

Cubism

ALL THE ANSWERS WILL BE SCRAMBLED before you enter them into the faces of the cube below. There are five “across” clues and five “down” clues for each face. Three of the cube’s faces can be seen: the front, the top, and the right-hand faces. The across and down clues are therefore ordered for those faces. The left-hand, the back, and the bottom faces can’t be seen, and the proper order for their clues is for you to determine.

As an act of mercy for those solvers who’d like the order of the hidden faces, they are printed upside down below. Let me know whether you solved without these hints, and I’ll cite you accordingly.

Adjacent squares from different faces hold the same letter. Thus, the third letter in the first across clue for the front face, which I’ll call a.3, will be the same as the third letter in the last across clue for the top face, which I’ll call 6.3. The two answers at each joint will, therefore, be anagrams (e.g., front a and top 6, top 5 and right-hand a, etc.).

All 26 letters appear in this puzzle, which I thought would be another big help.

There are only two pure proper nouns. A few others occur, either as one part of a double definition or, in one case, a common word that happens to be a proper noun, as clued. Otherwise, there are only two unusual words. One follows from a double definition clue in which one of the definitions leads to an archaic spelling of a common word. The other leads to a somewhat unusual word.

It’s among the bottom across clues. The other is just an uncommon word, coming from the left-hand down clues.

Please submit just your word lists. If you send the letters filled in to the faces, it will take too long for me to grade them.

Across

Front square

- “Forward, troops,” bellows Augie
- From 3 to 7, Moshe epitomizes those who follow rules blindly
- Regan stirring irritation
- Gurgling bass in tidal area
- Miser badly flounders

Top square

- Having lines dictated
- Common houseplant I for nought train
- Race to put down another bunt?
- Proceed slowly on murmuring brook
- During stemwinder, see harm in appeal

Right-hand square

- Christian, toss your cookies to Meany
- Loudly interferes with award
- Weird lake effect originally happens first
- If you listen, chicks sound sleazy
- As being inside San Diego police force

Left-hand square

- Hero-worship overheard at an opening
- Am I no organic compound?
- Stood on a big island, mostly
- Pale Fire—penetrating new twist
- Hides in Kansas after lurid primitive instincts removed

Back square

- Sharing a position in prison
- On the net, you are led around and tempted
- Tends bar at raucous little holes
- Still up one queen before being taken for a ride
- One flower blossomed

Bottom square

- Sounds like another of Frost’s!
- Very old uranium, middle grade—hard at first to bear testimony
- Goes with some fruits
- Lots of sugar and acne’s awful
- Leave a job the last of June? Absolutely

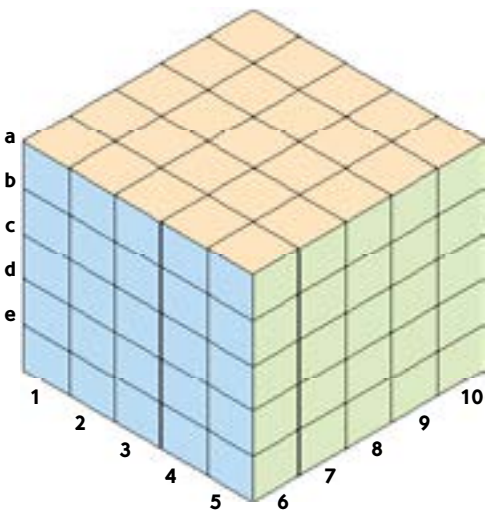
Down

Front square

- Entails sufficient resources
- Smirks, by golly, at first Republican office-holders
- Rocker with conservative hair
- Coal from shaft with no opening
- Photograph a sequence featuring a particular state in a regular cycle

Top square

- Row yesterday laughed a little late
- One confronting a bit of sofa celebration



The clues shown correspond to these rows and columns:
 Left-hand square across: a, e, c, b, d
 Back square across: c, a, d, e, b
 Bottom square across: 6, 8, 7, 9, 10
 Left-hand square down: 7, 9, 8, 10, 6
 Back square down: 1, 2, 4, 3, 5
 Bottom square down: 1, 2, 4, 3, 5



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3. You might say it starts Le Car, Luciano?
4. Places on the moon with some horses
5. He said you rang with an abrupt, unsteady movement

Right-hand square

6. Odd shape for clumps
7. Paid to work in Hawaii and sun-burned
8. Cruel, rotten, and filthy stuff
9. Supercomputers humming in frenzy
10. Furnish a smart-ass remark on the internet?

