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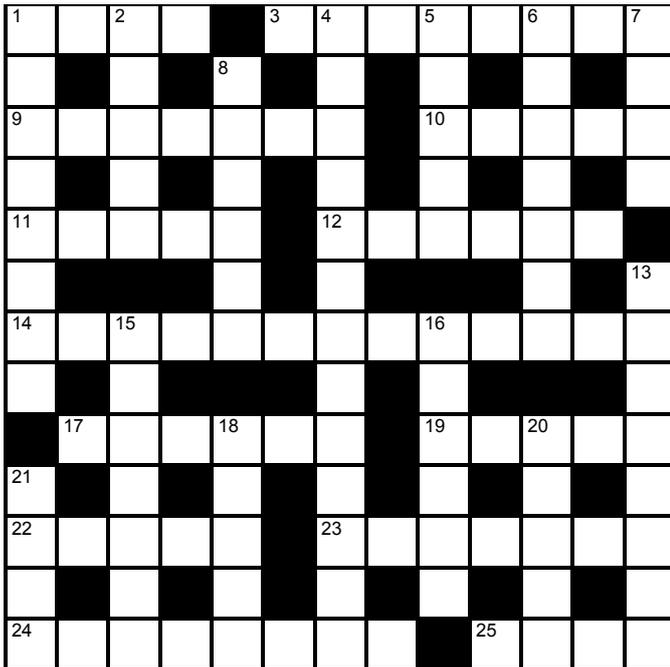
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The Times Quick Cryptic No 2651 by Oink



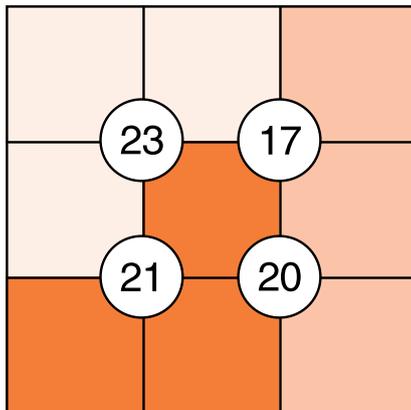
Across

- 1 The pain of a guerilla leader? (4)
- 3 MP's niece surprisingly becoming a model (8)
- 9 Petty case involving Victor and me (7)
- 10 Charlie soon to become a clergyman (5)
- 11 Head of Latin at school makes you squeal (3,2)
- 12 Smart to celebrate with Conservative on way back (6)
- 14 Foreign pastor certain to drag his feet? (13)
- 17 Marriage is hateful, confining female entertainer (6)
- 19 Be rude to commanding officer in club (5)
- 22 Conscious of fighting in A&E (5)
- 23 Picture silver in island repository (7)
- 24 Spaniel barking at government leader? Good! (8)
- 25 Reportedly mailed some money to an American (4)

