

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 six proper nouns, one of which is a foreign word. Among the six-letter words, the last is uncommon. As always, mental repunctuation of a clue is the key to its solution. The solution to last month's puzzle appears on page 86.



ACROSS

- 11. Island qualified for a return visit (4) *elba*
- 12. Prosecute common writing being deleted, and winning (4) *cute*
- 16. Pop quiz, I'd learnt, leaves us put out (12) *tranquilized*
- 23. Argonauts animated with CGI getting to look better than reality (12) *sugarcoating*
- 28. Tweets back during a short drive (4) *spin*
- 29. Cripples miss the first targets (4) *aims*

- I'll go over a letter if there's mutual dissatisfaction *unlaut*
- Lassies take part—the rest is obvious! *siesta*
- Result uncertain? You're putting me on! *ulster*
- Science is never-ending, mutable, and beautiful *scenic*
- Speedo worn to make a statement *depose*
- Lines within lines: Tanzania *stanza*
- Description of a knockout is, up-front, spot-on *adonis*
- Mental state produced by bad translation of Proust? *stupor*
- Nest, for example, grey but obscured *eggery*

DOWN

- 2. Cellule's structure starts a month back (4) *elul*
- 4. The rear of the Deer House at the zoo? (12) *hind quarters*
- 6. Adventurous, careless camper would not want to leave this behind! (12) *trailblazing*
- 7. Mention conspiracies to Jews, have an attack (5) *plotz*
- 9. Crying, bust out from a center (5) *rayed*
- 23. Place, dates, travels (5) *stead*
- 24. Family member to bump into family doctor outside (5) *gramp*
- 26. Landing promotional representation that is included (4) *pier*

SEVEN-LETTER WORDS

- a. Secretly starting to drink too much, put a drop here and there *stipple*
- b. A heart for one day—disheartening material *organdy*
- c. Dirty delivery room is one! *obscene*
- d. Besmirch, traduce, a place where Lincoln practiced *decatur*
- e. Everyone very on, turning into great mess—it's a case for showing off *etagere*
- f. The patch of sky—odds are there's something brewing in it (3,4) *tea cosy*
- g. Permit that leads to a dance—you have to do it again (3,4) *let ball*
- h. Minidisc and LED screens checked eggs for freshness *candled*
- i. Lost initially during Ice Age, sadly mournful *elegiac*
- j. Cop who is up for love in a crazy minute *mountie*

SIX-LETTER WORDS

- a. Wanting something from Oscar ceremony *scarce*
- b. I'd help digging up an archaeological site *delphi*
- c. Cut the head off fruit, get more fruit *ananas*

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