

Game Night!

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Nine crosswords by Eric Berlin

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Introduction

First of all, this is a contest, but it's not a race. There are no bonus points for being the first to complete the puzzles. Relax! We're taking things casually this time around.

Here's how this is going to work: The first eight crosswords will each lead you to an answer word of three to six letters. Read the instructions for each puzzle carefully—sometimes the answer you derive from the grid will be a *clue* to the real answer you'll need.

The final puzzle, "Endgame," will tell you how to use your eight answer words to arrive at the winning contest phrase. Send this phrase to me at **ericberlin@gmail.com**. You'll have two weeks to send me your answer—the deadline date is September 13th, midnight Eastern time. The following day, I'll choose one correct entry at random. That person will win the prize alluded to by the phrase itself. (Please note that only "backers" of \$5 or more are eligible to win the contest.) Check my blog, <http://www.ericberlin.com>, on Monday, September 14th, to find out who won.

Because this is not a speed-solving competition, I urge you serious puzzlers to put your backsolving urges aside and save the final puzzle for last. I think the set is a more enjoyable solve that way. That said, you probably don't need all the answer words to solve that final puzzle, so if one crossword or another is giving you trouble, feel free to skip it.

Have fun! Let's start playing...

Tic-Tac-Toe

In the completed grid, you'll find nine "tic-tac-toes"—sets of three identical letters in a row, horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. These sets of letters, reading across the top half of the grid and then across the bottom half, will spell out a clue to a three-letter word.

Across

- 1 Sing like Ella
- 5 Biblical kingdom ruled by Esau
- 9 Vegetarian's snack
- 16 Alaskan gold rush city
- 17 Small meadow rodent
- 18 Some fuel gases
- 19 U.S.
- 20 More than bad
- 21 Abates
- 22 ___ dish
- 24 Gets away from
- 26 ___ on the back
- 27 Fox drama debut of 2003
- 29 As to
- 30 Mixed bag
- 31 Mock ending
- 32 Amount owed, slangily
- 34 Supermodel Bündchen
- 36 Incisors' neighbors
- 38 Actress Georgia of "The Drowsy Chaperone"
- 40 The Reds, on the scoreboard
- 41 "Start, already!"
- 42 Quickly read
- 43 Give away temporarily
- 44 Psalm ender
- 46 Spanish omelet ingredient
- 48 Part of MIT
- 51 Sci-fi's Hubbard
- 53 Whips up
- 57 Guitar wood
- 58 Social order
- 59 Ceding, with "over"
- 60 Medicinal syrup
- 62 No longer spry enough
- 64 Subj. of some Syfy shows
- 65 Barcelona bears
- 66 President's title, for short
- 67 Hardly a teetotaler
- 69 Org.
- 70 Hall-of-famers
- 72 Swiss river
- 74 Go off all wrong
- 76 Speed along
- 78 Farm workers, of a sort
- 79 Really enjoyed oneself

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- 80 Razor brand
- 81 Colorado tribe
- 82 Impossible
- 83 Test for some grads
- 84 Neither win, place, nor show
- 12 Some French vowel sounds
- 13 Like many bathing suits
- 14 Best Actress nominee for "Enemies, A Love Story"
- 15 Underling, perhaps: Abbr.
- 23 Item in a first-aid kit
- 25 Pour it on?
- 28 Car company named after the founder of Detroit
- 30 Salad dressing base
- 31 Heart reading, for short
- 33 Antares and Betelgeuse, e.g.
- 34 Some Stratego pieces
- 35 Complete
- 37 High-class
- 39 Cowboy of Argentina
- 43 Trucker's haul
- 45 Sexy one
- 47 Kiosk owner
- 48 ___ chi
- 49 Bruin teammate of Orr
- 50 Knight's place
- 52 Relating to newborns
- 54 Connects with
- 55 International agreements
- 56 Koop and others: Abbr.
- 58 Job for Hercule Poirot
- 61 Food often preserved in its own fat
- 63 Largish groups
- 66 Thin pancake
- 68 Company with orange and white trucks
- 69 "I'm ___" (60s hit song)
- 70 Food, slangily
- 71 Mystery writer Paretsky
- 73 In ___ (existing)
- 75 Name in 1995 headlines
- 77 One who sings