Down

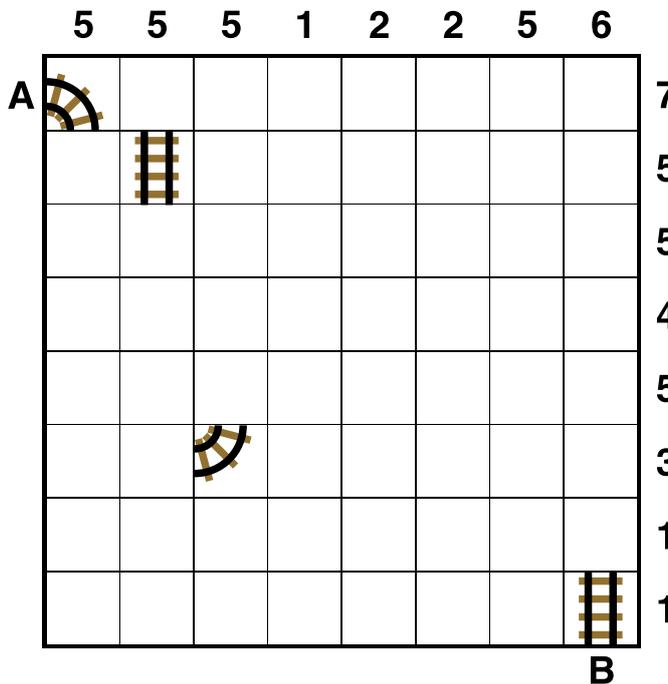
- 1 Run off with social worker, horny creature (8)
- 2 Raise army to cross India (5)
- 4 Where to see a Constable? (6,7)
- 5 Set aside funds for the auditor (5)
- 6 African leader needing staff from French city (7)
- 7 Grandma an idiot? (4)
- 8 Article in German about pub meal (6)
- 13 Control device overlooking street furthest away (8)
- 15 Hold forth about exercise function (7)
- 16 Popular girl, a native originally of Mumbai? (6)
- 18 They help you see the detailed requirements (5)
- 20 On farm one might find this small drink (5)
- 21 His Majesty quietly eating a fish (4)

Suko No 4091



Place the numbers 1 to 9 in the spaces so that the number in each circle is equal to the sum of the four surrounding spaces, and each colour total is correct

Train Tracks No 2220



Lay tracks to enable the train to travel from village A to village B. The numbers indicate how many sections of track go in each row and column. There are only straight sections and curved sections. The track cannot cross itself.

Word watch David Parfitt

Adhocracy

- a A haphazard management style
- b The essence of an object
- c Any term indicating a farewell

Milliard

- a A factory worker
- b A wearer of fine hats
- c A thousand million

Figure

- a A card game for two players
- b A puncture made by an injection
- c A narrow mountain summit

Tetonor Easy No 457

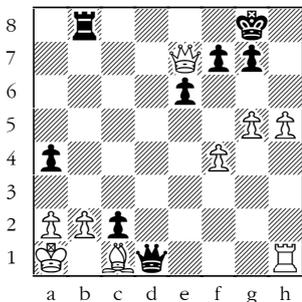
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When complete, the strip below the grid can be split into eight pairs of numbers. Adding the numbers in a pair gives one of the 16 numbers in the grid. Multiplying them gives a different number in the grid. For example, a 4 and 6 in the strip could be paired to make 10 (4+6) and 24 (4x6) in the grid. Enter each sum below the corresponding number in the grid. The blanks in the strip must be deduced, bearing in mind the numbers are listed in ascending order.

The next Tetonor puzzle will appear on Thursday

Winning Move



White to play. This position is from Duda-Sanal, Titled Tuesday, chess.com 2024.

Despite being a piece ahead White seems to be in trouble due to the strength of the black queen and pawn on c2. 1 Rxd1 cxd1Q is hopeless and there is no obvious way to defend the rook on h1. Nevertheless, with wonderfully energetic play, White managed to co-ordinate his position. Can you see how?

Codeword No 5190

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| 10 | 8 | 14 | 24 | | 20 | 18 | 4 | | 26 | 9 | 19 | 24 |
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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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Every letter in this crossword-style grid is represented by a number from 1 to 26. Each letter of the alphabet appears in the grid at least once. Use the letters already provided to work out the identity of further letters. Enter letters in the main grid and the smaller reference grid until all 26 letters of the alphabet have been accounted for. Proper nouns are excluded. *Yesterday's solution, right*

