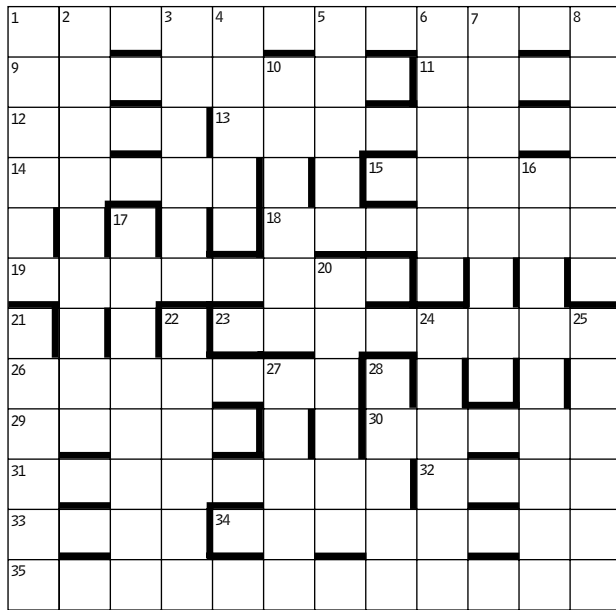


# AZED No. 2,152 Plain COMPETITION PUZZLE



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## ACROSS

- \*1 A pompous ass (12, 2 words)  
 9 It included tachisme a long time back, about shipshape, right? (8, 2 words)  
 11 Dancer coming from behind tree (4)  
 12 Left tucking into extra, not finished, enjoyable (4)  
 13 Clamour about split power – it enlarges the breach (8)  
 14 Fluctuate irregularly in grotesque gyrations (5)  
 15 Second drink leading to a bit of flirting (5)  
 18 Rotter blushing about career in retirement (7)  
 19 Dry-eyed aristo given run-around by tragic heroine (8)  
 23 Copper's excited with end of beat in sight (8)  
 26 Slight strain shown by porcelain getting 'eaten inside' (7)  
 29 Instruction activating others buried in conundrum (a crossword?) (5)  
 30 Something attractive in old gallery (5)  
 31 Aussie cowboys using nets with 1,000 head of cattle, OK? Not OK (8)  
 32 Like gunslinger's pistol, murder round its muzzle? (4)  
 33 Old age indicating an end of hygiene? (4)  
 34 Alternative to bridge shows signs of wear – more than one period of origin (8)

## AZED 2,149 Solution & notes

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S	O	L	D	I	F	I	S	S	I	L	E
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**Across** 1, as handcar(t) in cry; 12, pert(ise); 14, a in anag.; 16, i.e. Dec. ry.; 18, deat(h) in i.e.; 19, anag. less here; 21, peag in opus (rev.); 24, a in tots; 30, i.e. lamb.

**Down** 3, anag. in hod; 4, i.e. nic(k) + A d; 5, nil (rev.) in darg; 6, i.e. Clow; 8, r + Aintree; 11, Esc (computer key) in red ribes; 17, quat in eon; 22, p Rolls (Royce); 23, ref. Rick Stein, TV chef; 25, an in je (Fr. = I); 27, first letters.

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35 Emirates unusually caught by rigged vote – it errs on the high side (12)

## DOWN

- 1 Wastes broken gadget for positioning teeth (6, 2 words)  
 2 Early artistic ornament from Turkey quite bamboozled artist (9)  
 3 Dullness evident in current fashion, European (6)  
 4 Nonsense from the past dug out in post-school learning (5)  
 5 Frozen granules of a kind forming diamonds on small branches (5)  
 6 'Crazy' path through what fixes cloche's position? (6)  
 7 Reclaim difficult child gaining in years (8)  
 8 Religious instruction received by militant Rajputs (6)  
 10 Indiaman summoning up colourful pictures? (6)  
 16 N. Yorks resort, favourite 'territory' for VIPs (9, 2 words)  
 17 Siren, one in devious chorale (8)  
 20 Son's heading for wood, rarely drenched (6)  
 21 Jock's disfigured his slates covering house (6)  
 22 Ten of a kind taking part in summer ceremony (6)  
 24 Gym learner clumsy? A bit (6)  
 25 Does it give one temperature, with dissipated zest and energy? (6)  
 27 Wool stuff, one found in Scots headgear (5)  
 28 France opposed to some Ghanaians (5)

*The Chambers Dictionary (2011) is recommended.*