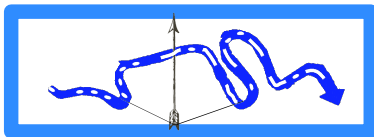
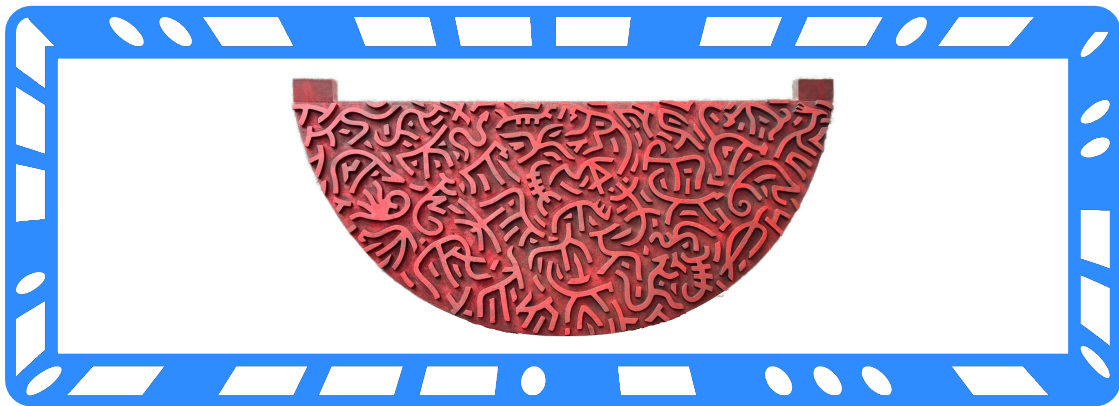
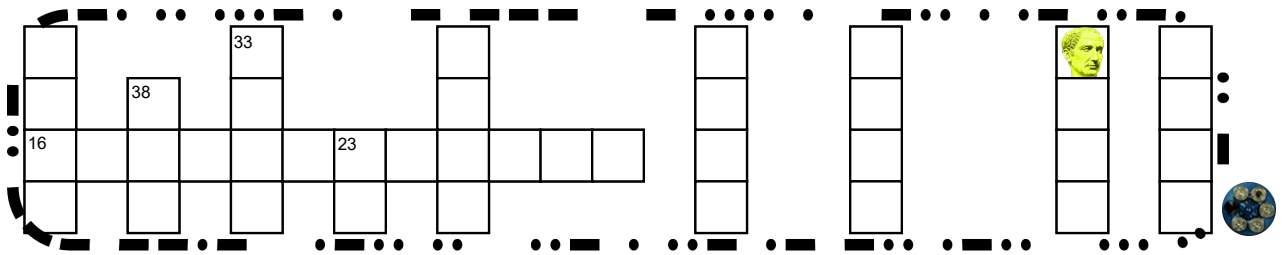


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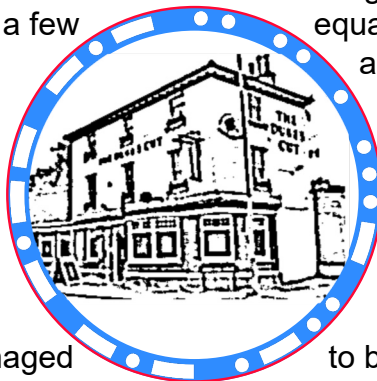




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2163. Which question did you find the most irritating? Maximum points will be awarded if you identify the question most teams agreed was the most irritating. If there are a few equally valid answers, all will be given maximum points.

