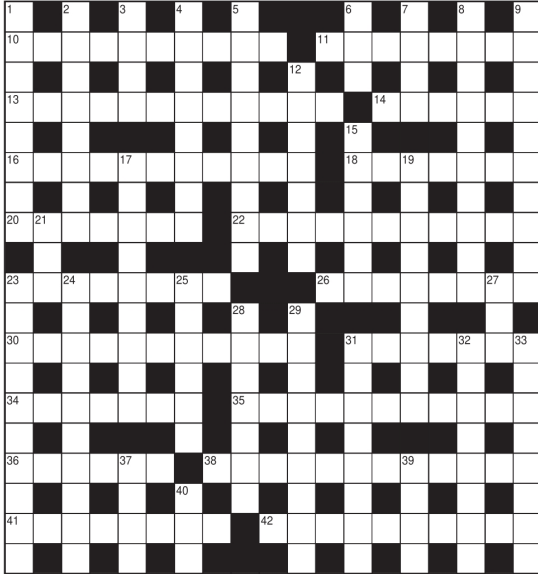


THE BIG ONE

7914

- Across
10 Insufficiency
11 Today
13 Unwittingly
14 Adios (3-3)
16 Fluctuating
18 Sugared almond
20 Substantially
22 Characterless
23 Bloodsucking fly
26 Vaccination tools
30 Not potable
31 Laid bare
34 Powerful (lamp)
35 Separate entities
36 Synoptic chart line
38 Gossip (6-6)
41 Tracing templates
42 Downplays



- Down
1 Disowns
2 Absurd
3 Give meal to
4 Plight
5 Functions
6 Fah, -, lah
7 Delicate
8 Partly cooking
9 Theatre attendants
12 Mottoes
15 Lightning (recovery)
17 Snagging (stockings)
19 Sold, - off
21 Or near offer (1,1,1)
23 Most stuck-up
24 Virile (3-7)

SOLUTION
25 Predilection
27 Use frugally, - out
28 Aslant
29 Audience number
31 Digressed
32 Board game
33 Age (furniture)
37 Raise (eyebrows)
39 Dinghy paddles
40 Water, Adam's -

QUIZMASTER

- 1 Who was South Africa's first democratically elected president?
2 Which element has a higher atomic number on the periodic table, gold or silver?
3 In which Australian city was Kylie Minogue born?
4 Sea otters are native to which ocean?
5 How many nations competed at the first modern Olympics in 1896?

- 6 In chemistry, what do you call a substance that changes the rate of a reaction without itself being consumed?
7 Who is the current chess world champion?
8 Which country has the greatest range between their highest and lowest elevation points?
9 Which metal is extracted from the ore cassiterite?
10 When was the 3-point line first introduced in the NBA?

SOLUTION: 1 Nelson Mandela 2 Gold 3 Melbourne 4 Pacific Ocean 5 14 6 A catalyst 7 Ding Liren 8 China 9 1979

JUMBLE

1144

Rearrange the letters in each row to form a word.

Write your answers into the blank grid.

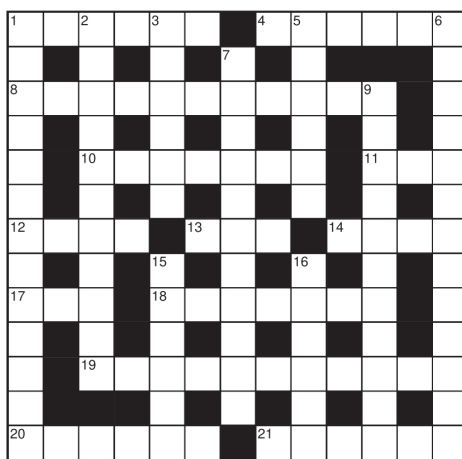
The first letter from each word, reading down, will spell the mystery keyword.

Table with 5 rows of letters: E E C J T, C H A T L, G O L S E, O P T I V, V E E S A

Blank grid for jumble puzzle with 5 rows and 6 columns

Previous solution: Clump, Ankle, Class, Truly, Icing. Keyword: CACTI

CRYPTIC



- Across
1 Nigel and Simon hid savanna dwellers (6)
4 Came in, disrupting picture house (6)
8 Grooms' partners provide a thousand helpful devices for attendants (11)
10 Trap set with ease, it's said, to get circus equipment (7)
11 Fade away from far side with typist's complaint (1,1,1)
12 Underfoot or overhead structure (4)
13 Start waving in triumph (3)
14 In this spot, do you hear? (4)
17 Spring in Las Palmas (3)
18 Went in to serve up entree to Danish leader (7)