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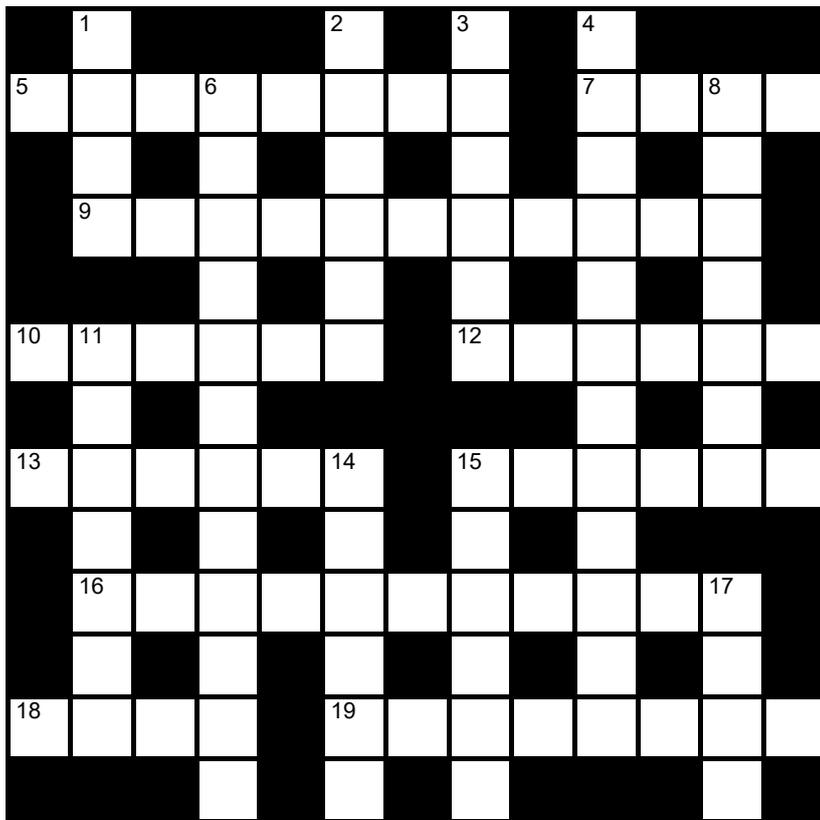
Lexica Easy No 7353

Hard No 7354

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Slide the letters either horizontally or vertically back into the grid to produce a completed crossword. Letters are allowed to slide over other letters

times2 Crossword No 9506



Across

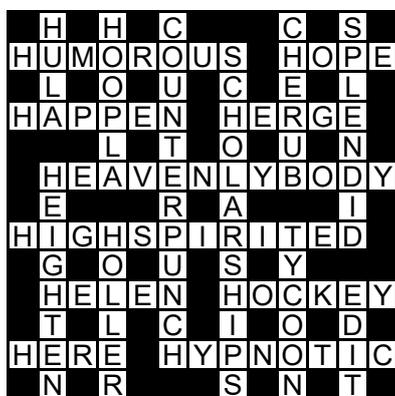
- 5 State of excited or nervous anticipation (8)
- 7 Male sweetheart (4)
- 9 Ridiculous events or behaviour (11)
- 10 Machine converting power into motion (6)
- 12 Attracted, lured (4,2)

- 13 --- franca, practical means of communication (6)
- 15 Whined, grumbled (6)
- 16 Unnecessary (11)
- 18 Native American people of eastern Canada (4)
- 19 Chinese port city (8)

Down

- 1 Wide rift (4)
- 2 Available via the internet (6)
- 3 Treat or prize for good behaviour (6)
- 4 Destroying utterly (12)
- 6 Timing device checked by traffic wardens (7,5)
- 8 Whenever (3,4)
- 11 More loud and discordant (7)
- 14 Francis of ---, Italian saint (6)
- 15 Frenzied person (6)
- 17 Tilt, incline (4)

Solution to Crossword 9505



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KenKen Medium No 6182

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| 1- | | 2- | 17+ | | 8+ |
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| 12+ | | 6+ | | 20× | |
| | | | | 3÷ | |

All the digits 1 to 6 must appear in every row and column. In each thick-line "block", the target number in the top left-hand corner is calculated from the digits in all the cells in the block, using the operation indicated by the symbol.

