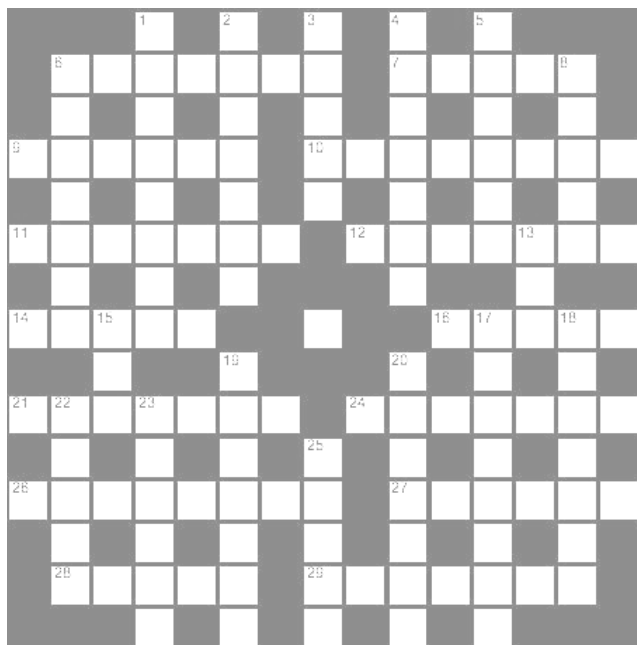


GENIUS NO.148



Instructions

Of the 30 solutions, 14 are to be entered vertically and 14 horizontally. All these 28 solutions are to be entered centripetally. Solutions to clues 1–20 are in a sequence which, if specified, would give the game away. Solutions to the remaining eight (unnumbered) clues are to be entered wherever they will fit. The remaining two solutions are items regularly found in a kitchen and are not clued.

Finally, the grid is to be completed by entering the appropriate Roman numeral in the centre. The numbers in the grid have no function in solving the puzzle and are there only for the purpose of filling in the entry form.

Deadline for entries is 23:59 GMT on Saturday 31 October. You need to register once and then sign in to theguardian.com to enter our online competition for a £100 monthly prize.

NUMBERED CLUES

- 1 Silence Arab writer in Polish (7)
- 2 Ban incompetent map-makers in island (8)
- 3 Cardinal participates in mass, eventually (5)
- 4 Cross and tense, about to travel round States (8)
- 5 Tablet in pink envelope put up for sale? (7)
- 6 Stage is furnished with exterior gym (5)
- 7 Left in Tchaikovsky's first and last score (6)
- 8 Call over old teacher in London borough (7)
- 9 The same blue comic makes you spit (6)
- 10 Old German's fear when losing a former division (7)
- 11 Try to stop some suffering (5)
- 12 Bent over, dancing under a bar (8)
- 13 Port's twice as new when drunk (7)
- 14 It's spotted outside crossing Times Square (7)
- 15 On way back, king of Kent ignores the singer (6)
- 16 Still level, say, at end of day (8)
- 17 A big supporter bagging this spot clung on (7)
- 18 Team doctor vehemently dismissing myth (6)
- 19 Blunt character soldiers follow? (7)
- 20 Cast runs into the wings at the start (5)

UNNUMBERED CLUES

- Last of dozen dashed over between times to hospital (7)
- Object of veneration in a large building facing west (5)
- Lead off best cow perhaps (5)
- How teal move behind their leader in moonshine (7)
- Related couple can start to garden in the Wandsworth area (7)
- A royal procession that starts from Bow (5)
- Finished difficult part of course, drained of energy (7)
- Show up without a prize (5)