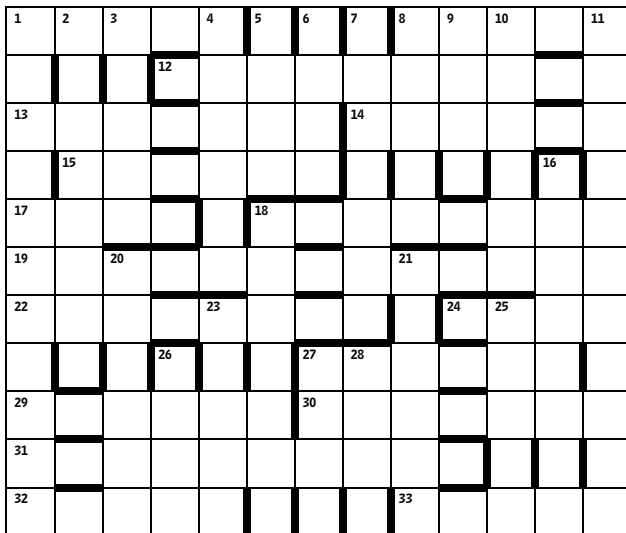


AZED No. 2,373 PLAIN COMPETITION PUZZLE



AZED 2,370 Solution & notes

1	B	L	I	S	T	A	B	R	A	I	D	S
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13	U	N	B	U	R	Y	S	T	A	P	L	E
15	B	G	R	M	P	O	C	H	R	E	A	E
16	P	R	O	M	O	L	A	E	I	D	Y	L
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18	P	L	A	I	N	C	H	A	N	T	T	A
19	P	A	S	H	A	R	A	B	A	I	R	N
20	A	N	A	T	T	O	S	L	O	V	I	N
21	D	O	R	C	A	S	M	A	K	E	D	O
22	U	L	E	U	N	S	O	U	R	C	E	D
23	M	E	A	T	T	E	A	T	A	W	S	E

Across 1, i.e. B-list, cf. A-list; 11, I acta + anag.; 12, (B)unbury; ref. *The Importance of Being Earnest*; 16, pro mo; 21, a inch in plant; 26, b + airn; ref. golf; 27, sot tan a (all rev.); 31, aked in MO; 33, e in matte a; 34, w in anag., & lit.

Down 2, anag. less O x 2; 6, bis cach(e) a; 7, exclamation; 9, d + Yale (rev.); 10, anag. incl. E in Sn; 13, anag. in bare a; 16, Indian = Indian meal; 22, anag. + anag.; 23, Ia in tuba (rev.); 25, 'an'ole'; 28, OK + ra (dish).

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. 2,373**, 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

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ACROSS

- 1 Very little water among black stuff in Aussie swamp (5)
- 8 East African, one resident in Siam oddly (5)
- 12 Oh-so-good football team, Roman, nets ball, being slightly crazy (10)
- 13 Analyse in old Latin class extreme anxiety nation disposed of (7)
- 14 Comprehends page penned by German writer (6)
- 15 Dry? Stick around for several pints, old style (6)
- 17 Have trouble breathing when doctor comes round (4)
- 18 Throaty sound from the belly, ultra distorted (8)
- 19 Fine old blade, fad rarer arena's displayed with a flourish (13, 2 words)
- 22 Bow during mass unsteadily, revealing fleshy lumps (8)
- 24 Little bird: hard when it's caught by its predator? (4)
- 27 Loathe being taken in by backward personality? Acts as ringleader (6)
- 29 Garrison retreat: ruined number lost rebuilt with time (6)
- 30 E.g. raspberry feature some Manoir eaters knocked back (7)
- 31 Formally repeat what's arranged in a meeting (10)
- 32 Dubious reading of Will's English in subject of inquiry (5)
- 33 Sea eagles sailors spotted in experience from stern (5)

DOWN

- *1 Dyspeptic (11)
- 2 Perfume dad got in on account of name, presented with a kiss (8)
- 3 Drunks like this will turn up after success at the races? (5)
- 4 Drunk let off – it's not much (6)
- 5 Guitar before start of liturgy, Dean's speciality? (4)
- 6 Transfer to adjust balance giving the old man energy (4)
- 7 A liberal philanthropist, however old (7)
- 8 — hobo's out of place in a bathroom – he met his end in one (5)
- 9 A blip? Thatcher might have had recourse to this abroad (4)
- 10 Isis orants might have rattled these with endless noise (6)
- 11 They'll save on heating bills – salon units I treated (11)
- 16 Crown circling prince I'll follow as hanger-on (8)
- 18 Name periodical brought up for 'sexually active' (7)
- 20 Menial urged to work with day added on (6)
- 21 What's displaying form of rut with age? (6)
- 23 Bead fastener old James attached to one of netsuke's pair (5)
- 25 What may be found in Rhone, flapping about (5)
- 26 Deserts, or nameless features thereof (4)
- 27 Indian liquor, peaty by the sound of it (4)
- 28 Uxorious husbands abound there, principally, abroad! (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.