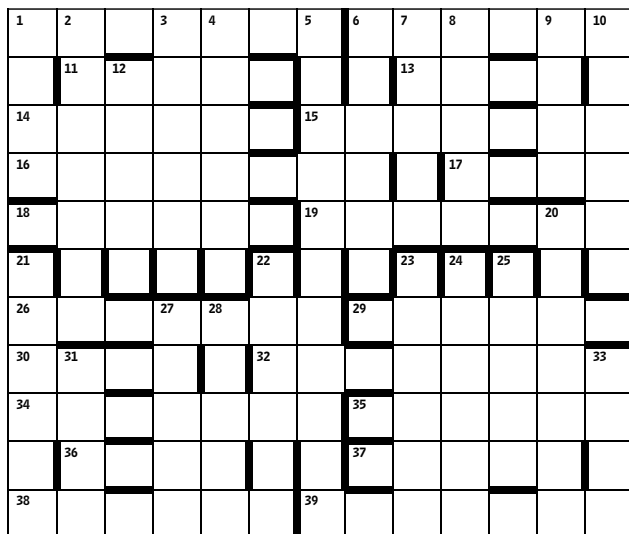


AZED No. 2,390 COMPETITION PUZZLE



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Competitors should submit with their entries a cryptic clue to a 13-letter phrase hidden in the completed diagram.

ACROSS

- 1 Cut framing copy that's pinched (7)
- 6 Had rag lit for Muslim pyre? (6)
- 11 Weak or strong bar (5)
- 13 Cut over, love following game (4)
- 14 Matches no longer in use when about exhausted (6)
- 15 One responsible for junk folded charts on foreign sea (7)
- 16 Head of church pens fine passage for reading therein (8)
- 17 English composer rendering poet's 'Abode of the Departed' (4)
- 18 One of mixed race, first to last achieving prestige (6)
- 19 Kindle going wrong before last bit of title, approaching denouement? (7)
- 26 Arches during flight? (7)
- 29 Popular with groups circulating round, lots of us are seen in bierkeller (6)
- 30 Rhyming scheme for chart-toppers? (4)
- 32 History that has to fade away, about dispatched (looking back) (8)
- 34 What's wrong, money going to reverse ulceration? (7, 2 words)
- 35 Alternative to bell-ringing? Single one could replace setting altar (6)
- 36 Stoop (as once), looking anaemic by the sound of it (4)
- 37 Start of last over? Coming in aimed at stump (5)
- 38 Pour out regular feature of bad language? (6)

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1	F	R	O	T	H	S	P	R	E	C	I	S	E
2	L	A	R	G	A	C	T	I	L	O	N	U	L
3	A	C	I	M	P	R	O	V	S	L	I	M	E
4	B	A	N	G	L	A	V	E	A	L	A	P	
5	B	S	G	S	Y	P	E	R	I	A	N	T	H
6	E	P	H	E	M	E	R	O	P	T	E	R	A
7	R	E	C	T	O	R	A	L	M	E	U	A	N
8	G	L	O	U	T	U	L	D	U	P	L	E	T
9	A	T	I	L	T	P	L	I	S	S	E	X	I
10	S	E	L	E	P	E	R	S	I	M	M	O	N
11	T	R	Y	S	T	E	R	H	C	R	A	N	E

Across 1, fro(s)t + (teet)h; 16, ng in Bala; 20, ER in anag.; 23, re ct oral; 31, I in at it; 33, anag. in p, n.

Down 1, lab Berg in fast; 3, (b)oring; 7, (d)river; ref. S. American river; 8, col. + late; 11, I in anag. + tine; 19, anag. incl. tles; 24, up in re + e; 25, is in cum (all rev.); 28, i.e. (d)olly; 30, ex + on.

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39 Colourful river fringed with willow I cut (7)

DOWN

- 1 Mates got up in face paint (4)
- 2 Some misbehaving when grannie's around? He certainly takes after his dad (7)
- 3 Such as Bunthorne taken off in satire (6)
- 4 Guns for men on board (6)
- 5 T' radio's broadcast about writers he distributes (11)
- 6 Hang where some take the plunge, cutting end of rope? (6)
- 7 Simple Scots displaying a brief passion about loch (5)
- 8 What stirs Othello with drama? This handkerchief, loathed maybe (5)
- 9 Some see land from the south, out of the wind (4)
- 10 Stock of e.g. Soays relish roaming free (6)
- 12 Decision from the Élysée, showing where it stands, almost, and about time! (5)
- 20 Irish resort, fashionable, amid varied lakes (7)
- 21 Do part of dressage routine? One did it, entering prize (6)
- 22 Face poop the wrong way, heading south-east (6)
- 23 Serving women formerly holding peg in palms (6)
- 24 Against having to beg after losing at hazard once (6)
- 25 City in Italy beneath rocky tier (5)
- 27 Armadillo some shoot at outrageously (5)
- 28 Titled folk in jewellery page removed from head (5)
- 31 Intellectual dropping in for entertainment (4)
- 33 Poker displaying projecting knob (4)

Every answer is in *The Chambers Dictionary (2014)*, except for two geographical proper names, 32 (in the OED) and 19 (given in Wiktionary on the Internet).