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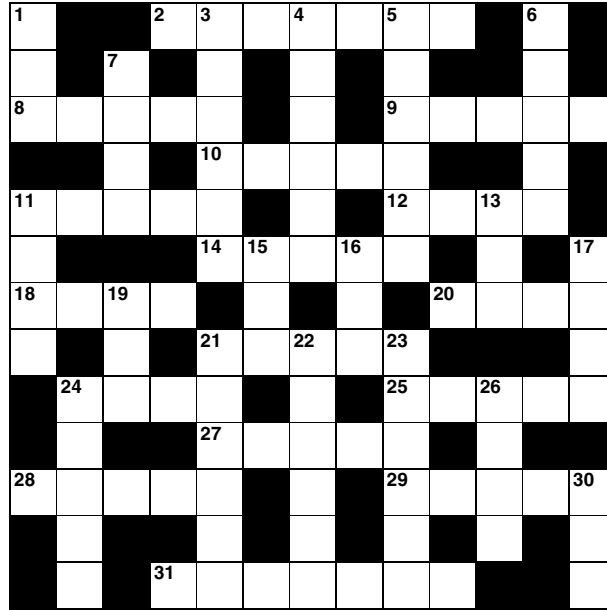
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Jolly Mixtures

Each clue is an anagram of the answer. There might be more than one solution to each clue. For instance, the clue 'SATE' might lead to the answer 'EAST' or 'SEAT'. Look at how the answers fit into the grid to find out which alternative is correct. None of the solutions are plurals or proper nouns.

ACROSS

- 2 LACIEST
- 8 MINED
- 9 BREAK
- 10 AGREE
- 11 RENTS
- 12 SEAT
- 14 TRIED
- 18 PACE
- 20 FATE
- 21 STEAK
- 24 SPIN
- 25 VERSE
- 27 TACIT
- 28 ROUTE
- 29 TOUGH
- 31 IRATELY



DOWN

- 1 DON
- 3 MENTAL
- 4 RESIGN
- 5 BINDER
- 6 TEACH
- 7 KEEN
- 11 CASK
- 13 USE
- 15 KIN
- 16 TEA
- 17 LAKE
- 19 NAP
- 21 PASSER
- 22 TARSAL
- 23 CORSET
- 24 CAUSE
- 26 GEAR
- 30 PIT

Backwards

First, block in 29 black squares in a symmetrical pattern to make a completed crossword. Next, number the squares crossword-fashion (1 to 24) allowing for words ACROSS and DOWN. Finally, put the correct numbers against the jumbled clues below.

ACROSS

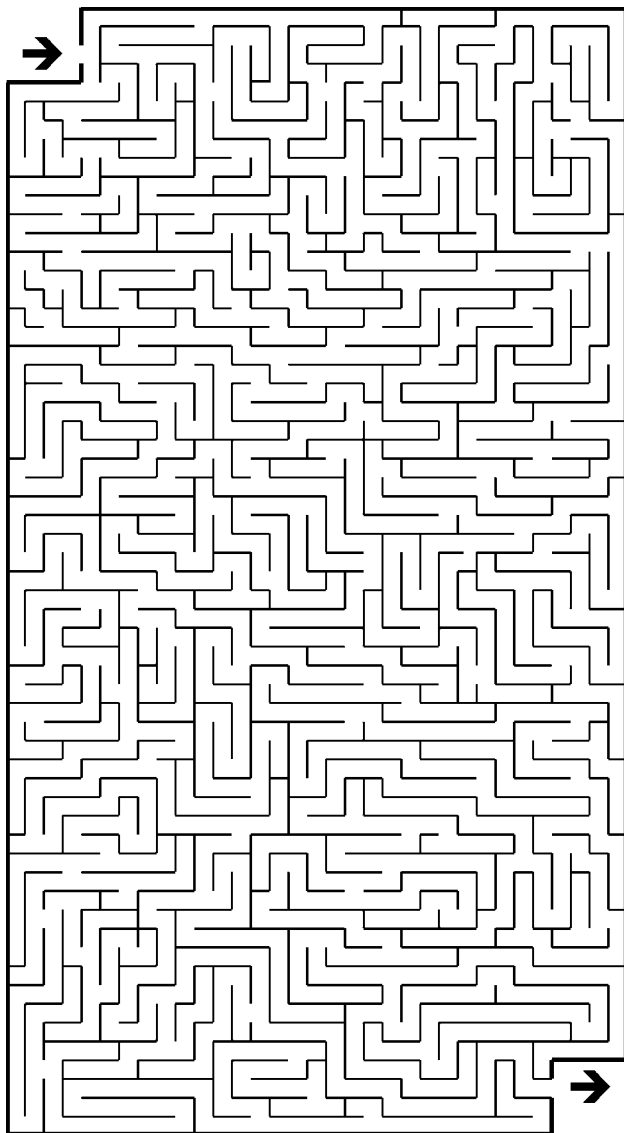
- ___ Blunder
- ___ Colour of cochineal
- ___ Composer of *The Planets* suite
- ___ Contend
- ___ Decay
- ___ Hold tightly
- ___ Map-making
- ___ Nail-filing board
- ___ Of the nose
- ___ Ridding process
- ___ Ruling made under Islamic law
- ___ Score in cricket
- ___ Subdivision of a play
- ___ Take a dip