Down

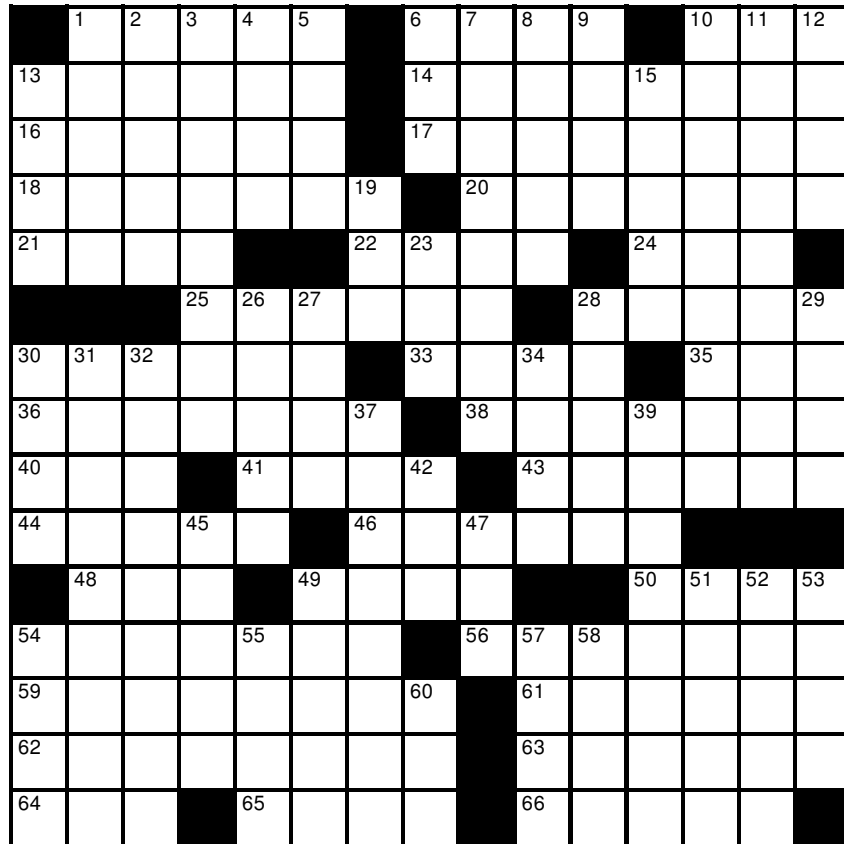
- 1 Sound effect accompanying "Just like that!"
- 2 Be realized
- 3 Violet gemstone
- 4 French land
- 5 Night before
- 6 Soap with a "Campaign for Real Beauty"
- 7 Kiddie lit author Ian Falconer's pig
- 8 Hodgepodes
- 9 Aspice-like concoction
- 10 AAA recommendations
- 11 Satisfied sounds

Operation

You'll need to carefully extract the four items seen below from the completed grid. In each case, the removed item can be replaced with a single letter to make a new word. These four new words are also in the grid. The four letters you add, in the same order as the pictures, will spell out your answer word.

Across

- 1 Prima ____ (at first glance)
- 6 Attention-getting noise
- 10 "Four Quartets" monogram
- 13 Galileo and others
- 14 Became visible
- 16 Emcee's specialty
- 17 Cut down to size?
- 18 Author Ring
- 20 In court, perhaps
- 21 Wells race
- 22 1/3 of a comedic laugh
- 24 Under the weather
- 25 Mets' div.
- 28 Madison Ave. industry, colloquially
- 30 Have at
- 33 Some August births
- 35 "____ Believer"
- 36 Does a librarian's job
- 38 Enjoy fully, as a view
- 40 Want ad abbr.
- 41 Pro ____
- 43 Upbeat attitude
- 44 Blame for a bad streak
- 46 Together
- 48 Appomattox general
- 49 Half of MCIV
- 50 Repeat
- 54 Brand of spyware blocker
- 56 Goes off on a rant
- 59 Vibrate in harmony
- 61 Large Pakistani city
- 62 Rather's predecessor
- 63 Prepared to wear, perhaps
- 64 Tax ID
- 65 Momentarily, in Shakespeare
- 66 "The World Is Not Enough" director Michael



Down

- 1 June test, for many
- 2 Hanna-Barbera pooch
- 3 Word before "rule" or "number"
- 4 Aware of
- 5 Latin 101 verb
- 6 Butter amount
- 7 Grew up
- 8 Verve
- 9 Bedroll's place
- 10 Sport riding equipment
- 11 Cap
- 12 Pulitzer-winning biographer Leon
- 13 Whole lot
- 15 Caustic
- 19 Genetic letters
- 23 Big initials in fashion
- 26 Nice reading?
- 27 Zeno of ____
- 28 Japanese, e.g.
- 29 Kooky
- 30 "Wait ____!"
- 31 Takes on, as blame
- 32 Come to one's senses
- 34 Wild time
- 37 Billy Joel song that begins, "She cuts you once, she cuts you twice"
- 39 "Well done!" in many sports
- 42 Singer DiFranco
- 45 Attach, as a patch
- 47 RSVP part
- 49 Sink part
- 51 Hardly a hottie
- 52 Brought on board
- 53 Columnist's offering
- 54 Storylines
- 55 "Puppy Love" singer
- 57 Director Kazan
- 58 Acronym associated with the economic bailout
- 60 Bard's dusk



Balderdash

The circled letters in each of the seven entries below will reveal a very strange yet very real word. First, complete the grid using the clues on the next page. Then, get out your dictionary (or pay a visit to Google) and match each word to its correct definition. (All the definitions are taken straight from the game.) The letters of the correct definitions, when read in clue order, will reveal a clue to a three-letter word.