2164. Which central London railway station is named after a street that does not exist?



2165. Who finally gave up looking for their true worth when they got close to a King's resting place?

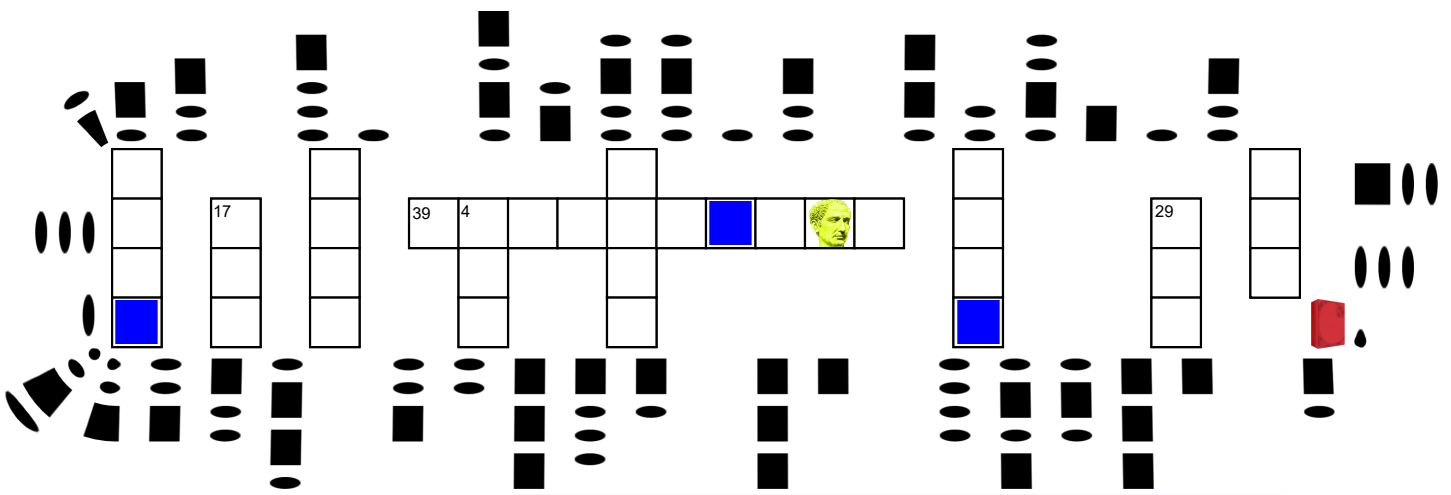
2166. Who managed to bury a poor stage performance and emerge in the pink in 2025?



2167. You are on the train and have just missed your station on the London Underground, luckily the train will not stop again until it stops at the same station. What is the station?

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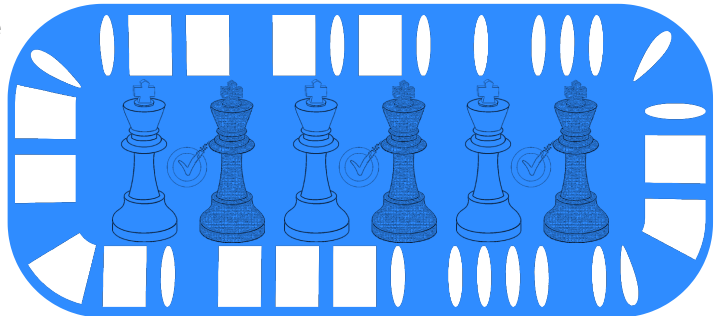


2742. Who was the first Englishman to win the Tour de France?

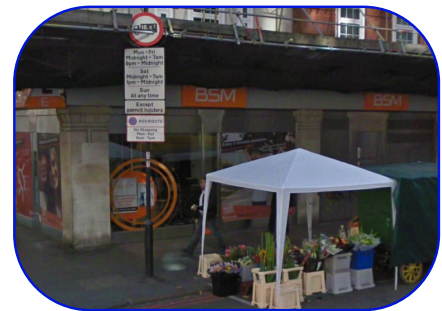
2743. When the numbered questions are marked at the end

this hunt, the number of teams with the setter's answer will be zero or greater. Identify a question where no other question has more correct answers.

2744. In 2024 it looked to be more than possible that a long line of poor quality nouns would be superseded by an adverb and make this a great question. Unfortunately it was not to be, what was the adverb?



2745. Believe it or not a colourful man and a local gardener made a significant contribution to the WWII effort using an old fridge. Where? Justify your answer to get full credit.



2746. Matthew Webb|Gertrude Ederle, Yuri ...|Valentina ... Edmund ...| ? ...

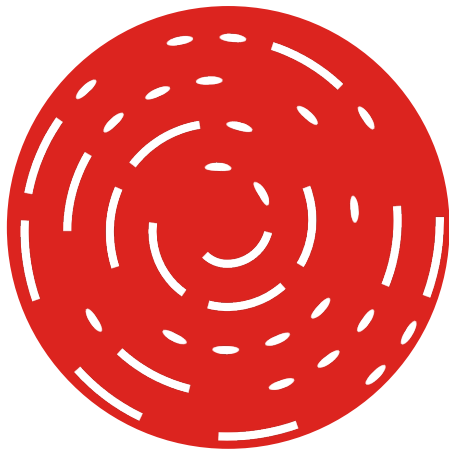
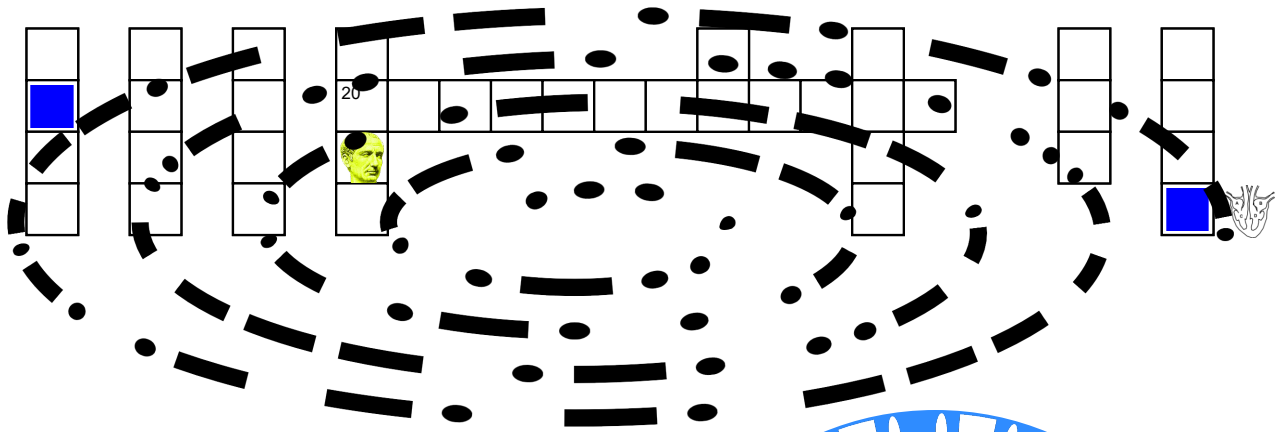
2747. I have no mouth, but I can tell you if a storm is coming or if a clear path lies ahead. I am a silent prophet, consulted by those who must brave the elements. My face may show a bright sun, but my true purpose is to speak to the weather's hidden intentions. What am I?