DOWN

- ___ Auction item
- ___ Better than all others
- ___ Centre of attention
- ___ Cheek
- ___ Earthly
- ___ Huge lifting machine
- ___ Large beer cask
- ___ Official proclamation
- ___ Sewn edge
- ___ Small colourful garden flower
- ___ Solitary
- ___ Stratum
- ___ Televisе
- ___ Tree with a copper variety

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

Maze



Travellers, there is no path; paths are made by walking.

Antonio Machado

Linkword

For each of the word pairs listed, find the four-letter word which can be placed after the first word and before the second word to make two new words or phrases. Enter your answers in the grid and rearrange the shaded letters to reveal a famous bear.

ACID					KICK
BANANA					FLINT
VOLLEY					GOWN
TRENCH					HOOK
CONTACT					CAP
TUNING					LIFT
AVOCADO					SHAPED
NEON					POST
KETTLE					KIT
TUMBLE					STAIRS

4-Square

Solve these four clues and then rearrange the solutions into a sixteen-letter phrase, for which a clue is given. The two diagonals also make four-letter words.

- 1 WAGGING PART OF A DOG
- 2 MENAGERIES
- 3 MAIZE
- 4 CONE-BEARING TREE

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Clue: Reward for taking part (11,5)

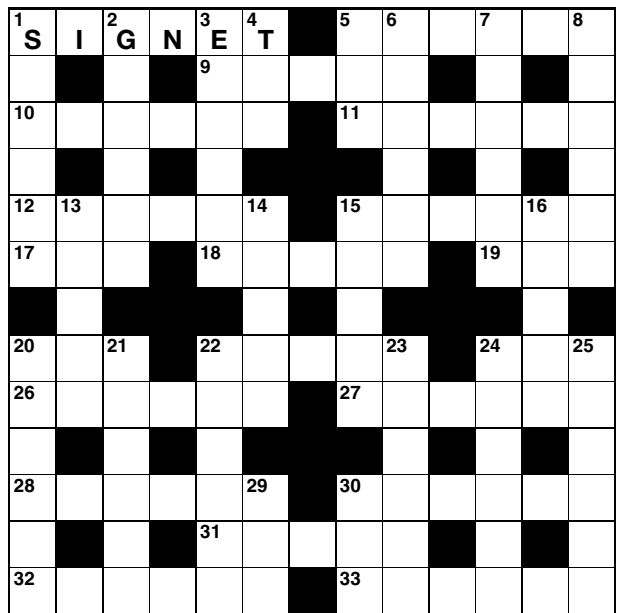
Dilemma

Two straight crosswords — but their clues have been mixed up.

You have to decide which clue belongs to which pattern, but two words have been entered to give you a start.