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a) Surgical instrument stuck in the side of a cow to relieve gas pressure caused by overeating

b) The science of animal conversation

c) A tool used for making rope

d) Sideline noise that disturbs a radio or TV show production

e) The hair that grows on the back of the neck

f) The interweaving of tree branches

g) The odd feeling felt by certain people when handling fuzzy surfaces

h) A line on a weather map indicating thunderstorms

i) Curved wooden planks in the frame of a ship

j) A beard-growing contest

k) Losing one's eyebrows or eyelashes

l) In surfing, a loud, obnoxious person who has never actually surfed

m) Unable to pronounce the letter "s"

n) The science of deducing information from animal tracks

o) A rough bumpy surface on a pane of glass

p) The dust created by vehicles on dirt roads

q) Medical treatment of using raw meat, such as steak, on a black eye

r) A person paid to let people at carnivals throw balls at him

s) A bottle with a suction cup device that is used for catching insects

t) A spear used for eel fishing

u) Runty apples left on a tree after a harvest

v) Fortune-telling by watching bubbles rise in fountains

w) The reproductive arm of an octopus

x) A new growth of hair on the head

y) The palm of the hand or the sole of the foot

z) A variety of Australian palm tree

Did you know? Typing "define [word]" into Google will often call up definitions of that word from multiple dictionaries.

Balderdash

Across

- 1 Large stain
- 8 "You ___ one!"
- 13 Move a bit
- 18 Cheyenne allies
- 19 Fast-paced
- 20 Giant baddies
- 21 Lever, e.g.
- 23 More than happiness
- 24 Will's "Hitch" co-star
- 25 Collapses, with "over"
- 26 Locate precisely
- 28 Resident of Belgrade
- 30 Sales ___
- 31 Church section
- 32 Game that uses 32 cards
- 34 It's 23° 26' 22" north of the Equator
- 38 Wall St. debut
- 39 "Playhouse Disney" character
- 40 Prince Valiant's son
- 41 Anise liqueur
- 43 Trouble and Aggravation
- 46 Letters in old atlases
- 48 Little dog noises
- 51 Oath response
- 52 Law school requirement
- 55 MCII halved
- 56 Venomous reptiles
- 59 It's attached to a bridle
- 60 Its highest point is Jerimoth Hill
- 63 Mine material
- 64 ___ Men ("Who Let The Dogs Out?" band)
- 66 Shoebox letters
- 67 Oft-heard word in the 2008 presidential campaign
- 68 Holiday drink
- 69 Sign on to
- 72 Autobahn hazard
- 73 Under-the-crust material
- 75 Tawdry
- 77 Sow or cow
- 79 Part of an order
- 80 Cape ___
- 81 Local newspaper staffer

- 88 Greenhouse supply
- 90 Plot again
- 91 RFK Stadium player
- 92 Certain util.
- 94 Pot place
- 96 Columnist Molly
- 98 Itinerary word
- 99 Garbage or laundry conveyance
- 100 Activity for those who've been debriefed?
- 103 Tiny vents
- 104 Havens
- 105 Drivable, as a winter road
- 106 1940s blast
- 107 Citi Field player, for short
- 108 Many game show prizes

Down

- 1 Some encs.
- 2 Evergreen hedge shrub
- 3 Delilah in DeMille's film
- 4 Across from: Abbr.
- 5 Oration
- 6 "Ta!"
- 7 Cooking class
- 8 Saruman's soldiers
- 9 Short cry
- 10 What a light bulb might symbolize
- 11 Underling
- 12 Absolutely perfect, as a setting
- 13 Popular name with clowns
- 14 Wrinkly fruits
- 15 "Barnacle Bill," for one
- 16 Heavy-handed authority
- 17 Curvy shape
- 22 Iams alternative
- 27 Getting ready
- 29 Yawn causer
- 31 "Fortunate Son" band, for short
- 33 "Dracula" director Browning
- 35 Arty wannabe
- 36 Fast-paced comedy
- 37 King, in Portugal

- 42 Protein messenger
- 43 Bee Gees surname
- 44 Hit song from the album "Surfacing"
- 45 Personification of the environment, weather, etc.
- 46 Horseman, sometimes
- 47 Teams
- 49 First name in 50s politics
- 50 Makes a to-do list
- 53 One of the Chipmunks
- 54 Error signal
- 57 High school event
- 58 Dreamcast manufacturer
- 61 Unadulterated
- 62 Object hesitantly
- 65 Also
- 70 Party bowlful
- 71 What some movies offer
- 74 Pay to play?
- 75 Natural resin
- 76 Not intended for the long term
- 78 With it
- 79 Mean
- 82 Hints at
- 83 "Don't worry about me"
- 84 Be resentful of
- 85 Contributed to, as an account
- 86 Stage name of Cassandra Peterson
- 87 "The Story of Us" director
- 89 Casual bags
- 93 Cells
- 95 Give power to
- 96 Part of MIT
- 97 Blow forth
- 99 Financial fellow, briefly
- 101 Wedding announcement word
- 102 Sgt.'s underling

Pictionary

The twelve drawings on the next page represent words or phrases, which can be placed in the shaded rows and columns of the grid below. Each row and column will contain two entries; you'll have to figure out where they all go using the other entries as a guide. When you're done, the circled letters will spell out a clue to a three-letter word.