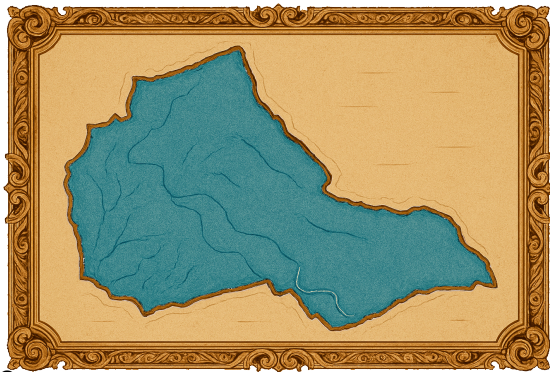
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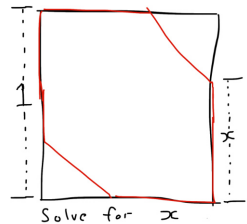


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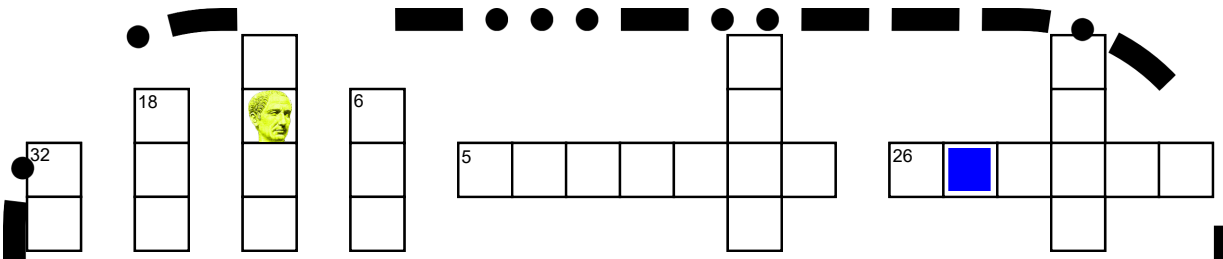
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- 3201. What random American definition of toilet action in 1934 became associated with TB in cows in 2025?
- 3202. East Lothian has the only one of its kind. Tens of thousands were planned in 2024. Who failed to deliver?
- 3203. An irregular hexagon with all sides of equal length is placed inside a square of side length 1 unit, as shown in the figure (not to scale). What is the length of one of the hexagon sides?
- 3204. What metal's movement caused an event to occur for the first time ever in Hebden Bridge in August 2024, and a year later in Berwick-Upon-Tweed?
- 3205. Give two reasons why Bradley E Wiggins is not the answer to question 2742?