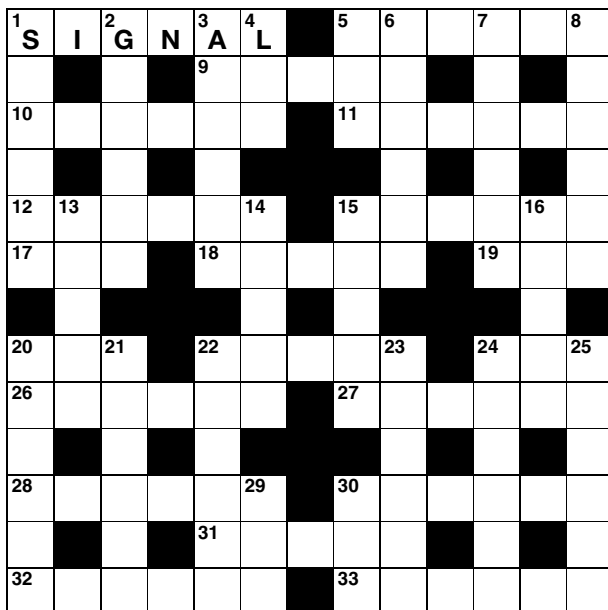
ACROSS

- | | |
|--|--------------------------------|
| 1 Ring used to seal documents | 1 Indicate by a gesture |
| 5 Putrefy | 5 Annoy |
| 9 Variety of orange | 9 Book of fiction |
| 10 (Lead) into trouble | 10 Last part |
| 11 Curtain ornament | 11 Metalworker |
| 12 Building constructed in advance | 12 Appeal to a god |
| 15 Shrewd | 15 Good quality Russian caviar |
| 17 <i>She Loves</i> __, Beatles hit | 17 So far |
| 18 Acquire information | 18 Catering spoon |
| 19 Be incorrect | 19 Soft wet earth |
| 20 Clothes-line clip | 20 Church bench |
| 22 Axis | 22 Black look |
| 24 Count up | 24 Father |
| 26 Back-scrubber | 26 Advertising catchphrase |
| 27 Ineffectual | 27 Digit |
| 28 City and seaport of northern France | 28 After-dinner drink |
| 30 Homecoming | 30 Nervous tension |
| 31 Did up (shoes) | 31 Large stream |
| 32 At a distance | 32 Cause affection |
| 33 __ Snipes, <i>Blade</i> star | 33 Batches of twelve |



