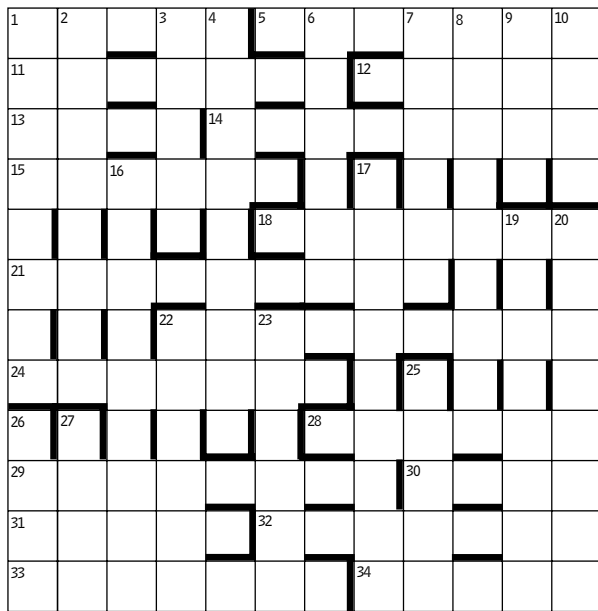


AZED No. 2,305 'Wrong Number' COMPETITION PUZZLE



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Each clue contains a one-word definition of the word required at the number where it stands, but belongs as a whole to a word of the same length elsewhere. Method recommended is to find, after solving a clue, a definition of the solution in one of the other clues to words of its length: this will show where the word is to go. Competitors should submit with their entries a clue following these rules to replace the definition asterisked. **NB The clue thus submitted will of course belong as a whole to a word appearing elsewhere in the finished diagram, which must be determined.**

ACROSS

- *1 Piece (5)
- 5 A small weak brandy drunk polishing off book? Non-sense! (7)
- 11 Character trailing runner, little energy, idled badly? One spins (7)
- 12 Sun high – find a seat (5)
- 13 Greek delicacy among buffet adornments (4)
- 14 Grip umpteenth rally has reserved (8)
- 15 Coin, not English but one Arabic unit (6)
- 18 A letter in Greek lecturer penned for old Olympian? (7)
- 21 Exit gateway, kind admitting friend, pillared initially (9)
- 22 Agents, only half modest, age led astray (9)
- 24 Crooked prelates in denial of English church property? (7)
- 28 Agitation I have cutting weight, after seconds (6)
- 29 A little butter and any scraps of past tuck simmering in cook's receptacle (8)

AZED 2,302 Solution & notes

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

Rules and requests

Send correct solution (one only) and clue as indicated (on separate sheet also bearing name and address, securely attached) to **Azed No. 2,305**, 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 subscription at £16 a year,

Across 1, asper² + soir (Fr. = evening); 12, anag. less d,r; 15, anag. incl. r; sv Bordeaux; 17, cf. tripple; 20, lin Ayn (Rand, US novelist); 22, gree(t) x 2; 25, LA + Sting, former lead singer of The Police; 29, Z a pat a; ref. 1952 M. Brando film Viva Z. (dir. Elia Kazan); 31, toi(let) x 2; 34, a tat in noria.

Down 4, glade in anag.; 6, polite with O for p; 7, an aur (a) (rev.); 8, comp. anag. & lit.; 9, mis + tier; 11, Amazon in anag.; 19, i.e. 'brute fat'; 21, a gat in nay (all rev.); 24, comp. anag.; 28, 0 in nose; see twitch; 30, (up) pity.

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- 30 We could see last bits of cheese booty eaten whole (4)
- 31 What goes to make suit? One likely to bungle height (5)
- 32 Top (not last), l, in test that's foxed little ones (7)
- 33 Prompt creating skirt for Earl formerly (7)
- 34 It's fine to stop one becoming unwell (5)

DOWN

- 1 American vessel in elm tossed in the drink (8)
- 2 Holding back revenue as pouch for decoy (8)
- 3 God clergy ultimately found in part of scripture (5)
- 4 Bird, by the sound of her, with chic resplendent in many columns (9)
- 6 Smooth glass substitute? Upended reticule yields it (6)
- 7 Plastic set in fashion? A bit (6)
- 8 Wader trembling in Rhone wash (9)
- 9 Two pairs of spectators joined in a minor quarrel (4)
- 10 Hill fort, not badly fortified initially, sacked from end to end (4)
- 16 Old hangdog fraud, reverse of secure opening in theatre (9)
- 17 One of the reps in a mood (Scots), worker getting agitated (9)
- 19 Favouring fizzy vin at allowance of food (8)
- 20 Thickening? Misguidedly eat nothing – charm about lost (8)
- 22 Covered passage getting a cadre in a tizzy (6)
- 23 Was part of demo before closing of gallery displaying lustrous stuff (6)
- 25 Disabled chap has time confined to mend (5)
- 26 I'll contain drop of rust thus (4)
- 27 A short spin? So this chariot may appear (4)

Every answer is in *The Chambers Dictionary* (2014).