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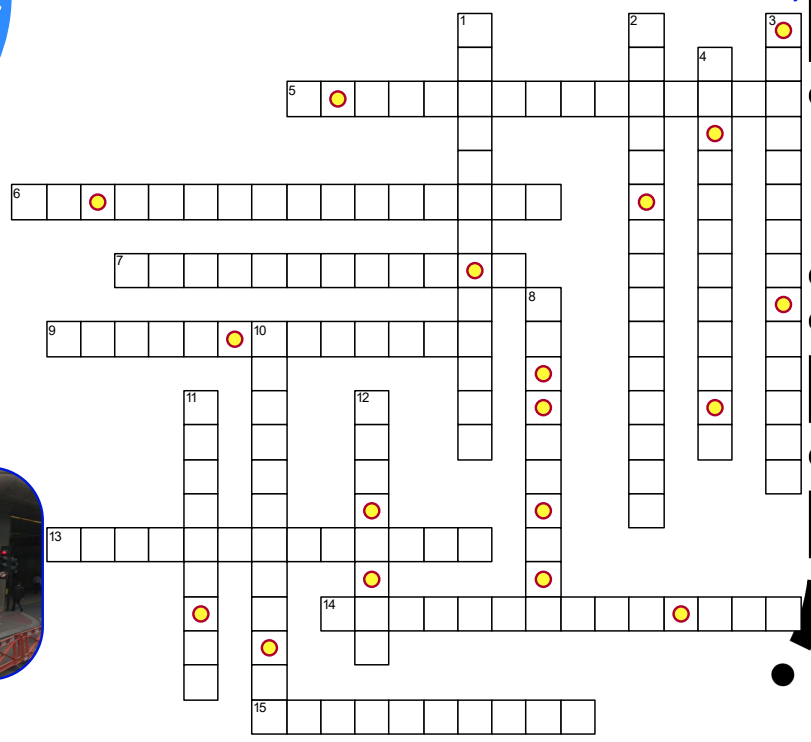
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- 4250. Who, in 2025, was woken by his neighbour to discover an extraordinarily large Cypriot flag in his garden?
- 4251. In which London suburb is there a Tesco with a blue plaque in memory of a recent Prime Minister?
- 4252. Which Karen sold I shopsoiled pouch (much loved) for more than £350,000 in the mid 90s?
- 4253. What is next in the sequence: LS=YW, MY=BE, WH=RD, WR=MN, SE=GN?
- 4254. Billionaires Donald Trump, Kanye West, Ross Perot and Mike Bloomberg were all comprehensively unsuccessful/losers during a ?
- 4255. Whose fluid approach to correctional facilities made her a millionaire on paper?

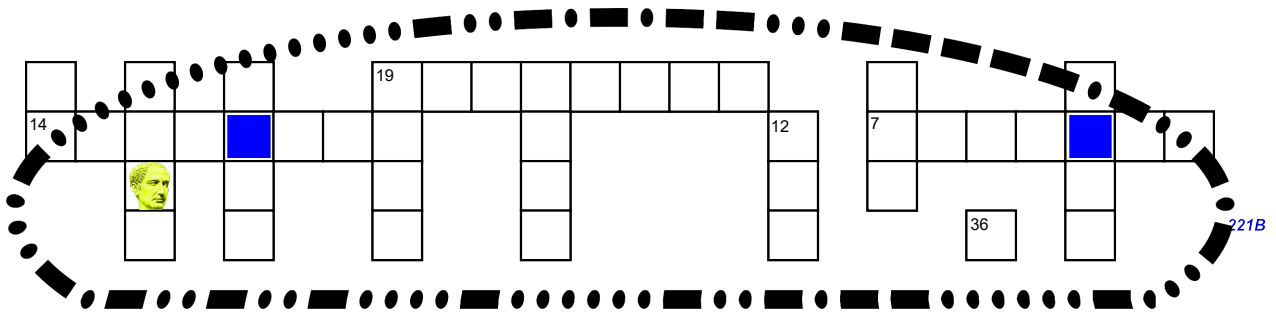


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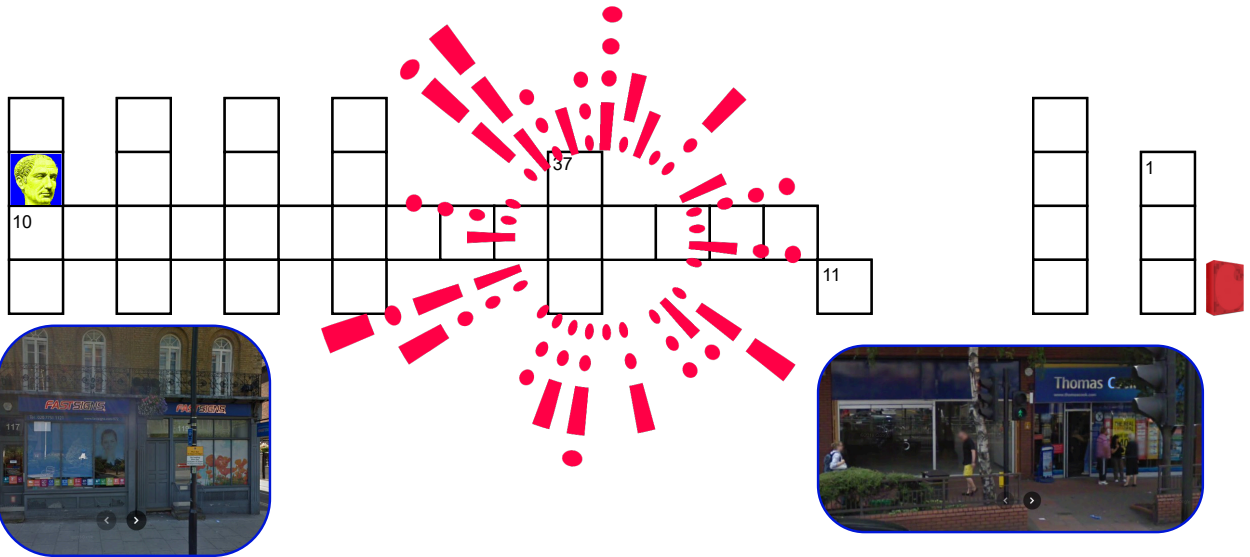
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4942. What special service did both the first rail journey under John Major's privatisation program, and the first rail journey under Keir Starmer's renationalisation, offer?
4943. Where, of all the places in the world, might superman not go for a wash? Justify your answer to get full credit.
4944. Question 2746 continued. MGSC | ?
4945. When the numbered questions are marked at the end of the hunt, the number of teams with the setter's answer will be zero or more. Identify one question that has the lowest number of correct answers.
4946. If $a=1$, $b=-108$ and $c=1152$, what are x ?

