

Scrowdros

The clues to this puzzle are fairly straightforward, but entering them into the grid is quite the opposite – every single letter must be positioned out of its correct place. Hence, the clue ‘Peak’ might yield the solution TOP, which could be entered as PTO or OPT, but not as TPO, POT or OTP. Intermediate solutions are on page 28.



ACROSS

- 1 Lower part of a pulley (6)
- 6 Vivid (5)
- 9 Peruvian Indian (4)
- 10 Eastern temple (6)
- 13 Diesel oil (4)
- 14 Male cockerels (8)
- 16 Comprehension (11)
- 17 Silvery metal (3)
- 18 Spoken (4)
- 21 More severe (8)
- 24 Bombs thrown by hand (8)
- 26 Minute particle (4)
- 29 Spoil (3)
- 30 Done with irony (11)
- 35 Fearless (8)
- 36 Ache (4)
- 37 Element with symbol I (6)
- 38 Sea eagle (4)
- 39 Claw (5)
- 40 Trader (6)

DOWN

- 1 Ship's mooring device (6)

- 2 – Lynn, vocalist (4)
- 3 Scaly plant (6)
- 4 Parched (4)
- 5 Reflection (12)
- 6 Fruit basket (4)
- 7 – Batty, TV character (4)
- 8 Capital of Norway (4)
- 11 Wading bird (5)
- 12 Came into being (12)
- 15 Sieve (4)
- 19 Negating word (3)
- 20 Lacking moisture (3)
- 22 Useful mineral (3)
- 23 Utensil (3)
- 24 Hub (4)
- 25 Cake decorators (5)
- 27 Unit of electric current (6)
- 28 Hear (6)
- 30 Shower (4)
- 31 Stack (4)
- 32 Christian –, fashion designer (4)
- 33 Genuine (4)
- 34 Refute (4)

14 SCROWDROS – INTERMEDIATE SOLUTIONS
 ACROSS: 1 Breech, 6 Lurid, 9 Inca, 10 Pagoda, 13 Derv, 14 Roosters, 16 Realisation, 17 Tin, 18 Oral, 21 Intenser, 24 Grenades, 26 Atom, 29 Mar, 30 Satirically, 35 Intrepid, 36 Pain, 37 Iodine, 38 Erne, 39 Talon, 40 Dealer
 DOWN: 1 Anchor, 2 Vera, 3 Lichen, 4 Arid, 5 Deliberation, 6 Trug, 7 Nora, 8 Oslo, 11 Snipe, 12 Materialised, 15 Sift, 19 Not, 20 Dry, 22 Ore, 23 Pan, 24 Nave, 25 Icers, 27 Ampere, 28 Listen, 30 Rain, 31 Pile, 32 Dior, 33 Real, 34 Deny

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