

## Party Time

**MOST ACTUARIES ARE SERIOUS PARTY ANIMALS**, so I've devoted this puzzle to parties. No tricks, no hidden messages: Just fill out the diagram in a straightforward way. And bring the parties to life!

There are several proper nouns, all fairly common, except 18D, which is somewhat obscure. All other words are playable in Scrabble. However, two of these words are unusual (17A and 35A), and one is archaic (32A).

The clues are cryptic clues. This means that one end is a fairly straightforward definition of the answer, while the other is an alternative, often mechanical, way of getting to the same word. In this puzzle, the mechanical means I use may include puns, homophones, anagrams, constructions, and double definitions. (For a further explanation of cryptic clues, e-mail me at

Thomas.Toce@ey.com.) Ignore punctuation, which is intended to mislead.

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### Across Clues

3. Secret ID unscrambled one element at a time
8. Depose stranger in a bathing suit
10. It's a gas—characteristic of absurd one-act
11. Fricassée? No, a purée for Angela Merkel or Gordon Brown
12. Devilry lacking malice is wearisome
14. Flappable Lapp left out of legend
17. Sonically, Seal put something

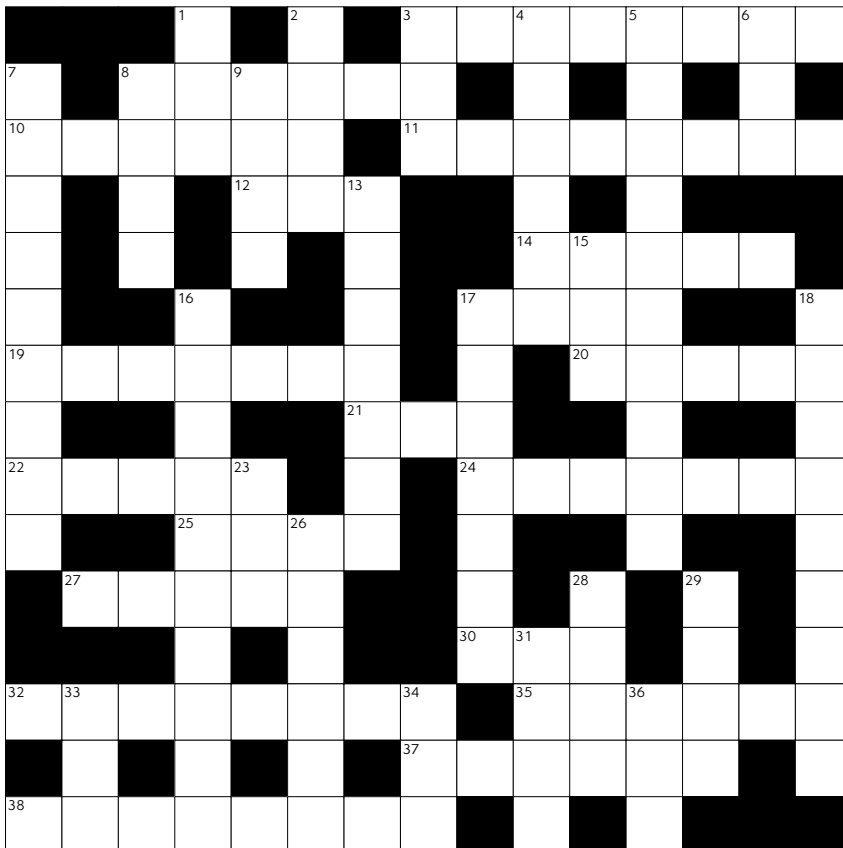


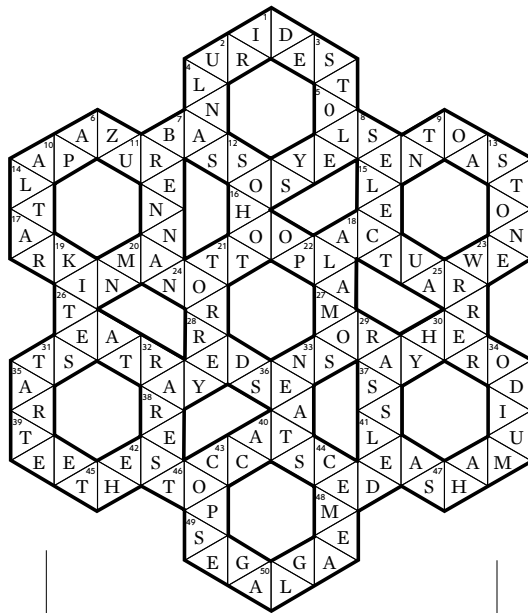
over our heads

19. Permit cooties no satisfactory entrance
20. The sound machine began here, with alto interrupting Mimi
21. Not one sound, sister
22. Party of bishops do New York Saturday, from the East Side to the West Side
24. Hello, a falsehood, they say: the fastest sport in the world
25. Gets hold of police officers
27. Mockery made of face-saving run
30. Born with knee cap falling off
32. Frequently emit soft plastic
35. Wrongdoing one found in Ukrainian peninsula
37. Popular here to be present at birth
38. Carries out former spouses embracing—cute