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4539, 3807, 6617, 5824, 4230, 2756, 2800, 6578, 1354,

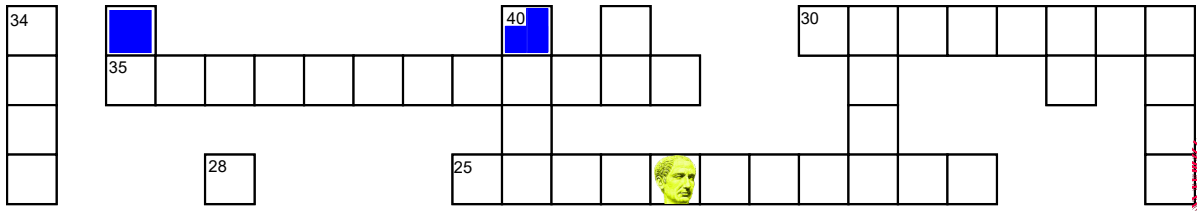


5621. I am on a tube train that speeds through a travel zone without stopping. Whose farmer's station might I be going to?
5622. What didn't happen on a Friday in the middle of April in 1930?
5623. Which sea might we describe as closest?
5624. The bearing of A from B is 097° . What is the bearing of B from A.?
5625. Who occupies the Copperjax seating arrangement that became unique in 2024? Justify your answer to get full points.



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5654, 6749, 4349, 2473, 2756, 5455, 998, 5322, 6491,
 5935, 1109, 4887, 5973, 1911, 5057, 4688, 1246,
 5126, 5352, 839, 4176, 5416, 4230, 6351, 89, 6487,
 6882, 6708, 6179, 4197, 3384, 6898, 3194, 251, 2804,
 6152, 6265, 1064, 6768, 4191, 4123, 3605, 6995,
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7345. What is next in the sequence?

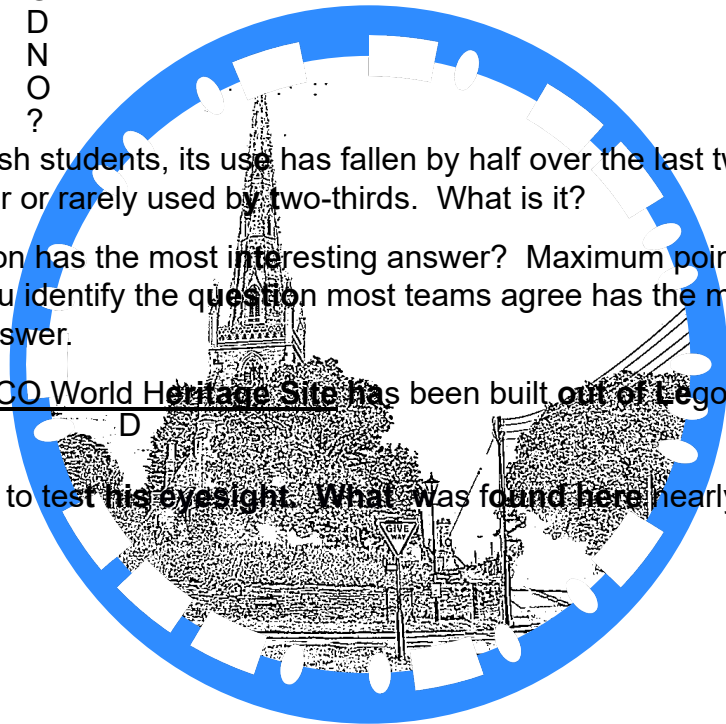
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IV	=	N
V	=	O
VI	=	?

