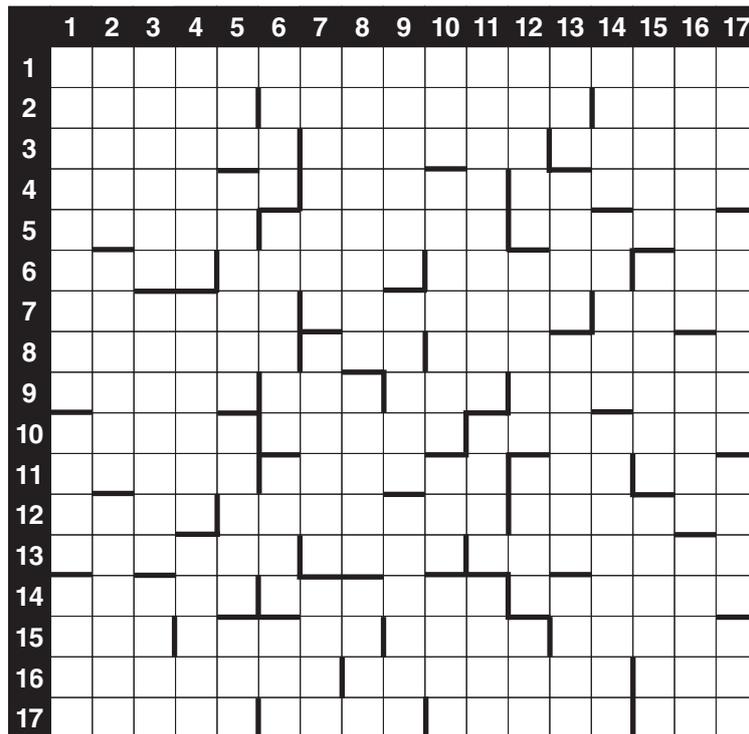


CONTINUITY

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ACROSS

- 1 Without difficulty
- 2 Plant's sharp barb; trainees; region
- 3 Deep gorge; sheep's coat; adhere
- 4 Complete agreement; instruct; distinctive aromas
- 5 Units of heredity; snail-shaped shellfish; sewed loosely
- 6 Jokes; devoutness; stadium; exist
- 7 Projecting handles; makes smaller; circle, hoop
- 8 Wiped out; lyric poem; device for destroying documents
- 9 Soiled; sphere; charge for services; within
- 10 Trite; distances of 1760 yards; retaliation
- 11 Select group; funeral car; rubbish container; jewel
- 12 Measure of medicine; grand house; turn down
- 13 Educational institution; black and white seabird; news
- 14 Fruit of the oak; turn to bone; principal ore of lead
- 15 Carry; sag; perceives; widespread destruction
- 16 By now; kindred; flightless bird
- 17 Severe; 24-hour periods; aromatic herb; mesh

DOWN

- 1 Battled or laboured; garden flower plots; unfortunately
- 2 Scottish feudal lord; antenna; mystical
- 3 Roaming aimlessly; glossy coating; man-eating giant
- 4 Crops up; total possessions; tidiness
- 5 Tavern; bird of prey; citrus fruit; managed
- 6 Scottish valley; intelligence; saint's aura; strange
- 7 More robust; the East; high-protein bean
- 8 Gifted; indifferent; lively
- 9 Unusual, weird; put off, delay; flag flowers
- 10 A single; contract sections; male offspring; experienced, sensed
- 11 Pretentious, overblown; lease; American affirmative
- 12 Obtain with difficulty; spooky; two-masted ship; pig-pen
- 13 Donkey; tins; coveted; sound to attract attention
- 14 Judge, assess; on the _____, likely; volley of gunfire
- 15 Swallow liquid; assisting; irregular
- 16 Book stand; borders; ornamental garden dwarf
- 17 Ox-like mammals; extent; flat-topped hill; sever

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