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Futoshiki No 4730

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Fill the blank squares so that every row and column contains each of the numbers 1 to 5 once only. The symbols between the squares indicate whether a number is larger (>) or smaller (<) than the number next to it.

Kakuro No 3689

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Fill the grid using the numbers 1 to 9 only. The numbers in each horizontal or vertical run of white squares add up to the total in the triangle to its left or above it. The same number may occur more than once in a row or column, but not within the same run of white squares.

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Quintagram®

Solve all five cryptic clues using each letter underneath once only

1 Cry plaintively with pain (4)

— — — —

2 Suitable spot in hotel in Med resort (5)

— — — — —

3 Iron-clad hoop's border (6)

— — — — — —

4 Appraiser's answer received by old pitman (8)

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5 Silly bishop never having a shower? (9)

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Brain Trainer

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| EASY | 14 | ÷ 2 | + 11 | $\frac{2}{3}$ OF IT | x 2 | 75% OF IT | + 14 | ÷ 8 | SQUARE IT | + 9 | ANSWER | |
| MEDIUM | 36 | 75% OF IT | + 67 | x 3 | $+\frac{1}{2}$ OF IT | x 2 | $\frac{5}{6}$ OF IT | 80% OF IT | + 99 | $\frac{2}{3}$ OF IT | ANSWER | |
| HARDER | 109 | x 6 | + 742 | $+\frac{1}{4}$ OF IT | x 3 | + 885 | 90% OF IT | + 987 | $\frac{7}{15}$ OF IT | + 858 | ANSWER | |

Polygon



From these letters, make words of **three** or more letters, always including the central letter. Answers must be in the *Concise Oxford Dictionary*, excluding capitalised words, plurals, conjugated verbs (past tense etc), adverbs ending in LY, comparatives and superlatives.
How you rate 14 words, average; 19, good; 24, very good; 30, excellent

Yesterday's answers
 afrit, aft, ait, art, arty, fart, fat, fiat, fit, frat, frit, gait, gat, gift, girt, git, graft, **gratify**, grif, grit, iftar, raft, rat, ratify, rift, tag, tar, tig, tray, trayf, trifa, trig, try

Cell Blocks No 5073

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Divide the grid into square or rectangular blocks, each containing one digit only. Every block must contain the number of cells indicated by the digit inside it.

Set Square No 3692

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| 6 | | 4 | | 4 | |

Enter each of the numbers from 1 to 9 in the grid, so that the six sums work. We've placed two numbers to get you started. Each sum should be calculated left to right or top to bottom.