7346. Amongst British students, its use has fallen by half over the last two decades; it is now never or rarely used by two-thirds. What is it?

7347. Which question has the most interesting answer? Maximum points will be awarded if you identify the question most teams agree has the most interesting answer.

7348. Which UNESCO World Heritage Site has been built out of Lego?

7349. He went here to test his eyesight. What was found here nearly 53 years earlier?



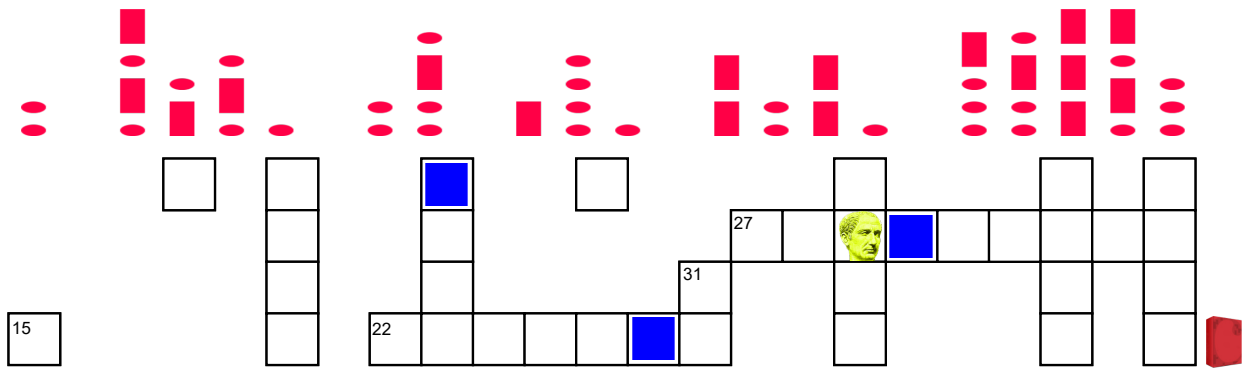
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- 7860. Which U.S. state shares no letters with its own capital?
- 7861. Which trial in Merthyr Tydfil raised expectations as never before?
- 7862. Which actress with a fiery mouth and a well known series of crushes died in 2025?
- 7863. After a tragic event in 2013 who was the first, although certainly not the first or the last?
- 7864. Which apprentice electrician eventually felt the cold, and was thrown out of the army?

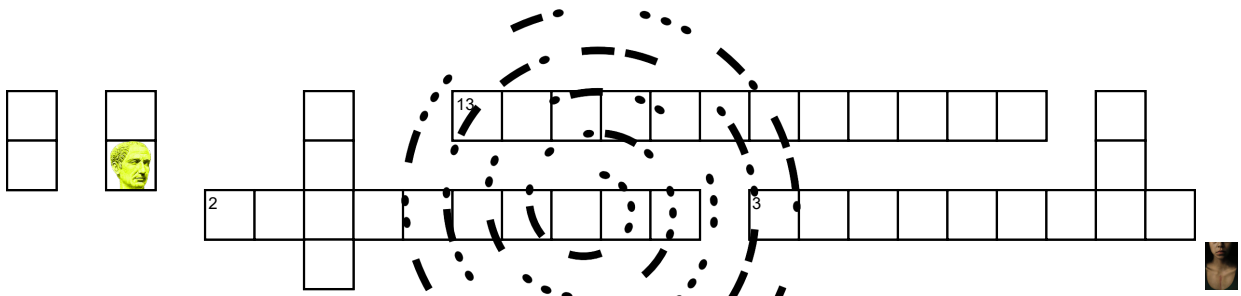


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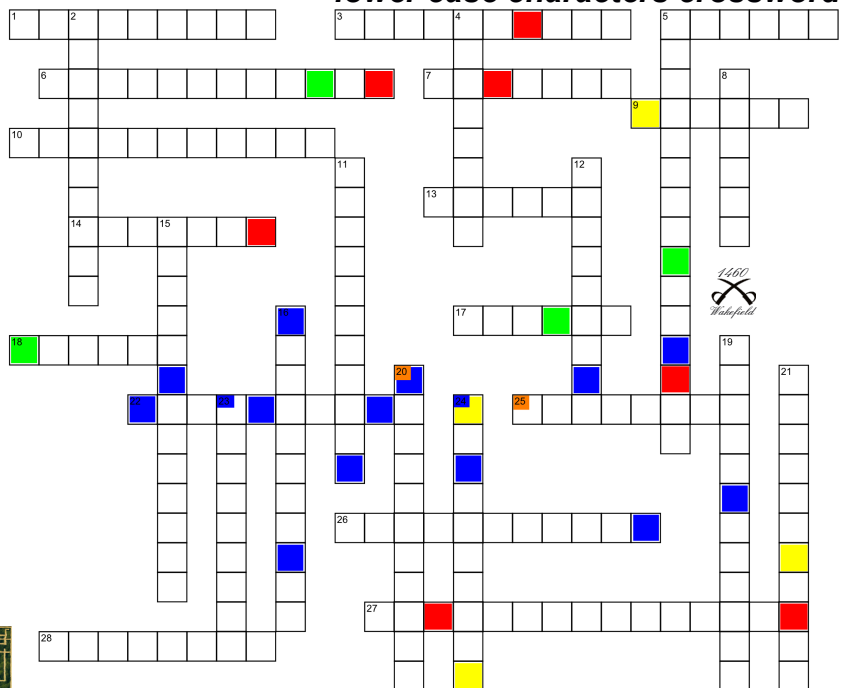
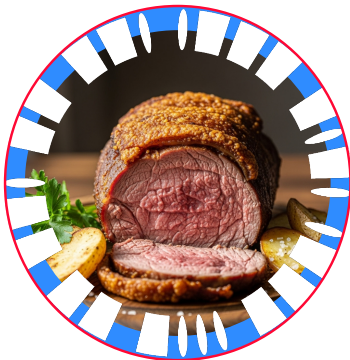
1917, 453, 3811, 1650, 3409, 1934, 4660, 6229, 3250,



