

# PUZZLE

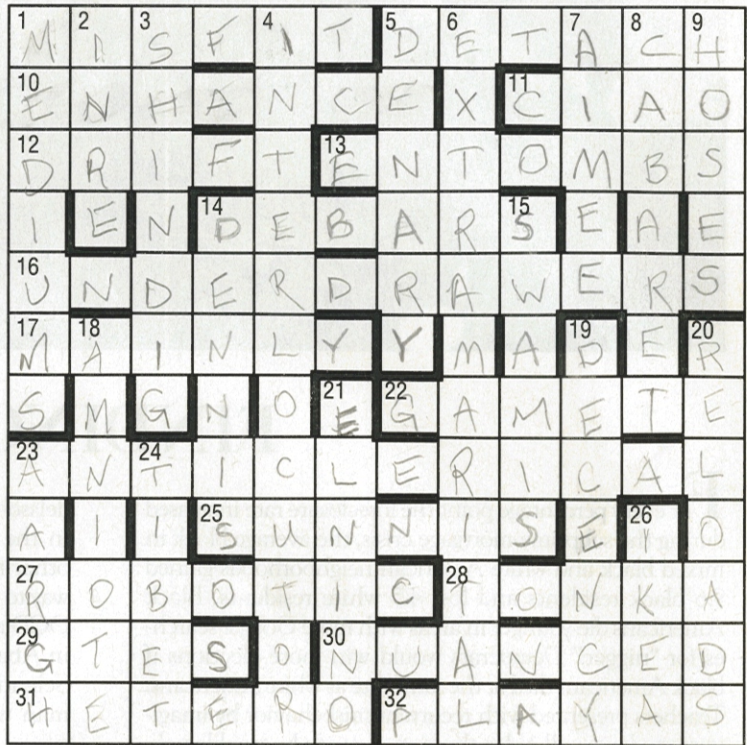
## SIXES AND SEVENS

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The clues to words of six and seven letters are grouped separately. Solvers must determine where each answer belongs in the diagram, using answers to the numbered clues as a guide.

Answers include eight proper nouns and three foreign words. Among the seven-letter words, (j) is uncommon. As always, mental re-punctuation of a clue is the key to its solution. The solution to last month's puzzle appears on page 92.



### ACROSS

- 11. Say, "Food, goodbye" (4)
- 12. Divorced, split—that's the general idea (5)
- 16. Where to file sketch artists or briefs? (12)
- 23. Opposed to a church prank, Holder in Los Angeles, left (12)
- 28. Toymaker's heart's set on kayaks? Just the reverse! (5)
- 29. Gets out of serious racing cars? (4)

### DOWN

- 2. Relative to rein in, reordering members (2,2)
- 4. Ragtag, not courtlier, minstrel (12)
- 6. Not in a union context, ram a Ritalin capsule inside (12)
- 7. Girl's goal—to be supported by electrical engineering (5)
- 9. Washes off not very sensible shoes (5)
- 23. Caught in bazaar, ghostly word from a pirate (5)
- 24. Land temperature I'll wager (5)
- 26. Store from which you can get one parrot (4)

### SIX-LETTER WORDS

- a) Wind and wind online (2,4) **EL NINO**
- b) Eccentric girl can't finish it after Friday **MISFIT**
- c) Cartoon kid fell down? No, up! **DENNIS**
- d) Butch is bored by one, for the most part **MAINLY**

- e) Mystical group started reeling, was in the present **SWAMI**
- f) Cell-phone app, like Angry Birds and The Disheartened **GAMETE** **DENARY**
- g) A right to have refuse placed outside ten times over **HETERO**
- h) Straight, not attached hereto **HETERO**
- i) Star turns, wrong for some Arabs **SUNNIS**
- j) Rules out where t' get de drinks? **DEBARS**
- k) Acted badly with end of paragraph cut off **DETACH**
- l) Gambol, like in dry beds **PLAYAS**

### SEVEN-LETTER WORDS

- a) Distributing \$100 bills among needy characters, that's a good quality **DECENCY**
- b) Ordeals after editing puts more in a magazine **RELOADS**
- c) Bearcat members turn out to be musical **CABARET**
- d) Crash dummies for midsizes **MEDIUMS**
- e) Steady, unwavering pinch of the ears **ROTTIC**
- f) Busted in nest, mob makes a grave decision **ENTOMBS**
- g) Bash in bone—get it together **SHINDIG**
- h) Given subtle distinctions, it's new on "st" sounds **NUANCED**
- i) Better—hence, an improvement **ENHANCE**
- j) Mammal, bird, or reptile: Am I not ridiculously English **AMNIOTE**

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