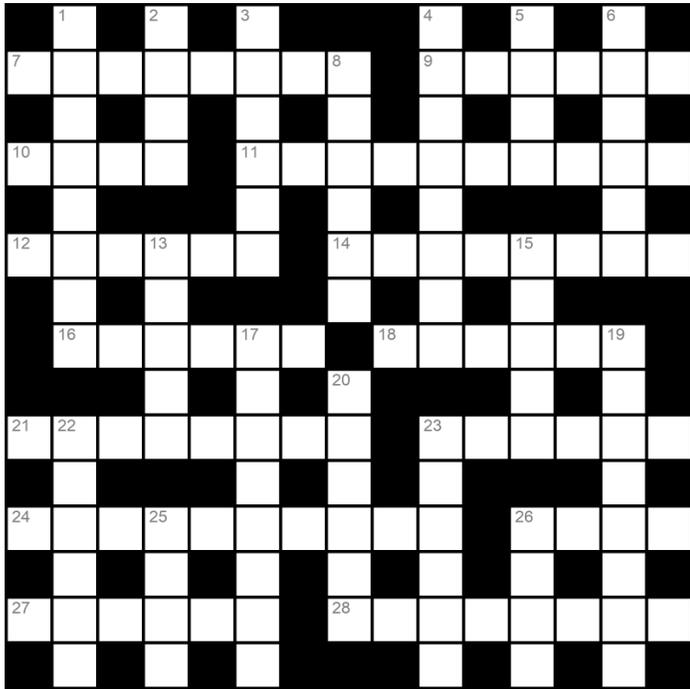


# Genius No 272

Set by Qaos



A turtle starts on a perimeter cell and moves forward cell by cell. If it lands on an L, it turns 90 degrees anticlockwise; if an R, 90 degrees clockwise; otherwise it continues in the same direction.

One word in each clue must be removed before solving; in clue order, these words' first letters provide an extra instruction.

When the turtle exits the grid after making at least one turn, its path has traced what letter?

Deadline for entries is 23:59 GMT on Saturday 28 February. You need to register once and then sign in to [theguardian.com](http://theguardian.com) to enter our online competition for a £100 monthly prize.

Traced letter: \_\_\_\_

## Across

- 7 British doctor hates saving toy soldiers' lives (8)  
 9 Old church employs a rector and old bishop (6)  
 10 Ground beef, eggs and slice of lamb (4)  
 11 Found smashing Easter service taken by theologian - it's all about love (10)  
 12 Perhaps Don Juan's retiring over other genteel ladies initially giving chase (6)  
 14 Time after time he's describing iceberg's mass in geological units (8)  
 16 Small boy leaving tiny particle to pick nose (6)  
 18 Writing piece about winning formula? (6)  
 21 Example of square enclosure holding back infected rodents (8)  
 23 Thomas Hardy's partner gets award (6)  
 24 Even literature's inspiring Australian workers' honest collective (10)  
 26 I ask you, trace victim of attack by ear (4)  
 27 Black cat hunting as Tigger might do? (6)  
 28 In England, is a greenhouse essential? No way! (8)

## Down

- 1 Former Tory minister breaks parking promises (8)  
 2 Convict stealing ugly duck returns to prison (4)  
 3 Stock market index supports risky cryptographic algorithm for cloud (6)  
 4 In general, during two days, adult tastes drink (8)  
 5 Look, Arizona backs government's drug laws (4)  
 6 Comedian's best ever (6)  
 8 Relative tries dancing foxtrot with son (6)  
 13 Ring back to buy single ash tree (5)  
 15 Poem about unseating King Charles has international leaders shocked (5)  
 17 Equated new moped with electric car (8)  
 19 Clutching bible, sinner's happy to be raised up (8)  
 20 Essentially sent one's newest grades to set of nine (6)  
 22 Instruments playing in soap opera (6)  
 23 Most recent news of Los Angeles robber on trial (6)  
 25 Floor covering part of mansion I like returning to (4)  
 26 Father finally reading the hymn sheet (4)