Across

- 1 Filled up
- 5 QB's try
- 7 Pretentious
- 11 Ticked
- 12 Part of una semana
- 13 Ending meaning "vista"
- 16 Wrestling maneuver
- 17 Want ad letters
- 18 Large reference sources, for short
- 19 Org. in Detroit headlines
- 20 Org. at Ames Research Center
- 22 Hershey brand
- 24 Buttoned-up
- 26 Orch. section
- 27 Safari chiefs
- 30 Zero
- 32 "___ and the Cruisers" (1983 movie)
- 34 911 respondent
- 39 Boozer's sound, maybe
- 40 Peninsula divided by the 38th parallel
- 41 Polite letter starter
- 42 At an angle
- 44 Kandinsky contemporary
- 46 Overseas reps: Abbr.
- 49 Road division
- 50 Some advanced degs.
- 52 Prefix with -man
- 53 Nickname for an 80s movie icon
- 55 Complete collection
- 57 Letter that resembles an upside-down V
- 61 Emphasized type, for short

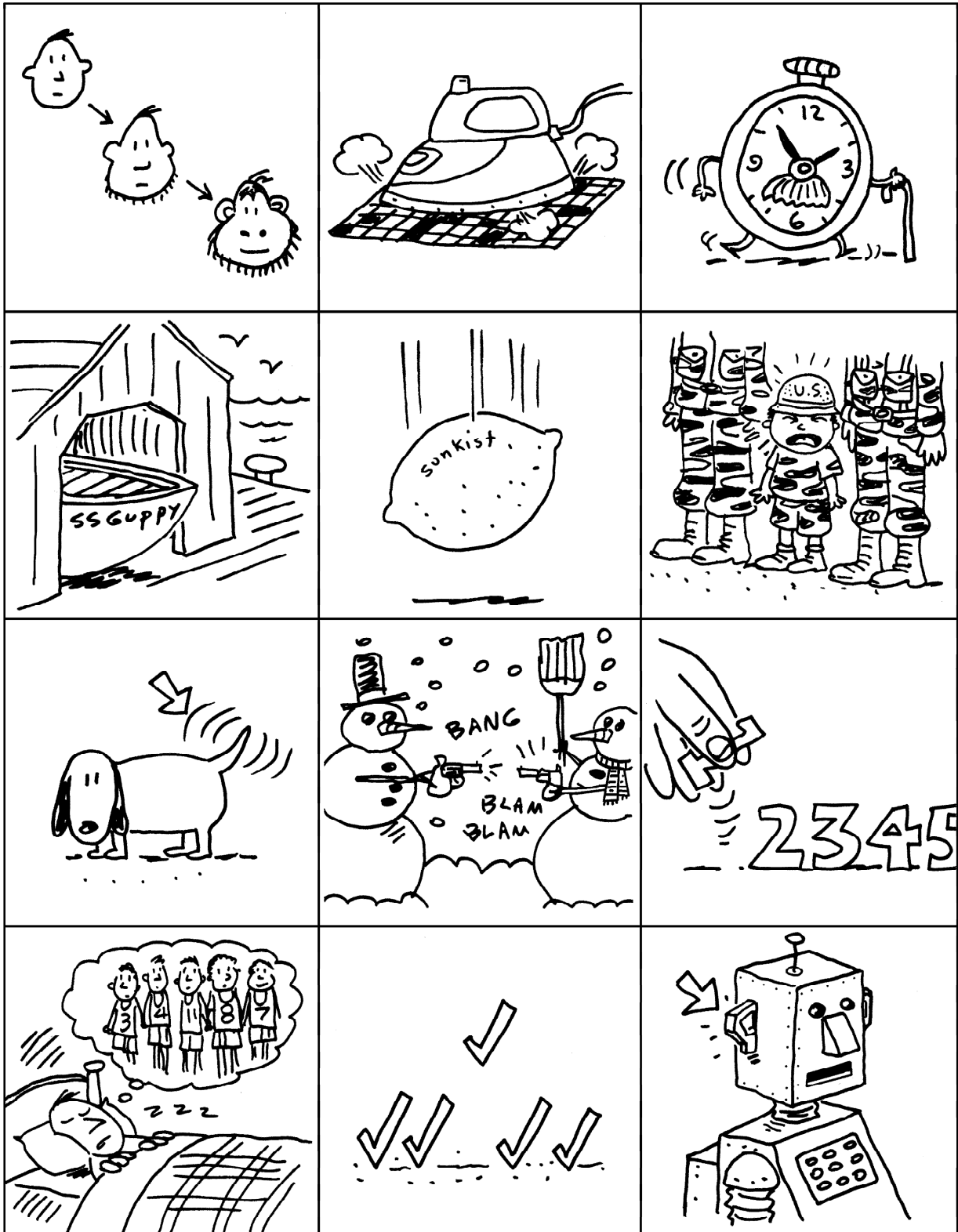
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- 62 Answer to the riddle "You lose it whenever you stand"
- 63 Woody's co-star, often
- 64 Word in a S.C. Johnson product name
- 65 Morns
- 66 In place
- 7 Enzyme suffix
- 8 Pepsi alternative
- 9 Certain side dish, in slang
- 10 Informal agreements
- 14 Genetic molecules
- 15 "The Love Bug"
- 21 Control
- 23 Country singer Buck
- 25 Alma mater for many an engr.
- 28 Musician's equipment
- 29 Marie, for one: Abbr.
- 31 Equate (to)
- 33 Gimli, in "The Lord of the Rings"
- 35 Words of surprise
- 36 Miniature, in miniature
- 37 Not ostentatious
- 38 Madre's sister
- 43 Late 50s scandal
- 45 ___ Alto
- 47 Finish
- 48 Made bubbly, in a way
- 51 Makes smooth
- 53 Storklike bird
- 54 ___ bene
- 56 "Enchanted" girl of children's lit
- 58 Early 16th-century year
- 59 Seabee's org.
- 60 Base cops, briefly

Down

- 1 Join
- 2 Money owed, old-style
- 3 JFK announcements
- 4 Athlete Sanders
- 5 Brouhaha
- 6 Mexican snack

Pictionary



Dungeons and Dragons

This grid is filled with monsters and other fantastic creatures! Clue answers are separated by bars, which you will have to add. (The grid is not symmetrical.) The five shaded rows each contain three creatures out of Dungeons and Dragons, and each set of creatures has a single letter in common. These letters, reading down, will spell out this puzzle's answer word.

