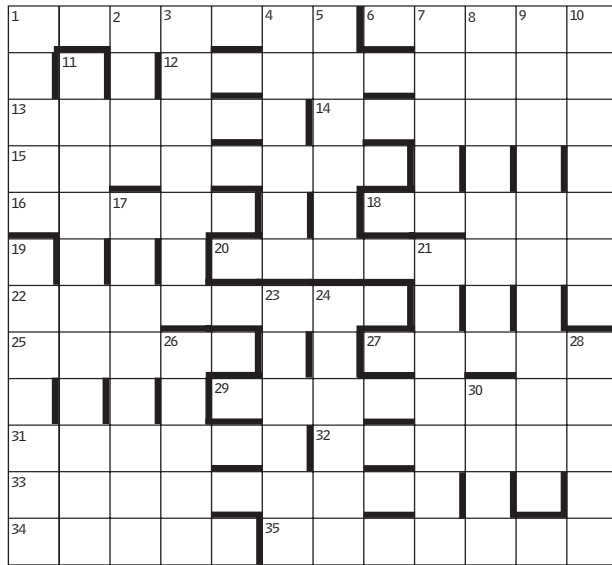


# AZED No. 2,291 'Printer's Devilry'



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Each clue, except **24**, is a passage from which the printer has removed a hidden answer, closing the gap and sometimes taking liberties with the punctuation and spacing, but not disturbing the order of the remaining letters.

**Example:** Vaulting above tunnel entrance appears inane, scary. **Answer:** PESTO. **Undevilled version:** Vaulting above tunnel entrance appears in an escape story. Every passage, when complete, makes reasonable sense. Competitors should submit with their solutions a 'PD' clue to replace the definition at **24**. **NB** Preference is given to PD clues in which breaks before and after the word omitted (before and after omission) do not occur at the ends or beginnings of words in the clue. **Please give the full undevilled version of your clue as well as the clue itself.**

## ACROSS

- 1 With holidays imminent, the bad weather is moving, sad (7)
- 6 This remote landscape and hill fort a few will enjoy (5)
- 12 Where they're not permitted to, bold, they must move on (9)
- 13 To show that they have rhythm, mime on the pub tables (6)
- 14 This is a policy the opposition would relish a bit (6)
- 15 What's a stay? Whatever is starting toss-up (8)
- 16 You may ask sows that, to do with me (5)
- 18 Rumours of business malpractice make me read, 'Likely to fail' (5)
- 20 This group of WI members ring for a cuppa themselves (8)
- 22 Reviewer wanting an inter view gives aula (this house) (8)
- 25 Such birds have become race targeted by hunters (5)
- 27 An editor will always maintain that his pries to get at the truth (5)
- 29 The haruspex must sacrifice: the beans can be read (8)
- 31 He needs do no vacation work though we've lots to give him time (6)

## AZED 2,288 Solution & notes

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

### Rules and requests

Send correct solution (one only) and clue to replace definition asterisked (on separate sheet also bearing name and address, securely attached) to **Azed No. 2,291**, PO Box 518, Oxford, OX2 6WX. Entries should be postmarked no later than Saturday. Please add a brief explanation of your clue (one entry only). £35, £30, £25 prizes and Azed bookplates for the three clues judged best. The Azed Slip, containing details of successful competition entries and Azed's comments, is available on subscrip-

**Across** 1, help in I rub (rev.); 14, e + v in No. 1, & lit.; 17, Esso (rev.) in I, s, & lit.; 21, re verse; 24, 'glare'; 29, n in anag.; 31, Re(x) in tag (rev.); ref. e.g. Peter the G., etc; 33, d(o)w(n) in Harare; 35, anag. + E n.  
**Down** 1, in backdraught; 3, loos + anag.; synonym of 1 Down; 4, out for a in pay; 7, w(h)ine; 8, anag. + lass (rev.); 10, r in anag.; 16, 've in liners; 18, anag. in seld; 22, d in bares (rev.); ref. site of Egyptian antiquities; 23, anag. in el(e)v(e)n; 25, f' c eage(r); 27, RA in lum (rev.).

tion at £16 a year electronic option £11. Cheques payable to the Azed Slip, should be sent to The Azed Slip, Coombe Farm, Awnbridge, Romsey SO51 0HN. To receive a sample slip, please send an sae to this address. For much more information on the Azed Slip, visit [www.andlit.org.uk](http://www.andlit.org.uk)

- 32 Food (canine) on the supermarket shelf (6)
- 33 Being concerned about my health, has met every week (9)
- 34 Is that your maturing? It's time for you to go (5)
- 35 We've assigned prisoners coming to teach (7)

## DOWN

- 1 As a shrewd investment I bought this tome for my children (5)
- 2 Is she the lass there, another yet to arrive? (4)
- 3 Do rascally buyers, cringers when catches are landed? (7)
- 4 In olden days porters were often summoned to beak (6)
- 5 He began his career in London but, latent, abroad (6)
- 7 Show argand? He may get interested! (5)
- 8 Breaking the law, gives the contrasting case to answer (8)
- 9 For any, gratis, a key end-product (11)
- 10 After a bad fall I felt mood – I'd no exercise for a while (7)
- 11 Her gold hoard gave her such a thrill I often saw her chuck lots (11)
- 17 The RSPB would surely never, let loose, burn sanctuaries (8)
- 19 Fine spirits with soda? You surely don't like drinking berated (7)
- 21 He's a literary giant at his career apt to gain yet higher honours (7)
- 23 I'm looking to solid Els, wanting harmonious rounds! (6)
- \*24 Zoroastrian scripture (6)
- 26 This is the muck to cleanse my breath (5)
- 28 Anyone wanting to plnish as a ready-made source of oil (5)
- 30 Haute cuisine is a keen passion I like – my foot! (4)

Every answer is in *The Chambers Dictionary (2014)*, except **14**, a proper name from the world of literary journalism.