- 19 Plundered loot harbours wet blankets (11)
20 "Snake type", Anne said (6)
21 Interfere with direct debit? That's between me and the French! (6)

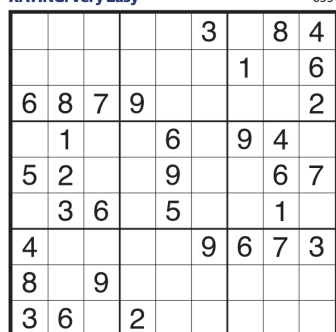
SOLUTION
CITY ANNOTATE
R O L E F W A
O U T R A G E F R A N C
W A S D T R K H
B A L A N C E S H E E T
A C D E N J
R H Y T H M C R U S O E
S A T T E T
F R E N C H A C C E N T
O B S E R V A T I
T R A M P L A R I A T S
I R A M D T O
C O M E D I A N S E W N

SUDOKU

Fill in all squares so each row, column and each of the nine 3x3 squares contain all digits from one to nine. Solutions, tips and software can be found at sudoku.com.

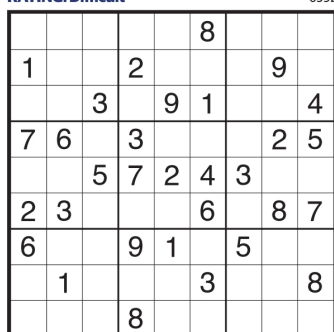
RATING: Very Easy

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RATING: Difficult

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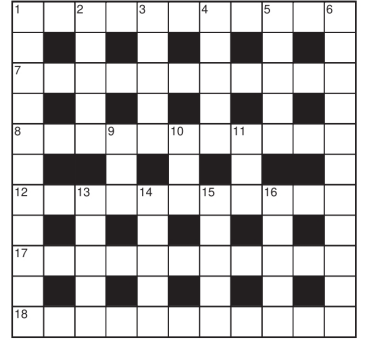
QUICK ONE

3160

- Across
1 Taking to pieces
7 Inspection
8 Emotional
12 Abatement
17 NYC landmark, - Building (6,5)
18 Outlines

SOLUTION
3159
R E C O G N I T I O N
E H L N C O
I M A G I N A T I O N
N I D L E N E
S T R E E T L I G H T
T G O R H
A C C O U N T A B L E
T O N A R L
I N C R I M I N A T E
N O T N W S
G R A V E S T I O N I E S

- Down
1 Garment creators
2 Carpet blemish
3 Courtroom defence
4 Track down
5 Numbskull
6 Cowboy fighters
9 Le or La in French
10 Magnetic resonance imaging (1,1,1)
11 Crooner, - King Cole
13 Coat collar part
14 Aug/Sept star sign
15 Church passage
16 Ill-suited



TWO SPEED

7785

CRYPTIC CLUES

- Across
1 Rulers' joint authority (10)
6 Oxford academic eats out and gives freely (7)
7 Bravery is never in dispute (5)
9 Leper cast back (5)
10 Silly soprano so lost in kitchen wear (5)
11 Pencil ends are targets of ridicule! (5)

- 12 Sailor isolated shellfish (7)
13 Chief calls up local speakers (10)
Down
1 Where to go when you have pressing issues? (10)
2 Without asking, take what's suitable (11)
3 Elly admits red convertible is rather old (7)

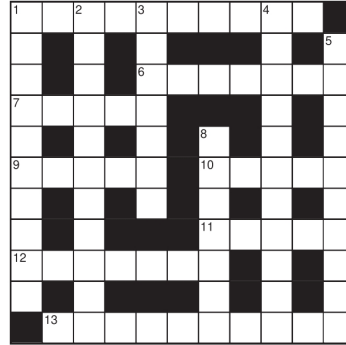
- 4 Incorporation of rocks into granite (11)
5 This season kind of amazes (10)
8 It's a tragedy, that match! Be sure to adapt it for The King Of Scotland (7)

QUICK CLUES

- Across
1 Command (10)
6 Contributes (to charity) (7)
7 Sense receptor (5)
9 Rebuff (5)
10 Butcher's garment (5)
11 Hits with horns (5)
12 Priced seafood (7)
13 Stereo earpieces (10)

Down

- 1 Communal clothes-washing place (10)
2 Apt (11)
3 Mature in years (7)
4 Assimilation (11)
5 Stuns (10)
8 Shakespeare character (7)



SOLUTION
7784
Y E A R L I N G O
O R O I O V A
S T A R C H E D E
E B K C E R E
M O L A S S E S U
I E E E C
T A C A D E M I A
E A R A I E L
B S T I N G R A Y
H U G C E G P
T S H A D I E S I T