Rows

- 1 Family nickname • "Extra ____" (food classification) • "Hubba hubba!"
- 2 "The Sopranos" actress de Matteo • Showed up • Aria from Verdi's "Un Ballo in Maschera" • Emeril's trademark interjection
- 3 Hydrocarbon suffixes • Forehead covering hairstyle • On a lease
- 4 Onetime television network • Doctor's order • Big ____
- 5 "Family Ties" mom • Investigates, say • Catherine ____ (Henry VIII's last wife)
- 6 Makes less bright • Some chains: Abbr. • Journalist Stewart or Joseph • Classic Jaguar
- 7 One-dimensional • Fragrant resins used in perfumes • Resident of the moon of Endor
- 8 Spanish pronoun • Hold in check • Heartburn • Store in a cellar, perhaps

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Columns

- 1 Electronic doodad • Sticks one's nose in
- 2 First of HOMES • Prefix with "pad" • Candle blower's thought
- 3 Final "A Chorus Line" number • Like a bassoon's music • Ray in the ocean
- 4 Solo men • Label for a coward • Audition for a role
- 5 One of the first inductees into baseball's Hall of Fame • Religious sch. • Vegas game
- 6 Apt call letters of a New York sports radio station • Right away • Flung
- 7 Beverly Cleary title character • Vaio maker • Central prefix
- 8 Lay ____ (do poorly) • Jabbers • Unit of force
- 9 Bakery tools • On ____ (moving fast) • Concern for a computer buyer
- 10 Item in a boot • Actor John ____-Davies • Key ____
- 11 ____ polloi • Refs, slangily • Tibia's site
- 12 Knee slapper • Sporty car roof feature • Benchmark: Abbr.
- 13 Former student, briefly • Linda in the "Monicagate" scandal • Back
- 14 "Watership Down" animal • Pre-takeoff route
- 15 Unadorned • "Listen!" • Draped clothing
- 16 Thanksgiving serving • Archbishop Edward of New York • Gave off foul odors

Mouse Trap

That last mousetrap, with the bowling ball and the diver, sure didn't work—there's always one mouse who gets away with the cheese—so I'm assembling a new one with the pieces shown on the next page. Answers to the Row clues should be placed one after another in the given row. The answers to the Pieces clues each begin in its appropriate numbered square. These pieces can then be placed in the grid, without flipping or rotating them, and will fill the square exactly.

You'll notice I'm baiting the completed mousetrap with no less than five kinds of cheese. Just place these like all the other pieces. But, hey! One letter from each cheese is missing! That darn mouse has already been here!