Left-hand square

- Relax, plastic is easier
- Chinese vessel left New England aroused
- Streamlet upset Bruno
- More than one spoke with love for me by wireless

- Celebrities' manes getting tossed

Back square

- Cartoon explorer consuming one famous shipwreck, Andrea
- Sets calibration Tuesday around four at the latest
- Rip Torn's shot of hooch
- Jovial mule showing over time a bit of horsepower
- Stimulate to the point of maximum intensity, orally

Bottom square

- Me, complain? In Hebrew? To a Jewish mother-in-law?
- Cut that is beautiful
- Onassis dropped out of most conservative bureau
- Veers wildly at present
- Muscles from greens

Thanks to Eric Klis and Bob Fink, for test-solving and editorial suggestions.

Solutions may be e-mailed to Thomas.Toce@ey.com. In order to make the solver list, your solutions must be received by **March 31, 2011.**



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Answers to Previous Issue's Puzzle—Ars Poetica

The 14 anagrammed cities:

1. Paris
2. Tokyo
3. Munich
4. Oslo
5. Brussels
6. New York
7. Madrid
8. Helsinki
9. Rome
10. Amsterdam
11. Stockholm
12. Montreal
13. Birmingham
14. Washington

Solvers

Alan Aakre, Steve Altschuld, Dean Apps, Jenny Aronsohn, Guy Avagliano, Mike Bergerson, Damian Birnstihl, Andy Boyer, Bob Camp, Lois Cappellano, Alan Clark, Tim Connor, Ron Curran, Todd Dashoff, Mick Diede, Gregory Dreher, Mathew Eberhardt, Deb Edwards, David Ellsworth, Bob Fink, Tim Fitzgibbons, Nick Franceschine, Jerry Francis, Michael Greaves, Paul Haley, Rich Harder, David Harris, Jason Helbraun, Pete Hepokoski, Loretta Jacobs, Ruth Johnson, Jim Kahn, Brian Klimek, Eric Klis, Paul Kolell, Feriz Kurtaljevic, Andrew Martin, Lee Michelson, Jim Muza, Anil Narale, Ray Niswander, Chris Norman, Joshua Parker, Alan Putney, Rich Reese, Victor and Erin Rutherford, Lou Scarim, Craig Schmid, Bill Scott, Ian Smith, Glen Stark, Michael Thomas, Betsy Uzzell, Ben Walker, Joshua Wallace, Dave Wallman, Ernie Wilson, Arlene Woodruff, Wayne Worley

Thirty-six of 59 correct solvers reported times. The average reported time was 27.5 minutes. I know some of the unreported times were longer than an hour, and I suspect most of them were higher than average. The three fastest were Andy Boyer

at nine minutes, Todd Dashoff at 10, and Deb Edwards, whose precision is to be applauded, at 11:36. I just guessed when I wrote that 14 minutes would be the expert level. Six more of you came in between Deb and 14 minutes, and they were Nick Franchesine, Eric Klis, and Joshua Parker at 12 minutes, Paul Haley at 12:25, Frank Zaret at 13, and Bob Fink at 13:15. Eric and Bob test-solve for me, and I know them to be experts, so I stand by my wild guess.

Victor and Erin Rutherford also came in at 12 minutes, but they did it as a pair. I think it's nice for a brother and sister to be so close (or maybe they're married, which is even nicer!) but I do think it invalidates their score for this purpose. A special mention should go to Jenny Aronsohn, who did it in 16—but that's 16 years, folks. I assume Jenny saw *Contingencies* lying around the Aronsohn household. Ben Walker also wrote me that he saw the puzzle in his father's copy. Corrupting the young is a long-standing goal of mine, so thanks for your help with that, everybody. □