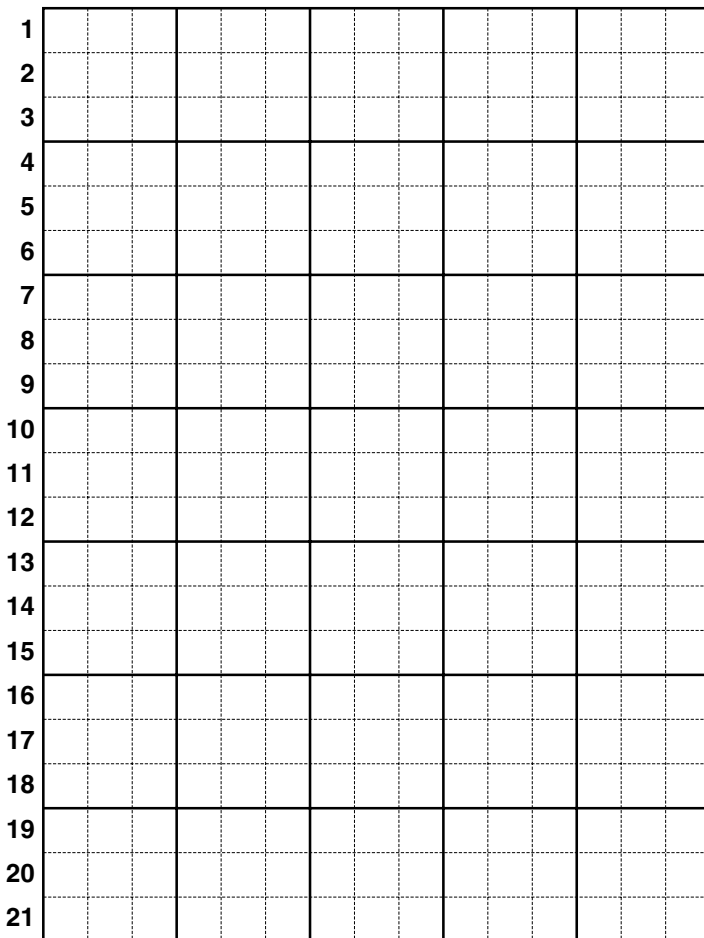
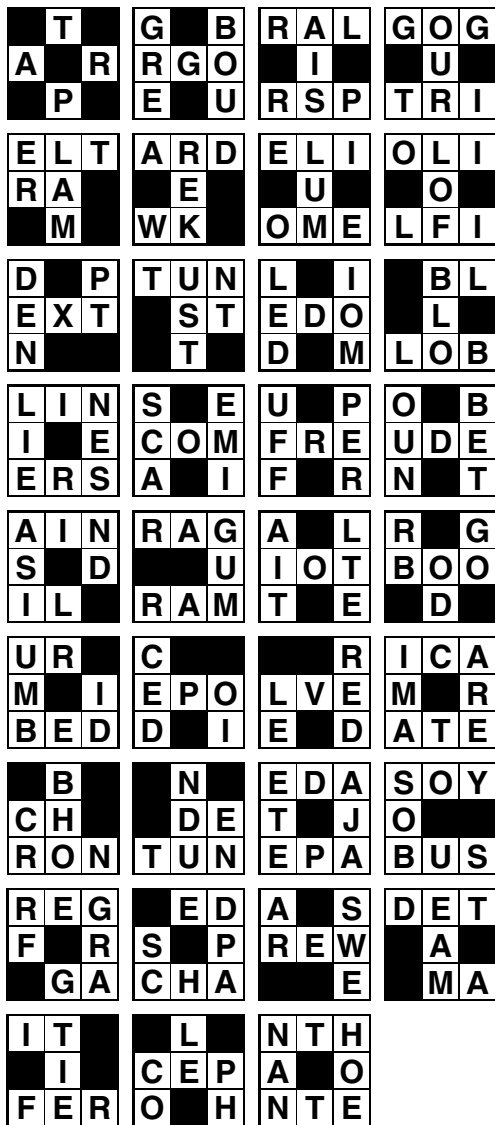
DOWN

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 Drowsy | 1 Make it __, be quick! |
| 2 Elaborate creamy layered cake | 2 Clever device |
| 3 Yearbook | 3 Hard coating of teeth |
| 4 Cover (pipes) | 4 Object of play |
| 5 Not many | 5 Teacher's favourite |
| 6 Legs __, bingo call | 6 Pass by |
| 7 Absorbent paper | 7 Boredom |
| 8 Paint applicator | 8 Go over (a text) |
| 13 Juliet's beloved | 13 Defy authority |
| 14 Bathroom sink | 14 Arrive at |
| 15 Cool and distant | 15 Derren __, TV illusionist |
| 16 Tourist helper | 16 Court case |
| 20 Brave and determined | 20 Human spirit |
| 21 Devoured (food) greedily | 21 Creature of folklore |
| 22 Biting humour | 22 __ Stephenson, 1980s comedienne |
| 23 Sheen | 23 Dinner jacket |
| 24 Climb down a cliff face | 24 Add water to |
| 25 <i>Beano</i> 'Menace' | 25 Elegant, stylish |
| 29 Knight's designation | 29 Blade of corn |
| 30 Crimson | 30 Darn |



Pieceword

With the help of the Across clues only, can you fit the 35 pieces into their correct positions in the empty grid (which, when completed, will exhibit a symmetrical pattern)?