Rows

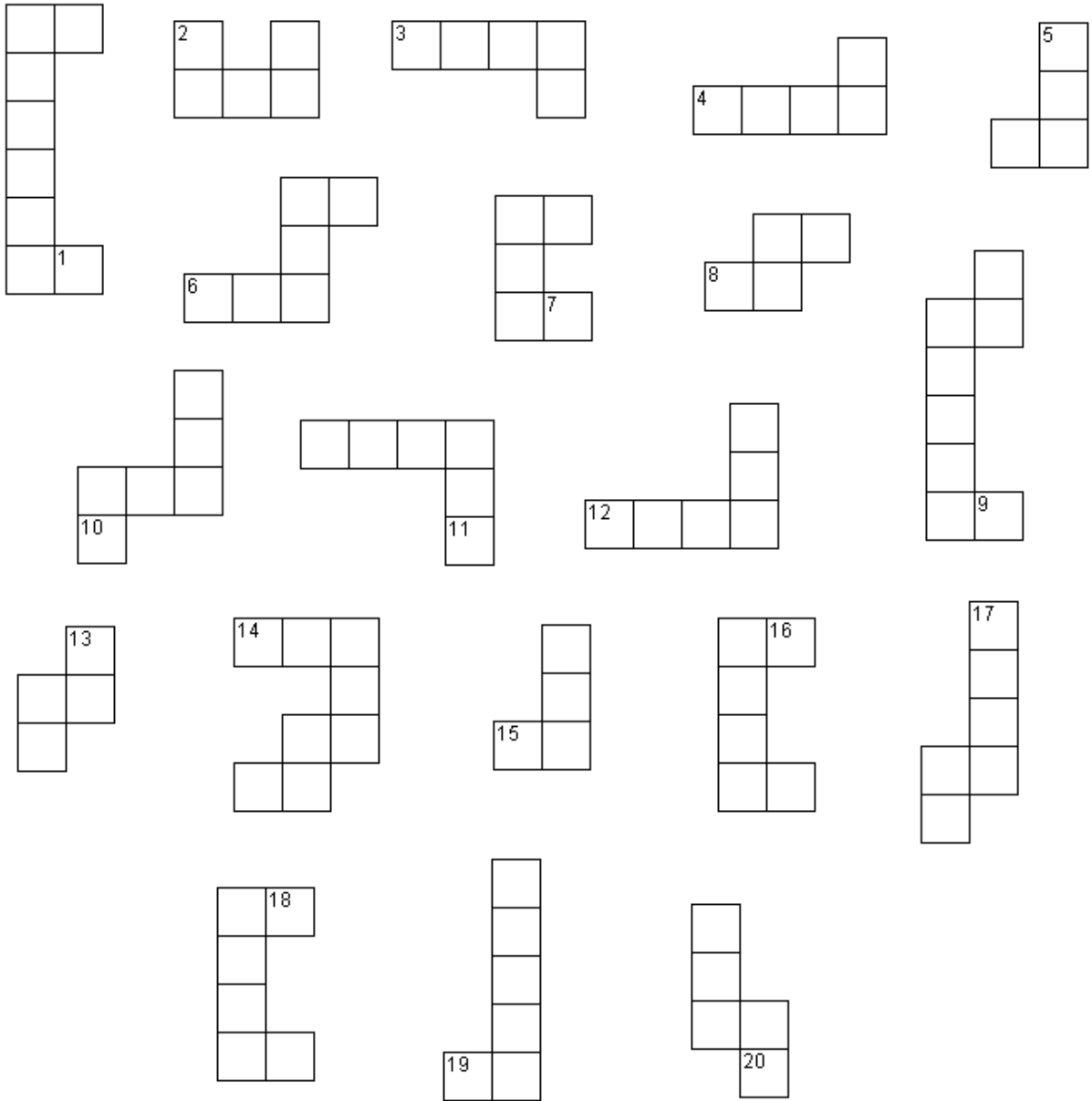
- 1 Like the five ball
Auto introduced in 1927
- 2 City that once had Clint Eastwood as its mayor
Flow back
- 3 Use, as a machine
Happiness and sadness
- 4 New settlement away from the main territory
Enjoy a book again
- 5 Certain massage
"Land" in France
- 6 Pitchfork part
Poison that is said to taste like almonds
- 7 Slow down, as growth
Housecleaner, at times
- 8 Anatomical opening
Propelled a boat
- 9 Imaginary circle connecting the Earth's poles
Actor Diggs of "Chicago"
- 10 Soon, poetically
Soup base
- 11 Will's preppy cousin on "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air"
Princess's headwear
- 12 Most likely to ask questions
More than enough

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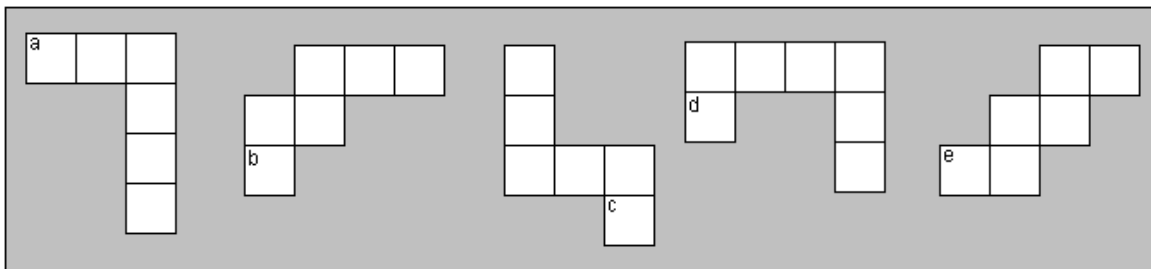
Pieces

- 1 Again
- 2 Made grain-sized
- 3 Icon on many a Christmas ornament
- 4 Florida home of Busch Gardens
- 5 Dossier
- 6 He's only kidding
- 7 Less often found
- 8 Actress Hayworth
- 9 "I can't do this!"
- 10 Audiophile's purchase
- 11 Glued shut
- 12 "Right away!"
- 13 Janet's "Rocky Horror" fiancé
- 14 Determine the problem
- 15 Time in office
- 16 Overly ornate
- 17 Formal order
- 18 Where new work sometimes arrives
(hyph.)
- 19 Told without authorization
- 20 Lover of Shakespeare?

Mouse Trap



The Cheeses:



Charades

Besides being a popular game, “Charades” are a popular form of wordplay, in which two or more words are put together to form a longer word or phrase. (Like MUST + ACHE = MUSTACHE.) The unclued words below, shown in the grid in grey, can be paired up to form six charades, which are themselves clued by this puzzle’s long theme entries. Each charade, however, is missing its starting letter—you’ll have to provide this. These letters, reading down in the same order as the definitions in the grid, will spell out your answer to this puzzle.

