

# AZED No. 2,263 'Eightsome Reels'

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Each numbered square in the diagram is surrounded by eight blank squares. All clues lead to answers of eight letters, and these are to be entered around their appropriate numbers, clockwise or anticlockwise, beginning anywhere. Solvers must determine where each begins and the direction in which it is to go. The twelve unchecked letters at the corners of the completed diagram could form A FINE VERBENA.

- 1 Conceited about dear cheese
- 2 Burrowing rodent? Twice one'll surround hiding place, cutting off tail
- 3 Sculptor made rapid progress in variant of cubism mostly
- 4 Humorist against taking in radio, TV, etc
- 5 US salt pork, maybe, or variety of same diet (2 words)
- 6 Tree genus: seek one alongside river
- 7 N. European Queen, one seeking surface effulgence
- 8 Meal, not much, the old throw out of home
- 9 Support receding, trial collapsed? Such is judge's decision
- 10 Placed urn back to front? Typical of some estates
- 11 Is clothing soiled badly getting honours?
- 12 Test to judge English cads nervously entered
- 13 What bees gather to support blend of oils
- 14 'To evict' is scheme in transmission of data
- 15 Amir prances about with this pheasant – or a ptarmigan?

## AZED 2,260 Solution & notes

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P	A	L	E	A	E	N	A	T	A	N	T
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E	V	I	T	E	R	T	K	O	T	O	W
F	R	A	E	N	A	E	U	R	O	P	A
P	E	R	D	E	N	D	O	F	R	S	Y

**Across** 5, w + hipster; 13, a tan in NT (qv); 14, anag. + (g)r(ee)n; 17, 0 in nil (rev.); 22, lips in KP (brand name) + ringer; 27, comp. anag. & lit.; 29, last letters; 30, r + a Lucite (rev.); 32, (L)evite (qv); 33, to in wok (rev.) see cheese<sup>3</sup>; 35, f + anear (rev.); 33, rue (rev.) + 0 + pa; ref. Greek mythology; 36, p, e + anag. **Down** 1, anag. + roke; 2, hie in car; 4, odd letters in zo; 7, ER Fr Et in anag.; 8, anag. less y; 9, tilt on in SS; 10, R in coat (rev.); 11, i.e. G in trine (rev.); 19, potte(r) in cad; 20, cf. 'wire a fey'; 23, U in anag.; 24, poll in se(a) (all rev.); 25, R in RAF (rev.); 26, hidden; ref. I. Adler, adored by S. Holmes; 3, c(age) + anag., & lit.

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- 16 A fool, one cutting lines, separated from the sea by reefs?
- 17 Make channels through middle of marches, i.e. nalas (more obscurely)
- 18 Diving birds: canal men head off after cutting couple's wings
- 19 Rather boastful, or prissy about love
- 20 One part of NZ within the sound of the surf? Fairly straightforward
- 21 Masses of flower grains forming lumps behind the head
- 22 Wine glasses, things to be thankful for, completely swallowed
- 23 President cut short answer – tough stuff
- 24 It'll devour roadkill, worthless when vehicle goes round one
- 25 Some sparring's ideal ... for fans seated here
- 26 Tribal festivity – it's detained many in America
- 27 Smelt rod with fish on it
- 28 Where scientists work, all 're puzzled regarding flower's 'lip'
- 29 Clan ailing with poor housing – one's hard to shake off
- 30 Polish Unitarian turning a vicar on
- 31 Producing meal at an advanced stage, I smell
- 32 Criminal offspring is caught by cunning
- 33 College pants as exercising – they got puffed a lot!
- 34 Sound exercises: they're associated with manual labour
- 35 Deck cut, deals out – groovy
- 36 Going over part of speech I worried – it must be brief

Every answer is in *The Chambers Dictionary* (2014), except one proper name and the adjectival form at **28**, which is attested on the Internet.