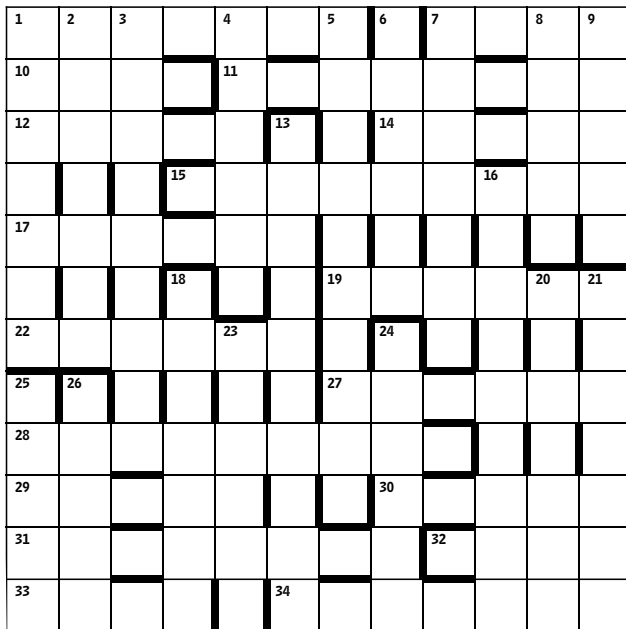


AZED No. 2,403 'SPOONERISMS' COMPETITION PUZZLE



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Half the across and half the down clues lead in their definitions to Spoonerisms of the correct answers to be entered. Subsidiary indications in these clues lead to the correct answers themselves. In the remaining clues (except **26**) the definitions have been distorted by one Spoonerism per clue. Subsidiary indications in these clues likewise lead to the correct answers. Competitors should submit with their solutions a clue of the latter type to replace the asterisked definition at **26**. **NB** Spoonerisms may be either consonantal, e.g. WHITEBAIT/BITE (or BIGHT) WAIT (or WEIGHT) or vocalic, e.g. BUNTING/BIN TONGUE, and may be accompanied by changes of punctuation. Bracketed numbers after clues indicate the length of grid entries throughout.

ACROSS

- 1 After siting's feast, port was drunk (7)
- 7 Martin Peter, a creation of William Boyd's (4)
- 10 Trade Mac's concealed involves bit of extortion (4)
- 11 Cooking eastern nan (roti) one applies an ocean of lard, say (8)
- 12 Partridge e.g. with tiger's heart for greedy ras (5)
- 14 Base part of leg, this, is missing smear of oil (5)
- 15 Recognize base types: sleek one deviously captures hearts (9)
- 17 Sailor to mix article in honey (6)
- 19 Pot off niche, left out, plainly cracked (6, 2 words)
- 22 Time to suit US river bird (6)
- 27 It follows end of cigarette being dropped in seat – very small hole (6)
- 28 We'll divide to eke out, as before, see, struggling? The old will (9)
- 29 Charge for fish? If doubled, round the bend (5)
- 30 Section for pain fence of stakes – it rings flocks (5)

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1	T	U	M	P	S	C	A	L	A	W	A	G
11	P	A	I	T	H	R	I	C	A	N	O	
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15	G	R	E	E	N	H	E	A	R	T	T	U
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	P	A	C	O	N	T	R	I	T	I	O	N
23	A	L	L	H	E	A	L	E	C	N	S	E
24	G	I	O	S	S	L	I	B	A	G	E	L
27	E	N	T	G	I	A	N	T	R	U	D	E
32	D	E	H	U	S	K	E	D	K	A	I	D

Across 1, (s)tump; 4, a law in scag; 14, 3 meanings; see vamp?; 16, curri(E)s + h; 23, L in a MA; 27, I in a aleal; 30, ba' + gel; 31, Gertrude (mother of Hamlet) with lan for ER.

Down 1, big r in anag.; 5, chi in anag.; 7, I bra IR in lie; 9, as tom in a nose; 18, nan el in anag.; 22, sv T; lot in (swa)tc; 24, i.e. I in gua = gula; 27, ref. TV comedy series.

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. 2,403**, 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

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- 31 Frond between bends, one holding spike left from behind (8)
- 32 Speak grace for students before entering it (4)
- 33 Lion fed with new joint, dejected (4)
- 34 Chopped liver in tin, small community business of old (7)

DOWN

- 1 Champagne crazy as I'm working to enter higher degree (7)
- 2 Modest stretch of water that is nursing watery lack, with duck coming over (7)
- 3 See zebra bursting with energy, highland stock to grab (9, 2 words)
- 4 One responsible for stinging often raged, name appearing in bet (6)
- 5 Sad times, rent heaps mounting, bound around? (10)
- 6 Be a model female in the mine team formerly? (6)
- 7 Wherein the weird sisters cooked joints hard in simmering poison? (7)
- 8 Might that's fixed, sheltered with Middle East dominant (5)
- 9 Last character to cry loudly 'Run' with cold wind around (5)
- 13 In Paris I and Ben sally out for swell denims (10, 2 words)
- 16 'Basket not heavy, I yell frantically, 'Only a straw in it' (9)
- 18 A judge with proceeds from cocaine (nearly new cut) bought home for young pony (7)
- 20 One heaving loam (say) elsewhere and not under a siding (7)
- 21 Dirk's 'tagger', a label to intercept any wandering (7)
- 23 Sin to call? One who was so pi, ha-ha (funny) (6)
- 24 Sub at tea, maybe, contribution to wives selling (6)
- 25 Duck, initially frozen within, still forming inside (5)
- *26 A shady spot (5)

Every answer is in *The Chambers Dictionary (2014)*, except for three proper names: one geographical, one biblical and one trade name. All of these may be verified on the Internet. One further proper name appears in Chambers at the entry for its derivative.