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Charades

Across

- 1 Is in charge
 6 Country singer
 Travis
 11 Feet, slangily
 15 Oscar nominee for
 "Finding
 Neverland"
 19 Freeze over
 20 Ancient Aegean
 land
 21 Award for small
 theaters
 22 Switch ending
 23 Charade #1
 26 *See instructions*
 27 Login need
 28 Three-faced
 goddess of
 witchcraft
 29 "Beau ____"
 30 Mix again
 32 Med. option
 33 Actress Charlotte
 35 Afr. neighbor
 36 *See instructions*
 39 Charade #2
 43 "____ of Varnish"
 (C.P. Snow's final
 novel)
 46 Animator's
 creation
 47 Supreme Court
 retiree of 2009
 48 A lot of food
 51 Compass pt.
 54 39.37 inches,
 approximately
 58 Charade #3
 61 *See instructions*
 62 Author and
 journalist Fallaci
 63 Parlor inits.
 64 Variety
 67 "Bird on ____"
 70 Part of a bouquet
 garni
 72 Edit menu option
 75 Participated in
 crew

- 76 Yoga energy
 center
 78 Goat's bleat
 80 Some fishermen
 82 *See instructions*
 83 Charade #4
 90 Captain Picard's
 destination,
 sometimes
 93 "Absolutely!"
 94 Kept from
 95 Vital vessels
 97 Gary Gygax's
 company, once
 99 Out in the sun
 longer, perhaps
 100 Charade #5
 107 *See instructions*
 108 Canoe need
 109 Stock unit, briefly
 110 CD follower
 111 50 meters, in
 many pools
 114 Hang loosely
 116 Best Supporting
 Actor of 1994
 118 Toyota model
 121 *See instructions*
 122 Charade #6
 126 Focal points
 127 Bayou danger
 128 Lift on the sly
 129 "I'm ____ here!"
 130 Woolly females
 131 Ho Chi ____
 132 Flexible joint
 133 *See instructions*

Down

- 1 *See instructions*
 2 Very light brown
 3 Wine sediments
 4 Thoughtful one
 5 Church top
 6 Connected with
 7 Hermione's friend
 8 Trisected
 9 *See instructions*
 10 Exercise with slow,
 balletic movements
 11 Strange and Who,
 for two

- 12 Wind in a pit
 13 Steve's
 "Parenthood" role
 14 Rep. counterpart
 15 Take-out order?
 16 Take-out item?
 17 One-time coffee
 substitute
 18 Tough problems
 24 PhD candidate's
 obligation: Abbr.
 25 Handle
 29 "Attack!"
 31 Company at the
 center of the
 Martha Stewart
 stock trading
 scandal
 33 Meet after some
 time
 34 *See instructions*
 36 Occurrences,
 slangily
 37 Legal org. that
 takes many cases
 pro bono
 38 Biblical kingdom
 east of the Dead
 Sea
 40 Run
 41 Work the stove
 42 *See instructions*
 44 Not home, say
 45 One making
 confetti, probably
 49 "Just so you know"
 50 Four Corners state
 52 Winter vehicle
 prefix
 53 Accusatory words
 55 Ski resort's need
 56 Buffalo's lake
 57 ____ McNally
 59 Destiny
 60 Dogpatch resident
 65 Bagel-shaped
 66 Bacon unit
 67 German
 interjections
 68 Smidgen

- 69 "____ Rock" (Paul
 Simon song)
 71 Coddle
 73 Sprint at top speed
 74 Quaint word on a
 sign
 77 Revolutionary of old
 79 Pub serving
 81 German one
 84 Massive, very hot
 celestial orb
 85 Bluish-green hue
 86 Basic Spanish verb
 87 One of Jon's pets
 88 Hip end
 89 One-third of a war
 movie
 91 "Go, team!"
 92 City on the Oregon
 Trail
 96 Take out of the race
 98 Bulk up
 100 Self-contained unit
 101 Peter of "Peter,
 Paul, and Mary"
 102 Mesmerized state
 103 Rice-a-____
 104 Hyphen's longer
 cousin
 105 Auction house
 transaction
 106 North Carolina
 college
 112 Journalist Joseph
 or Stewart
 113 ____ New Guinea
 115 Trident-shaped
 letters
 116 ____ Hubbard
 117 Opposed to
 119 Mil. program
 120 Museo contents
 122 End of the 19th
 century
 123 Jeremy's
 "Entourage" role
 124 *See instructions*
 125 Prof's helpers

Clue

Welcome to the home of our dear, departed Mr. Boddy! His murder was solved long ago—now it's time for the reading of the will. To discover what Boddy left for you, you'll need to once again explore his mansion.

The clues below are grouped according to room. In each room, clues are shown in order according to where their answers begin—first all the Acrosses, then the Downs. Each answer begins in its given room, though it may end in a different room. You'll have to use logic and good crossword thinking to figure out how all the answers fit together. The "walls" seen in the grid are only for your reference—answers will be separated by bars which you must add. (The finished puzzle will have standard crossword symmetry.) When the grid is complete, the circled letters, from left to right, will reveal what Mr. Boddy has left you. One word has been placed to get you started.

Study

- Clue weapon
- Jungle snake
- City with the CN Tower
- Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr., etc.
- ___ about (approximately)
- Golfer's goal
- Business school subj.

Library

- Put on paper
- Entirely in favor of
- Weapon stat
- Misfortunes
- Hibernation place
- Unregistered weapons?

