



Wordplay in each clue contains a superfluous letter to be ignored in reaching its solution. The solutions are to be fitted into the grid, jigsaw-wise, however they will go. The superfluous letters from the clues (in the normal order of their solutions as found in the grid) spell out a final instruction that must be followed before the entry is submitted for the prize.

Deadline for entries is 23:59 GMT on Saturday 31 December. You need to register once and then sign in to theguardian.com to enter our online competition for a £100 monthly prize.

- Action bureaucratic functionary's fiat (4)
- Administration knew Conservative politician supervised church shelters (10)
- American conmen ultimately cheat crowds (4)
- Attractive woman and boyfriend cease to try (6)
- Cancelled publication was first to abandon arena (8)
- Disconnect line bitten by gun dog (6)
- Endearing lot get ejected from food plant (8)
- False idols going made place backward (8)
- Fellow overwhelmed by sources of torrent in full spate (4)
- Hedonistic city's about to host writer pursuing grail (9)
- Heightened awareness of speed limits is introduced by new model (10)
- Hot meal atypically being delivered cold (6)
- Leaders of men are creating havoc for every individual (4)
- Liberal country blocking adherent's dangerous flyer (6)
- Novel on hope by writer chides racist (10)
- Old boy avoided juvenile court and part of sentence (6)
- Orders courts to support land in years to come (8)
- Paper out to launch dishonesty being relevant once more? (10)
- Something in limbo can keep suffering (7)
- Round figure concealed by outsize trousers (4)
- Ruling state sent back English money in small change (9)
- Saw losers in favour of something that means action (4)
- Sound of howl or scream? (4)
- Start off job when men supply boxes in plant (7)
- Stimulate moderate politician to open hospital (4)
- Taxing backers of problem states is more sophisticated (6)
- Thoughtlessness of niece regularly wearing revealing clothing (10)
- Wrongly maligned stoical prisoner stabs smashing chap? (10)