7966. What connects Waverley Station, St Paul's Cathedral and Samuel Harris?
7967. What is the middle name of the wheeler-dealer credited with inventing the name for a galactic shortcut?
7968. A ballerina, a queen, a bar owner in Venice, a rival of Newton and someone blessed are all thought to have a food named after them. Using the first letter of each food spell a 5 letter word? Justify your answer.
7969. What vegetable do some believe that Cromwell's troops brought to misnamed Pomonia?
7970. *Ice cream is "a la mode"*
Style is fashion running riot on the web
"La" is exposed by the French as non-binary

Who wrote this?

lower case characters crossword

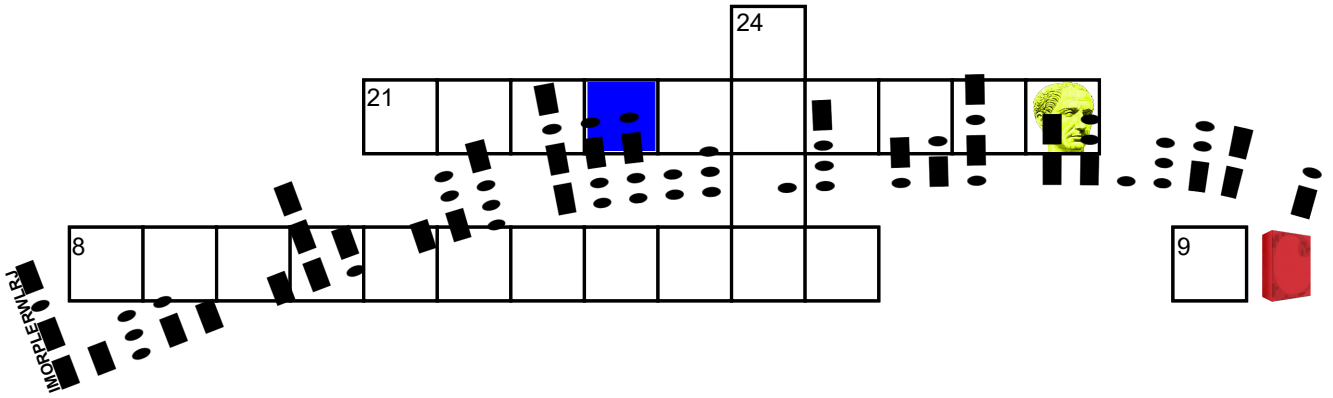


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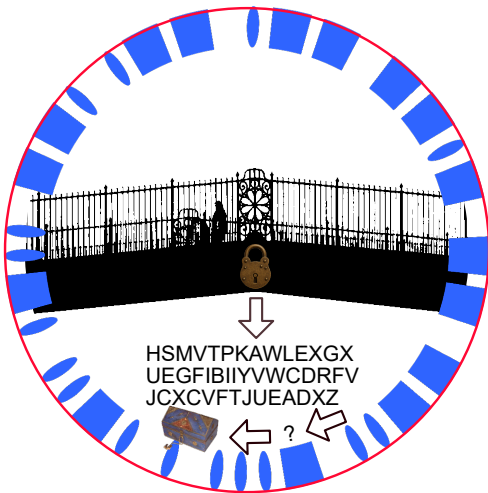


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- 9648. Whose Graffiti on a canal bridge can be said to record a change in the directions of mathematics, sweeping all before it?
- 9649. In the last 20 years, which road was the location of an Acton dream that was ironically described as a lifesaver by a Californian official?
- 9650. Jim, ?, John, Pat, Neville
- 9651. What is next in the sequence: White, Broccoli, Carrot, Cabbage, ...?
- 9652. Which London ait is marked on Google Maps but not the Ordnance Survey?