ACROSS

- 1 Captivating
- 2 Deep prolonged unconsciousness
• Latin word meaning 'therefore'
- 3 Scatter between
- 4 Think of, consider • Keep in custody
- 5 Brown-capped mushroom
- 6 Rubberneck • Postal system
- 7 Tinned food fish • Sturdy, well built • Animal fur
- 8 Spread here and there • Additional cricket run

- 9 Fairy-like
- 10 High-protein bean • Boast
- 11 Ninth Greek letter • Bad-mannered
- 12 Head and shoulders sculpture • Streetcar
- 13 Ancient artefact
- 14 Dig deeply • Milestone period
- 15 Adjust (a radio) to a specific signal
• Curved-roofed • Press clothes
- 16 Amend proofs • Hazy shape
- 17 Cry of disapproval
- 18 Large flying beetle • Flung
- 19 Relating to teaching
- 20 Show anxiety • Go over again
- 21 Sent back to your country of origin

Outsider

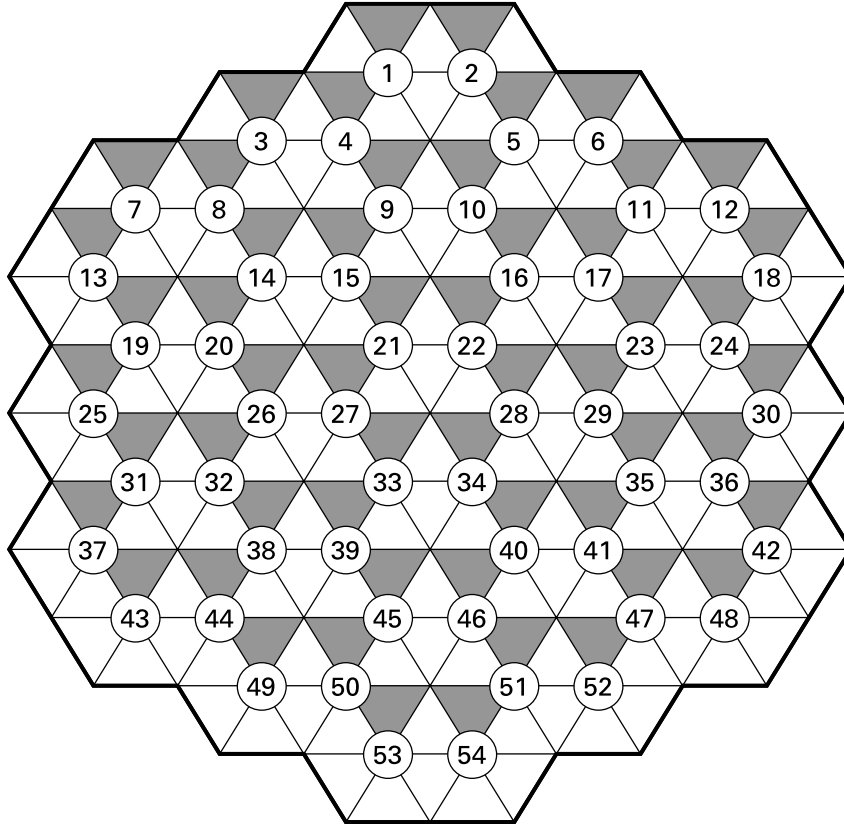
Complete the crossword using the letters outside the grid. The letters are listed alphabetically beside the relevant rows and columns, and the number of black squares in each row and column is also given. Clues are provided, but are not in order. The finished puzzle has central symmetry.

	A	A						A	A	A			
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AELTUUY													7
ADDEILNPRSST													1
AEEIOT													7
EEEEIIMNNNST													1
FGORT													8
EEMMNOORT													4
AAABY													8
CEEELMNNORST													1
AABTUZ													7
BDEGIISSTTUU													1
ACIORR													7
ACEKLLMNOOR													1
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| Camouflage | Eat | Old name for England | Sour cherry |
| Cigarette end | Extremely agitated | Parisian river | Special ability |
| Creative influence | Gruesome | Pearl-producing mollusc | Weird |
| Customer | Heating coil | Pianist's timekeeper | Witchcraft |
| Derision | Inert gas | Precise | |
| Distinguished | Magnificent | Russian emperor | |
| Divorce settlement | Nought | Savage | |

Honeycomb

All the answers are six-letter words. Each answer is entered in a circle around its clue-number. The first letter of the answer is entered in the shaded triangle immediately above the clue-number. If the clue-number is even, enter the answer in an anti-clockwise direction. If the clue-number is odd, enter the answer in a clockwise direction.