Billiard Room

- X, in a signoff
- More than cold
- Bamboo and barley, for two
- Aesop animal
- Horrified
- Lifelong job
- Come back strong
- Trade fair, for short

Conservatory

- Cosmonaut Leonov
- Passed out
- Amateur

Ballroom

- Like Scrooge
- Baby's sound
- Kirk's enemy
- Move away fast
- Big mouth, slangily
- Some bikini bottoms
- Flats and pumps
- Spark a fire
- People online
- Lhasa ___

Kitchen

- Tidy
- Place for stubble
- Gymnast Korbut
- Single

Dining Room

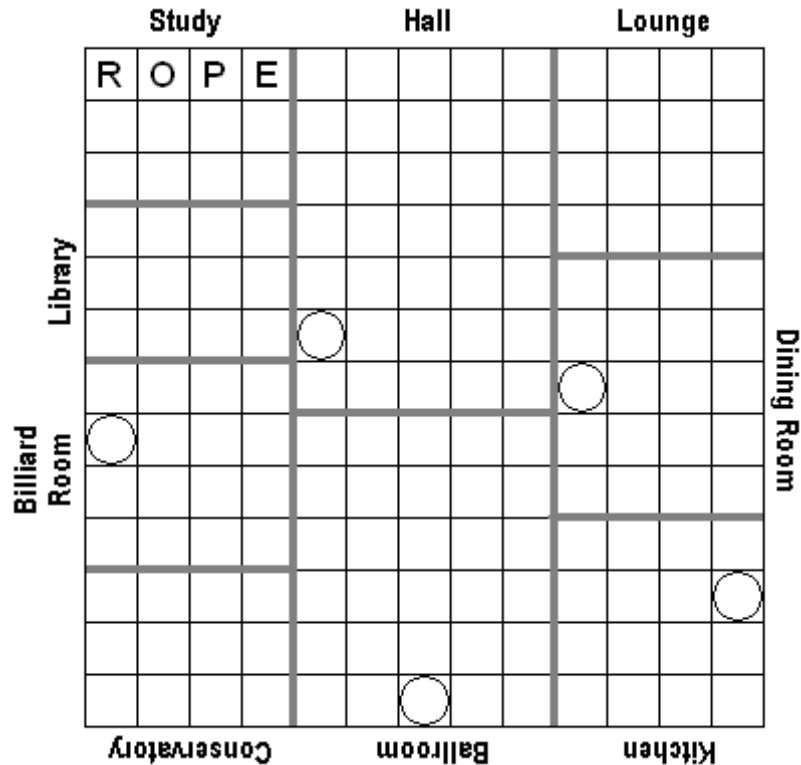
- Palm fruit
- Give commands
- "___ do"
- Famous ship of myth
- Driver's license prerequisite

Lounge

- Gush forth
- Shaker contents
- Indian honorifics
- 13th-century sculptor Nicola
- Bad bacteria
- Monster.com listing

Hall

- Give instruction
- Longtime role in daytime television
- Hoosgow
- Castaway's place
- Garden bloom
- Circular tube shape
- Worker's request
- Sidekick of 50s television
- Whole
- Big events
- Some medicines
- "I'm about to start!"
- Hat parts
- Large cuts of beef
- A pair beats it



Endgame

Time for the last game! You now have eight words, one for each of the previous puzzles. All the words can be found in the crossword below—but each word has had three more letters added to it, not necessarily consecutively. Find the correct entries and extract the three additional letters, keeping them in order. These eight three-letter groups can be rearranged to spell out a phrase well known to gamers everywhere. It will also describe what you'll do if you're the winner of my contest.

Across

- 1 Post office stamp
- 6 Fight
- 10 Lyle Lovett's record label
- 13 Gets used (to)
- 15 Secret weapon, so to speak
- 17 Aspired
- 18 Inopportune
- 19 Fire starter
- 20 "Be my guest"
- 21 Stone of note
- 23 Peyton's bro
- 24 Huge number
- 25 Theatrical divisions
- 26 Over
- 29 Sorority letter
- 30 Abbr. in a real-estate ad
- 31 Hoop sites
- 34 Sooner city
- 36 Member of the fam
- 38 Margaret Mitchell character
- 40 Brown on the grill
- 41 Lasting power
- 43 Brief sound of amusement
- 44 Rod of authority
- 47 First name in cartoon skunks
- 48 U.S. Army medal
- 51 Portuguese "she"
- 52 China's spot
- 54 Brown and Rose
- 57 Grant, with "upon"
- 58 Kit's counterpart
- 59 Prep school course, maybe
- 60 Uncannily depicts the spirit of
- 61 Big moments
- 62 Key, e.g.
- 63 Some lawyers: Abbr.
- 64 Grain disease

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Down

- 1 Divert one's attention
- 2 One of thirteen different kings in Ancient Greece
- 3 Stadium entrance blocker
- 4 Eats at
- 5 Support, as an embankment
- 6 Send elsewhere
- 7 Floating spores
- 8 Mutated gene
- 9 Prepaid fees
- 10 1984 Pulitzer winner for Drama
- 11 Statement of belief
- 12 Extend
- 14 Some queens?
- 16 Post-cold war inits.
- 22 Grocery store amenities
- 27 Skewed
- 28 Code sound
- 30 City east of Zaragoza
- 32 Nuking, perhaps
- 33 Uses, as a scale
- 35 Nordic airline
- 37 Problem
- 39 Dance craze of the 60s
- 42 Gal in many a WWII locker
- 45 Skipped a sound
- 46 Entree after some tapas, perhaps
- 47 Nag
- 48 M - CXCIX
- 49 Heads of Iran, once
- 50 Group of conspirators
- 53 Plunder, old-style
- 55 ___ Burgundy (Will Ferrell character)
- 56 Regularly scheduled meeting: Abbr.

