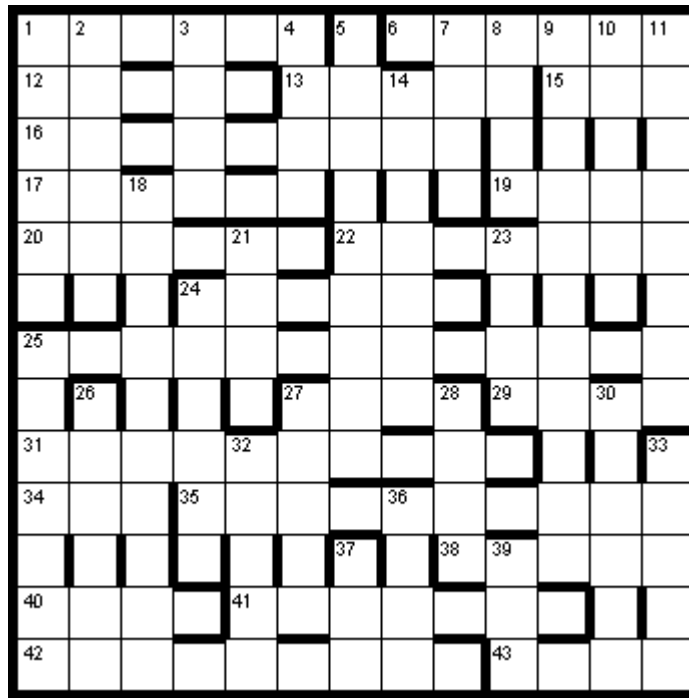


By exercising 25 Across, differently each time, the solver must convert ten answers into new words prior to entry.



Across

- 1 In retreat, army's leader captures ancient city
- 6 "ABCs"? "ABCs" is wrong
- 12 Prate nonsensically, but have a point
- 13 Stare, turning page
- 15 For the most part, observe logical operator
- 16 Abnormal somewhat for a Luger, ridiculously recoiling
- 17 Select the French relish ingredient
- 19 Impromptu facade uses travertine
- 20 Stories about a hospital in a city in Pakistan
- 22 Irritated husband interrupted, spilling decaf
- 24 Imitative selection, back to front
- 25 *See instructions*
- 27 Bachelor with ring...
- 29 ...initially serenades attractive girl; extremely wise
- 31 Proving wrong official at Union Station initially stepped out
- 34 Teddy Roosevelt welcomes a sailor
- 35 Master chef's meat unsatisfactory, ditzy blond admitted (2 wds)
- 38 One who blindly follows single Dickens character
- 40 Sticky stuff ultimately clogged well
- 41 Checks back about pitcher, one firing bullets
- 42 UFO's core melted, certainly (2 wds)
- 43 Reportedly consider cheese-making byproduct

Down

- 1 Dot's second drink
- 2 Father, hair pulled back, is an outcast
- 3 Strong odor from waterway behind cabin's entrance
- 4 Villa guest has shivering fit
- 5 Colombian city blanket protecting cold, colorful feline (2 wds)
- 7 Shockingly far out hairstyle
- 8 Government office determined to accommodate area
- 9 Having eligibility for coverage (including Jeff, not Jack) withdrawn is very hard to take
- 10 Lawman's color
- 11 Led astray after sending up missiles, favor opposing views
- 14 Note young man accepting greeting with style
- 18 "Wild Orchid", flop for adults only?
- 21 Northern law enforcement agency shortly returns letters from Philip McRae
- 23 Dogs, e.g., walk backwards
- 24 Couples from Europe nurture chef, one lacking certain equipment?
- 25 Hitchcock film's short version I got redistributed
- 26 Learn about Hall of Fame capturing attention (2 wds)
- 27 Stop running with nobleman
- 28 Puts on Mafia leaders
- 30 Balkan country's section of filigree ceiling
- 32 Trunk's gnarled roots
- 33 Swollen, like a magic dragon?
- 36 My bad interminable parody turned up
- 37 Top-notch rare melody
- 39 Discussed Mr. Grant's cut