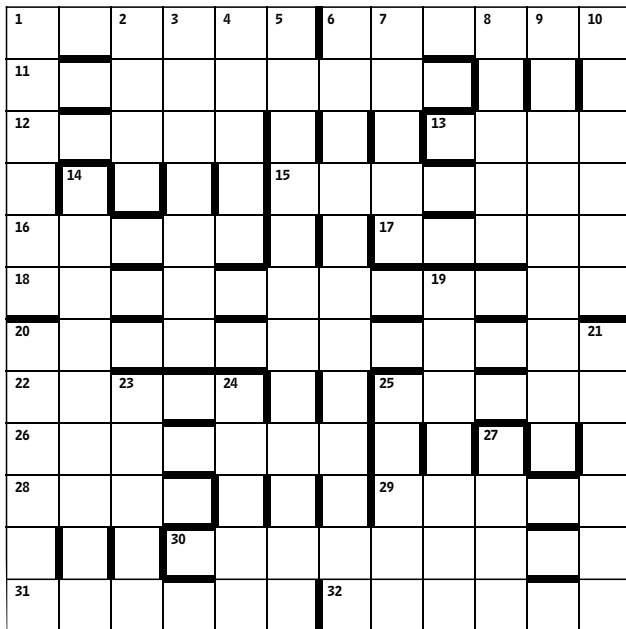


# AZED No. 2,399 PLAIN COMPETITION PUZZLE



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## ACROSS

- 1 Whence hydrocarbons are created? Snags awkwardly will include laboratory's closure (6)
- 6 Leather for glue-making (special short cut) (6)
- \*11 Soft silky fabric (9)
- 12 Place for experiments I advanced in insect's facial parts (5)
- 13 What sailors sing turning boat round? (4)
- 15 Colourful bird releasing cry of wonder within Broadway stalls (7)
- 16 Larval excreta frequently found on turnip (5)
- 17 Portion of unimportant refuse, or grot (5)
- 18 Offered tar an adapted sailing vessel (12)
- 20 Rhubarb? Mix it with rolled oats in (12)
- 22 Once at sea, I was off course by miles (5)
- 25 Tail-ender moving to the front laps quickly (5)
- 26 Retiring, it's start of pension with what counts as final salary (7)
- 28 Small joint, one acquiring name for weakest spirits (4)
- 29 Amateur artist near sheik's place? (5)
- 30 Suggestive of formidable brigade, rebels uni sacked (9)
- 31 Property worth viewing I omitted from requests (6, 2 words)
- 32 Time inside, dreadful years, he'll survive (6)

## AZED 2,396 Solution & notes

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### 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. 2,399**, PO Box 518, Oxford, OX2 6WX. Entries should be postmarked no later than Saturday.

**Across** 13, rate in fr.; 18, pa + net (rev.); 20, (d)unk (rev.); 24, lorel + i.e. (rev.); 29, index with cent for x; 33, 'blight'; 34, MO v in reed; 35, anag. incl. E, g in grey.  
**Down** 2, r + anag. in bub; 5, unite (rev.) in anag.; 6, i.e. nor; 8, it in tute; 11, Pr. in Cl + pled; 15, oner (rev.) + uncer (tain); 17, RA in anag. & lit.; 25, b in Colne (rev.); 30, i.e. r in can; 31, evic(t) (rev.).

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## DOWN

- 1 A wee bittie s-scar (6)
- 2 Arrests more than one lock-keeper in person (4)
- 3 First-time freshwater swimmers, oddly rig-less (7)
- 4 Pile? Team could be set up with this (5)
- 5 Writer can, in the midst of watery meandering (12)
- 6 Dublin copper breaking into disused tumbledown for baby-snatchers? (12, 2 words)
- 7 Start of privatizing rail, cause of irritation once (5)
- 8 What flies attract, all around river? (5)
- 9 Consistency shown by college formerly, at this point limited (9)
- 10 Beak giving signal for end of work? (6)
- 14 Grub up – hand-reared lamb coming round, and there's a pastry case (9)
- 19 Typical of child mostly, one with runs internally, and worms (7)
- 20 Mosque servant (female) admitting Jesuits (6)
- 21 One fixes eyes on ball, one hit high, cover finally caught (6)
- 23 Where actors wait to enter, number in costume accessories? (5)
- 24 Part among *Midsummer* leads, Oberon maybe? (8)
- 25 Lead in screen trailer providing plug (5)
- 27 Path circling north and declining gradually (4)

*The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.*