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4470, 1617, 2090, 5991, 4637, 4509, 622, 5443, 4205



9970. An invention by a possible relative of one of Carlsen's greatest rivals could be said to be the start of the Blue Period. What is the first name of the possible relative?

Across

- 2 Weirdly able to counter time? Certainly! (4, 6)
- 3 Without sacred chant once yielding the due convert (9)
- 5 In so many words, it's a lie. Right? (7)
- 7 Blimey! Not half concise (7)
- 8 A notorious letter ending in an allegation of foul play (11)
- 10 Play improvised music on top of a mountain in this country, I hear (9, 7)
- 13 Curie - a marvel, extraordinary! (7, 5)
- 14 Namely, one of us, leading light in Navy (7)
- 16 Review of prize involving rare decorated furniture artist scratched (6, 6)
- 19 Maybe unruly Irish expressing regret (3, 5)
- 20 Nothing in the new maths is remarkable when reversed (6, 6)
- 21 Confusion or the end of everything on satellite TV (10)
- 22 Paul's unorthodox on something very difficult. The last shall be first! (7)
- 25 Billy's former possessions (11)
- 26 Darwin's curse - magic! (6)
- 27 Biblical king's agent returning - bone idle, by the sound of it (9)
- 30 Allow the return of backsliding Northern celebrity (8)
- 35 The first symbols of that hymn of morning are sublime. Sit back and drink everything in (6, 6)
- 39 Disastrous end of old oven-timer (10)

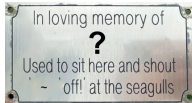
ACROSS

- 5 Who said "~ I'm stunned", when told by Tony Blair that they would replace Jack Straw as foreign secretary?
- 6 Who was the ambassador on the receiving end of President Johnson's tirade that started "~ your parliament and your constitution. America is an elephant."?
- 7 Who said "Make a note there: Take on the ~ demonstrators."?
- 9 Who said "Does anyone ever say 'you know what, you've done a ~ good job [be]cause everyone else has sat on their arse and done nothing'?"?
- 13 Who was being televised when the BBC unintentionally broadcast "I'm not gonna lie, but with this and Brexit we're actually ~"?
- 14 Which not so civil servant declared "We're all ~: I'm ~, you're ~, the whole department's ~" after an attempt to bury bad news failed?
- 15 Which doctor said in parliament that "the French now regard the English as les-~-offs"?

Down

- 1 Faraday managed a register containing more than one unknown (5, 5)
- 4 Girl has taken us back in after dreadful ordeal outside rocky den (7, 2, 6)
- 6 What even a sculptor's best friend won't tell him? (7)
- 8 He's ordained a sort of salute (9)
- 9 Unusual large adder eating head of worm (6, 5)
- 11 Safe confined space invaded by fighting (5, 7)
- 12 Her ribbon I've confused with a missing chain (8, 3, 5)
- 15 Crazy drunken chimp disposing of last of gin (11)
- 17 Jerry's quiet victory (8)
- 18 Adult encountered in health resort beforehand (7)
- 23 Ply with Scotch while downing a mixed drink (10)
- 24 Take eggs back? That's about right (4, 4)
- 28 Calm old Roman legionary starting to change (7, 6)
- 29 Daily, the French put up with date moving back, so-called holiday homes included (7,7,8)
- 31 Incumbent temperature of fresh air (8)
- 32 Time to take a taxi to school? To the contrary! (8)
- 33 Namely, a gaol to house the leaders of Russia and Iran (8)
- 34 Southampton incorporating a convenient means of returning north (5-5)
- 36 The area where Saint Cecilia is buried? (4, 8)
- 37 What comes after the 4th of July is the beginning of end for the French first of all (5)
- 38 First things first, Brian Eno's really no mug (9)
- 40 Scratched first performance, I hear, leading to a bit of stupid empty sympathy (6, 7)

DOWN

- 1 Which PM said "~ that" when asked if he was going to resign?
- 2 Who said "When the British Empire finally sinks beneath the waves of history, it will leave behind it only two memorials: one is the game of Association Football and the other is the expression '~ Off'"?
- 3 Who told reporters "It's an FT obsession and frankly you can all ~ off. OK" when questioned about Jeffery Epstein?
- 4 Which member of Trump's cabinet called him a "~ moron"?
- 8 Who was described as "the emissary from planet ~"?
- 10 Which BBC reporter quoted a cabinet minister as saying "~ knows. I'm past caring it's like the living dead in here", when asked why Teresa May was holding another Brexit vote?
- 11  In loving memory of ? Used to sit here and shout ~ off! at the seagulls
- 12 Who said when being offered the job of Health Secretary, "~ no not Health"?

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