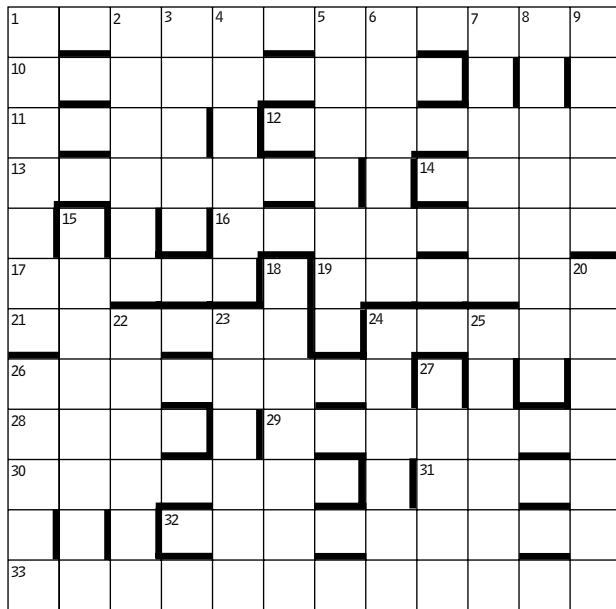


# AZED No. 2,261 Plain COMPETITION PUZZLE



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## ACROSS

- 1 Stone worker in having practical skills round furniture piece (12, 2 words)
- 10 Throw rake about creating embankment (9)
- 11 Slight speech defect? (4)
- 12 Precautionary parade getting back up (7)
- 13 Unreal monster, allure reversed with SA bird around (7)
- 14 Pope, maybe? If I can't he may modify pontificate (4)
- 16 Former queen, wife taken aback regarding codicil? (8)
- 17 I have a fling pursuing 'Dead Gorgeous' (8)
- 19 Section of student intake that may succumb to drill? (6)
- 21 A doctor taking time in circumlocution (6)
- 24 'Totem' car? It could be *this*, MOT ploughed! (5)
- 26 Village leader succeeded with cunning restricting saltworks (8)
- 28 College head applying pressure to old-style pranks (4)
- 29 Beloved abandoning first notion to settle (7)
- 30 Recipe with offal – shows one's hungry! (7)
- 31 What's replaced woad? It makes some Roman ill-at-ease (4)
- 32 Help Diane swimming – she's ungainly in the water (9)
- \*33 The criminal world (12)

## AZED 2,258 Solution & notes

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**Across** 1, lush in brose; 11, (t)alkie; 21, (f)oyer; 22, anag.; sv scala; 25, in in later (qv); 26, E tainet (all rev.); 31, t+reck (less); 35 n CE in Clares.  
**Down** 1, bo + sat. TV in anag.; 3, Kin sug(a R); 4, hil nay ana; 5, r + TT in eery; 7, cf. Plato; 8, ay un in pice; 14, anag. less E in pus; 16, end (rev.) in glass; 24, i.e. (Fe)licit(y); 28, tea, weed = marijuana; 30, mane(s).

## Rules and requests

Send correct solution (one only) and clue to replace definition asterisked (on separate sheet also bearing name and address, securely attached) to **Azed No. 2,261**, PO Box 518, Oxford, OX2 6WX. Entries should be postmarked no later than Saturday. Please add a brief explanation of your clue (one entry only). £35, £30, £25 prizes and Azed bookplates for the three clues judged best. The Azed Slip, containing details of successful competition entries and Azed's comments, is available on subscription

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## DOWN

- 1 Parasites creating some places to dally (7)
- 2 E.g. peach tree, initially roseate in rising dawn (6)
- 3 Cut grass disease after removing ala (5)
- 4 One embraced by muscular Christianity (6, 2 words)
- 5 Number to beat – attorney follows what should be observed (7)
- 6 A lough that's e.g. pine-fringed? Roses are famous here (6)
- 7 Plant in the open, lyrical creation in garden container coming up (6, 2 words)
- 8 Clay: it replaces bit of rock in the soil of Brittany (8)
- 9 Don't be buttoned up – try Ecstasy, raising volume first (5)
- 15 Lift cloak before massage with a therapeutic bark (8)
- 18 In prison? Death therein, hanging sometimes (7)
- 20 Final, with captain miffed (7)
- 22 Battalion includes regiment going aboard in seaport (6)
- 23 Architectural features causing much laughter Baron installed? (6)
- 24 Veil accepted in bridal conveyance? (6)
- 25 What'll need to be got through, a helping of Häagen-Dazs (6)
- 26 Wee birdie loosed without number within? (5)
- 27 What'll give a bird, clipped and trussed, little latitude? (5)

*The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended. The spelling at 32 is implied therein.*