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|--|---|--------------------------------|
| 1 ___ Luther King, civil rights leader | 19 Edible marine flatfish | 37 Victoria ___, cake |
| 2 Occupational path | 20 Contract proviso | 38 Waif |
| 3 Part of the foot | 21 Government, system | 39 Native of Benghazi |
| 4 Creepy-crawly | 22 ___ Street, London shopping thoroughfare | 40 Harmlessly |
| 5 Flee from prison | 23 Extensive woodland | 41 That is to say |
| 6 Move upwards | 24 Ice-cream container | 42 Animal pests |
| 7 Come to an end | 25 Roman statesman and orator | 43 ___ Trail, US pioneer route |
| 8 Pundit | 26 Pedestrian underpass | 44 Deliver a sermon |
| 9 Cocktail-party titbit | 27 Lose | 45 Cognac |
| 10 Central American canal | 28 Lower in position | 46 Emmanuel Macron's homeland |
| 11 Knotty | 29 Crossword compiler | 47 Old sleeveless cloak |
| 12 Unassuming | 30 Hire, take on (an employee) | 48 Haphazard |
| 13 Most ready to eat (fruit) | 31 Dead body | 49 Paparazzo's tool |
| 14 Up-to-date | 32 Obtain on loan | 50 Small variety of plum |
| 15 Mum or Dad | 33 Ear-splitting | 51 Milk container |
| 16 Weasel-like animal | 34 Hit hard | 52 Noose |
| 17 Mollify | 35 Rent-payer | 53 Happens |
| 18 Branch of the economy | 36 Swiss United Nations city | 54 Mystic, supernatural |

Letter Set

All the letters needed for the answers in each row and column are given. Cross-referencing coupled with anagram skills will ensure the correct solution. (Start by locating the rarer letters first.)

ACROSS

- 1 AACEPRRW
- 2 EEEILMTU
- 3 DELMNOP
- 4 ELNOPRTT
- 5 GHOOW
- 6 ACDEEMNR
- 7 AACERUU
- 8 AC~~C~~HNOTT
- 9 EEENRSUY

DOWN

- 1 ACEEELMR
- 2 AEHLLNOR
- 3 ACIMPSTW
- 4 NOTUW
- 5 ~~C~~DEEOPRRU
- 6 EEHOT
- 7 ACDEEERR
- 8 AAGMNNNOY
- 9 CENPTTUU

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Bracer

The first part of each clue gives a six-letter answer, five of whose letters make up the five-letter answer to the second part and four of which make up the four-letter answer to the third part. The unused letter from the first answer is entered in column A, and that from the second answer in column B. The two columns, when completed, spell out two places of work.

- 1 Frozen fruity dessert; put away for later; mindless repetition
- 2 Bullet with a visible wake; large wooden packing case; running contest
- 3 Gangways; bargain time; minus
- 4 Non-stop (flight); exhausted; appalling
- 5 Down tools in protest; take (a test) again; have a break
- 6 Lacking adult maturity; in the vicinity; pay a visit
- 7 Cowboy bar; bank advances; as well
- 8 Violation (of the peace); sandy shore; JS __, German composer
- 9 Chatty person; afterwards; freshwater duck
- 10 Prolonged anxiety; braid of hair; formerly

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Solutions

Jolly Mixtures

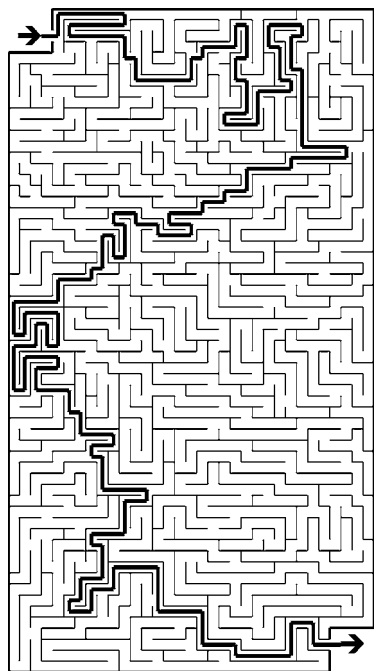
ACROSS: **2** Elastic **8** Denim **9** Baker
10 Eager **11** Stern **12** East **14** Tired
18 Cape **20** Feta **21** Skate **24** Snip
25 Serve **27** Attic **28** Outer **29** Ought
31 Reality.

