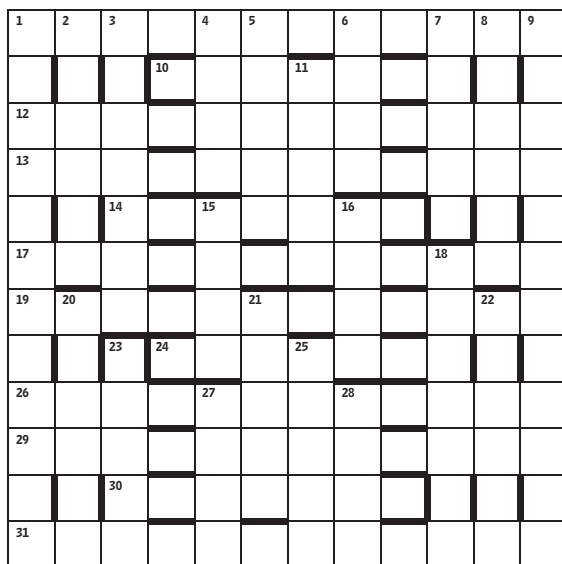


Azed No. 2,456 'Collisions' - Competition Puzzle



Down clues are normal. Each across entry consists of two words which 'collide', i.e. they overlap by one or more letters, the overlapping letters always appearing in their correct order. Across clues, except **12**, consist of definitions of each of the full overlapping words and subsidiary indications of each **minus the overlapping letters**. Definition and subsidiary indication for one answer precede those for the other, but either may come first. Numbers in brackets indicate the lengths of complete entries.

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Competitors should submit with their entries a clue in the style of the other acrosses to the 'collision' at 12 Across, here clued solely by definitions for its two component words in their alphabetical order.

Across

- 1 Wrecked car straddling one dog – inside left area of small bones (12)
- 10 Middle East: sudden flare-up reduced British standard money (7)
- *12 Relating to stomach pains; a motorized plough (12)
- 13 Cable to stop short: 'Henry, I ...' and Eliza's disturbed issue in bits (12)
- 14 Tons to savour, herald's dropped on lack of central column (7)
- 17 Portion of ale? One beast letting off blasted 'Noggin not good!' (12)
- 19 Caught in shade, moved chickpea from the back borders (12)
- 24 I see elegant bronze ring, ring round the moon, luminous (7)
- 26 Sailor's bar, standard oxygen in a beer, fizzy? I'll need no oxygen (12)
- 29 Liner, maybe? Thousand on one swan, belly fed with recipe (12)
- 30 Not here, sing away, thrush – it's eastern season (7)
- 31 Rearing up, returning diploma, confirmed 'USA crawling with Reds' (12)

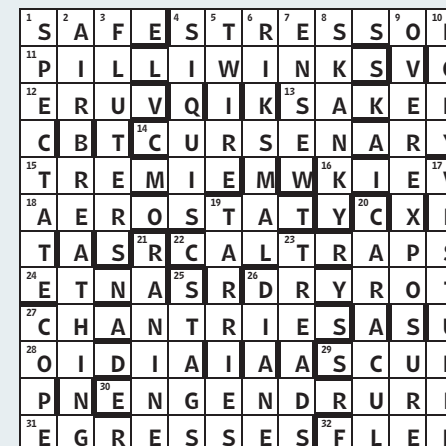
Down

- 1 Parasiticide old buffoon swallows direct, tin drunk (12)
- 2 Wherein a bit of red is served in eatery (6)

- 3 Property agent stern about untidy lot (7)
- 4 Slice of feta served up in barbecued dish (4)
- 5 Quick drink, kind taken about noon (5)
- 6 Leafy crown? You might have found e.g. this simply given out in Olympic games (4)
- 7 'Soft' vocal sound I brought into contact? (5)
- 8 Formidable woman, cross when grabbed by a fellow (6)
- 9 Stretched out again, having left England subsequently in rush (12)
- 11 What's king in throw of dice called? (5)
- 15 The taste of Scotch spread after a wee bit thereof (4)
- 16 Fate when freed from enveloping company, once hateful (4)
- 18 New arrival from Germany I'll depart wealthy, after profit (7)
- 20 Doubt over choice in the air gripping chamber (6)
- 21 Day in Rome, not at all special (5)
- 22 Particular interest formerly in stimulus identifying body's content? (6)
- 23 Useless fellow caught punch, losing final round (5)
- 25 Dropping by, one known for his intriguing canapés once? (5)
- 27 Orbital point in space that varies (not constant) (4)
- 28 Fish in Scotland, furtive when rising from below (4)

Every word used is in the Chambers Dictionary (2014), except 9 (formed with a common prefix and verifiable in Wiktionary).

Azed No. 2,453 solution & notes



Across 1, S + a Fe (iron); 11, pi + will (rev.) + anag.; 14, curse + nary; 15, m 1 in tree; 16, kiev(e); 18, up in the air = excited; 22, c + trap in als; 24, hidden rev.; 26, Tory r(E)d (rev.); 31, SS in (d)egrees; 32, l in Fed.

Down 2, anag. less r + a thing; 4, is (rev.) + qui(p)s; 9, ex in anag.; 10, ref. R. Best, Irish RU player; Ro(ta)ry; 17, anag. less l x 2 + red; 23, comp. anag. & lit.; 25, ref. hen parties.

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. 2,456, 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. Cheques, payable to the Azed Slip, should be sent to The Azed Slip, Coombe Farm, Awbridge, Romsey SO51 0HN. To receive a sample slip, please send an sae to this address.