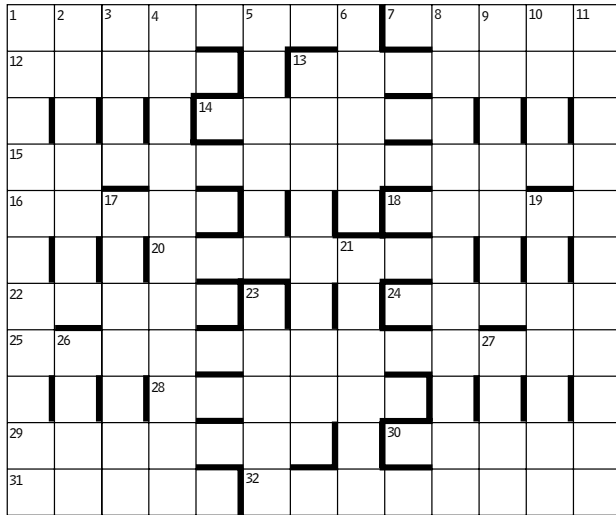


AZED No. 2,244 Plain COMPETITION PUZZLE



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ACROSS

- 1 Tell, when brought before head? It offers security of various kinds (8, 2 words)
- 7 Stamp with foot running lap round gym (5)
- 12 No. 1 in charts available for sale, including new number (5)
- 13 Channel for ground grain, distance about 80 yards (or more) (7)
- 14 Hazel's pretty pendants, ornamental in large measure (6)
- 15 Misled about gold, might trust a 'miracle-worker' (13)
- 16 Stripy fish, caught by sorcery? (5)
- 18 Opening sought by marketing men, kind that's hard getting in (5)
- 20 Left-overs? Recipe I used cooking with one (7)
- 22 Asteroid string by the sound of it (5)
- 24 Cheeky underling turned hearts (5)
- *25 A trendsetter (13)
- 28 Alluvial deposits from lake filled round fringes (6)
- 29 Palm tree root shifted relative position (7)
- 30 Vatican hall excluding RA, troubled (5)
- 31 Variant of disputed Shakespearean term: note received interpretation (5)
- 32 One among contemporaries of Auden, W. H.? They're exhausting (8)

AZED 2,241 Solution & notes

P	I	C	K	M	A	W	F	L	A	S	K
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Across 13, Hin tai; 14, lo in ho, maid; 17, n a + a r in vin; 19, nut an + t; ref. saying: 'Even Homer nods'; 21, f + at hom(e); 25, a prop + os (= outside); 28, ut² in diable; 29, first letters; see asclepiad²; 31, acre on in antic; 32, gent(l)y.

Down 3, anag. in kale; 4, mill-(RAC)e; 5, Tony m in a nous; 6, O in fed; serve = give food to; 7, u in ashra(m); 8, ea in swings; 9, i.e. Sir K(enneth) (rev.); 12, anag. in pool; 15, carat (rev.) in Cats; 16, paid² (rev.) + hone²; 22, t + Royan (Charente Maritime); 24, bed (rev.) + ris(ing); 28, do + ry.

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DOWN

- 1 Boer transport to block other vehicles circling junction? (11, 2 words)
- 2 Road hazard mostly Scots endure after work's reversed (7)
- 3 Local units (monetary), Armenian primarily (4)
- 4 They grant authority to Crown investigators, upsetting Ironside about new Queen (11)
- 5 Edible bulb, coloured, on top of heap (6)
- 6 It's posted by admirer, youngster that's burning inside? (5)
- 8 After delay I appear, paid to come round, taken from others' work (11)
- 9 Inspiration for heroic opera record turning up – does it culminate in bloomer? (7)
- 10 Unfledged bird always reared in centre of nest (4)
- 11 Company stationery perhaps, one allowing varied shade (11)
- 13 Convert (in a way) disturbed at CE rite after mass (9)
- 17 Shaver mostly made to divide half of sweet exactly – it's very hard (7)
- 19 Cocotte? This woman's filled with wild lust (7)
- 21 Relieve of local tax under a tenancy in part (6)
- 23 Facile, not born in the States, they're not much to look at! (5)
- 26 Something like conductor's baton, length reduced in composition of Ravel (4)
- 27 Example of the blues is devastating to the ears (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.