Please note, BODMAS does not apply

Killer Moderate No 9418

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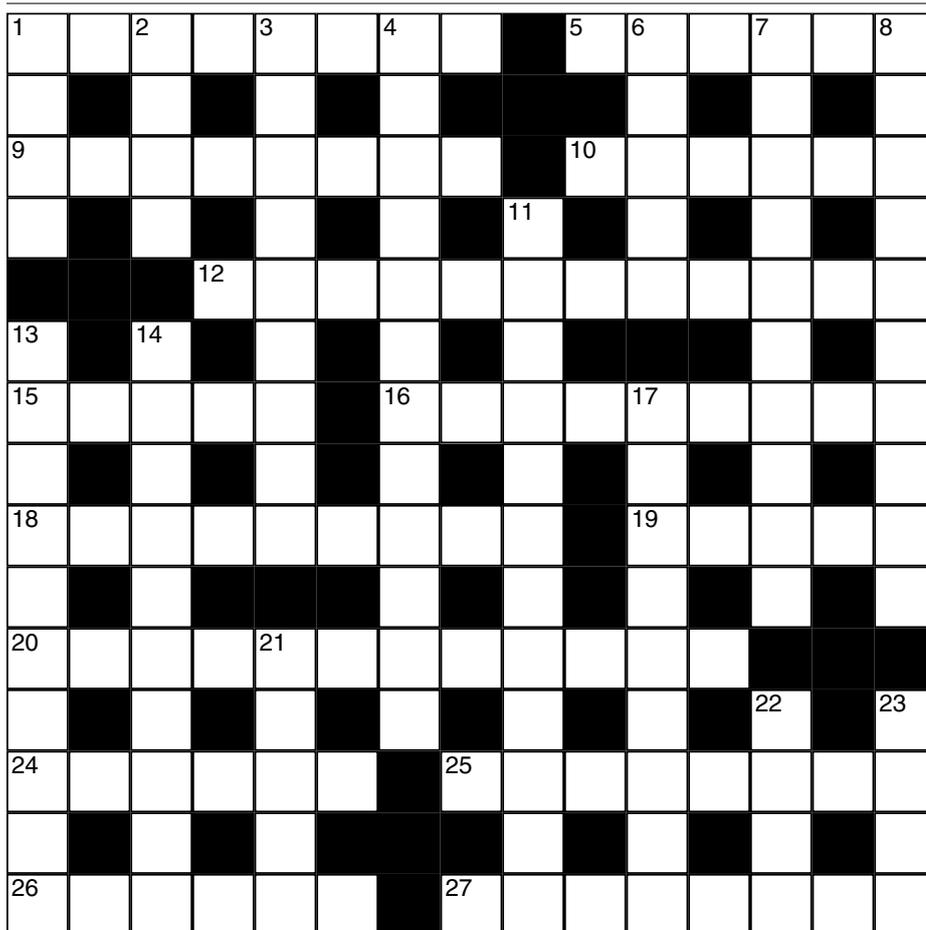
Killer Tough No 9419

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Times Crossword 28,892



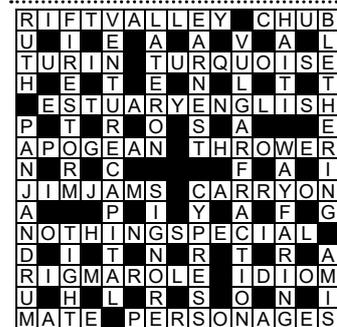
ACROSS

- 1 Ousted duke's son accepted in genteel circle (8)
- 5 Severe police officer removed from locality (6)
- 9 Smoked beef initially introduced by former music academy (8)
- 10 Group given hint about measure of intelligence (6)
- 12 Give up doctor resorted to in moment of change (7,5)
- 15 Nonsense about former pupil being zombiel! (5)
- 16 Bug in can beginning to eat fruit (9)
- 18 Possibly honour boy attendant identifying leaf (5,4)
- 19 Move quickly round university, finding something to eat (5)
- 20 US docker is eager to meet rider leaving sierra (12)
- 24 A carriage originally seen in ancient French city (6)
- 25 Screechy birds regularly encountered in southern river (8)
- 26 American tug with sizable barge finally behind (6)
- 27 A depression overcoming that woman's supporter (8)

DOWN

- 1 Immature I3, say, at university in Pennsylvania (4)
- 2 Small rodent heading off for river (4)
- 3 Relaxed, Peter and I, out for a spin (9)
- 4 One arguing with Republican protester? Not the first (12)
- 6 Source of terrible cheek about high-class plant (5)
- 7 Questioner at home gave up on men one's arrested (10)
- 8 Possibly outing blokes initially taking such medical remedies (10)
- 11 Apathetic trade union relaxed about conclusion of action (12)
- 13 In brothers' house cultivate liliaceous plant (10)
- 14 Sailors talked of stress, refusing to vote (10)
- 17 Deport Italian involved in the old business? (9)
- 21 Point former nurses ultimately made (5)
- 22 Black antelope's last spring (4)
- 23 Let it remain, determined to save time (4)

Yesterday's solution 28,891



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Sudoku fiendish

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Killer tricky

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Codeword

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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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Mini Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x2 box contains the digits 1 to 6

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Solutions in tomorrow's Times2

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Brain boost puzzles