DOWN: **1** Nod **3** Lament **4** Singer
5 Inbred **6** Cheat **7** Knee **11** Sack
13 Sue **15** Ink **16** Eat **17** Kale **19** Pan
21 Sparse **22** Astral **23** Escort **24** Sauce
26 Rage **30** Tip.

Backwards

F	A	T	W	A	N	A	S	A	L	
O	E	L	E	U	A					
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C	A	C	N	V	S					
H	O	L	S	T	E	M	E	R	Y	

Maze



Linkword

DROP, SKIN, BALL, COAT, LENS,
 FORK, PEAR, SIGN, DRUM, DOWN:
 PADDINGTON.

4-Square

1 Tail **2** Zoos **3** Corn **4** Pine:
 CONSOLATION PRIZE.

Dilemma

SIGNET ACROSS: 1 Signet **5** Fester
9 Novel **10** Astray **11** Welder **12** Prayer
15 Beluga **17** You **18** Learn **19** Mud
20 Peg **22** Scowl **24** Add **26** Loofah
27 Number **28** Calais **30** Stress **31** River
32 Yonder **33** Wesley.

DOWN: **1** Snappy **2** Gateau **3** Enamel
4 Toy **5** Few **6** Eleven **7** Tedium **8** Reread
13 Romeo **14** Reach **15** Brown **16** Guide
20 Plucky **21** Goblin **22** Satire **23** Lustre
24 Abseil **25** Dressy **29** Sir **30** Sew.

SIGNAL ACROSS: 1 Signal **5** Pester
9 Navel **10** Ending **11** Tassel **12** Prefab
15 Astute **17** Yet **18** Ladle **19** Err
20 Pew **22** Pivot **24** Dad **26** Slogan
27 Futile **28** Coffee **30** Return **31** Laced
32 Endear **33** Dozens.

DOWN: **1** Sleepy **2** Gadget **3** Annual
4 Lag **5** Pet **6** Elapse **7** Tissue **8** Roller
13 Rebel **14** Basin **15** Aloof **16** Trial
20 Psyche **21** Wolfed **22** Pamela
23 Tuxedo **24** Dilute **25** Dennis **29** Ear
30 Red.

Pieceword

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

Outsider

C	O	N	S	U	M	E	E	X	A	C	T
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K	N	A	C	K	M	O	R	E	L	L	O

Honeycomb

1 Martin **2** Career **3** Instep
4 Insect **5** Escape **6** Ascend
7 Expire **8** Expert **9** Canapé
10 Panama **11** Nodose **12** Modest
13 Ripest **14** Recent **15** Parent
16 Marten **17** Soften **18** Sector
19 Plaigne **20** Clause **21** Regime
22 Regent **23** Forest **24** Cornet
25 Cicero **26** Subway **27** Mislaid
28 Nether **29** Setter **30** Engage
31 Corpse **32** Borrow **33** Shriek
34 Thrash **35** Tenant **36** Geneva
37 Sponge **38** Orphan **39** Libyan
40 Safely **41** Namely **42** Vermin
43 Oregon **44** Preach **45** Brandy
46 France **47** Mantle **48** Random
49 Camera **50** Damson **51** Carton
52 Lariat **53** Occurs **54** Occult.

Letter Set

R	A	W	R	E	C	A	P
E	L	I	T	E	M	U	
E	L	M	P	D	O	N	
L	P	O	R	T	E	N	
H	W	O	O	G			
M	E	A	N	D	E	R	C
A	R	C	U	E	A	U	
C	O	T	C	H	A	N	T
E	N	S	U	E	R	Y	E

Bracer

1 Sorbet; store; rote **2** Tracer; crate; race
3 Aisles; sales; less **4** Direct; tired; dire
5 Strike; resit; rest **6** Callow; local; call
7 Saloon; loans; also **8** Breach; beach;
 Bach **9** Talker; later; teal **10** Stress;
 tress; erst.

The place of work are (A) BRICKWORKS
 and (B) STATIONER'S.