### Down Clues

1. Renewing Pa's health club
2. Number one retired for Duke
3. Homeric expression uttered by female animal
4. Conflict in street? Very common
5. Around alehouse: something that survives one major party
6. Ate nuts at a party with a lot of nuts
7. Sot taking uplifting drug left party
8. If pot's turned up—arrest
9. Repairs after morning is over
13. Enemy is tortured by some Middle Easterners
15. Goal is return of soldier who may have been captured
16. Warped comedic art appealing to the masses
17. Prisoner and little woman at home become one
18. Third party in 1948 (of 509, that is) with heads of Cuba, Russia, and Tunisia
23. A dwarf said, "Stay"





- 26. Allow hair treatment method by that one
- 28. Our family is—or used to be
- 29. Mild cooked meat
- 31. Joe chose, not José, to say something again
- 33. Female bovine is lost, man
- 34. Hitler’s squad surrounding me and sibling
- 37. Yo! Regarding anger?

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**Uphill Clues**

- 4. LURID—Homophone of “lure id” (“Attract pleasure seeker”)
- 11. URBAN—TURBAN - T
- 14. LA PAZ—LA (“note to follow so”) + PA (“Dad”) + Z (“the first of zillions”)
- 15. LENTO—LENT (“Forty days of every year”) + O (“start of one”)
- 16. HOSTELS—Homophone of “hostiles” (“Enemy forces”)
- 22. PLACE—P (“Pimlico’s first”) + LACE (“tie”)
- 24. NOT TOO—N(OTTO)O (“No—over Otto”)
- 25. ARWEN—“New Ra” reversal
- 26. TIN MAN—Anagram of “at Minn”
- 35. AT SEA—Anagram of “a seat”
- 36. SENSOR—Anagram of “snores”
- 37. SAY HEY—Anagram of “Yay! He’s”
- 38. RAYED—RAY (“Kroc”) + ED (“Koch”)
- 45. THESE—Anagram of “sheet”
- 46. TOCATA—Anagram of “Oct. act a”
- 47. SHAMU—SHAMUS (“Dick”) – S
- 48. MEDEA—Anagram of “edema”
- 50. ALGAE—A + LGA (“New York airport”) + E (“experience ending”)

**Downhill Clues**

- 1. ID EST—Anagram of “tides”
- 5. OLSEN—Hidden in “Interpol’s enquiry”
- 6. AZURE—Homophone of “as your” (number in diagram misplaced)
- 7. BASSOS—BAS (“College degrees”) + SOS (“help”)
- 9. TOAST—TO + A + ST (“saint”)
- 16. HOOLA—Pun on “Hoop L.A.” (“Los Angeles basketball team”)
- 17. ARKIN—Hidden in “parking”
- 18. ACTUARIES—ACTUALLY with R (“right”) substituted for LL (“For long? Law?”)
- 20. MANOR—MAN (“Mouse alternative”) + OR
- 26. TEA TRAY—TEAT (“Bust”) + RAY (“a small amount of hope”)
- 27. MORAY—Homophonic pun on “more A!” (“Higher grades in ESL!”)
- 28. RED SEA—Homophone of “Read ‘C’”
- 30. HEROD—HERO (“Leander’s lady”) + D (“died”)
- 39. TEETH—Homophone of “t<sup>th</sup>” (“twentieth,” as in a series)
- 40. ATONED—Anagram of “Donate”
- 41. LEASH—Anagram of “shale”
- 42. ESTOP—Anagram of “poets”
- 49. SEGAL—SE (“Southeast”) + GAL (“lady”)

**Straight Down Clues**

- 2. ULNAS—Anagram of “Luna’s”
- 3. STOLE—Double definition
- 7. BRENNAN—NAN following BREN
- 8. SELECT—CEL (“animation unit”)

- reversed inside SET (“Edition”)
- 10. ALTAR—Homophone of “alter” (“Change”)
- 12. SO HOT—SO(H)OT (“Soot covering Hathaway’s head”)
- 13. STONE—Anagram of “tones”
- 18. ALAMOS—A LA (“like”) + MOS (“moss when pruned”)
- 19. KITES—Double definition
- 21. TORREY—Homophone of “Tory” with apologies to Miss Spelling for misspelling Tori
- 23. WRYER—First letters of “wild robins—y’ever eat robin”
- 29. RASLED—Anagram of “Sal’s Red”
- 31. TASTE—TA(S)TE (“British gallery displaying satisfactory”)
- 32. RAREST—Anagram of “raters”
- 32. NEAT-O—Anagram of “At one”
- 34. ODIUM—Homophone of “Odie, um” (“Garfield’s best friend, er”)
- 43. COPSE—Homophone of “cops” (“Good and bad partners”)
- 44. NEMEA—Anagram of “enema”

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