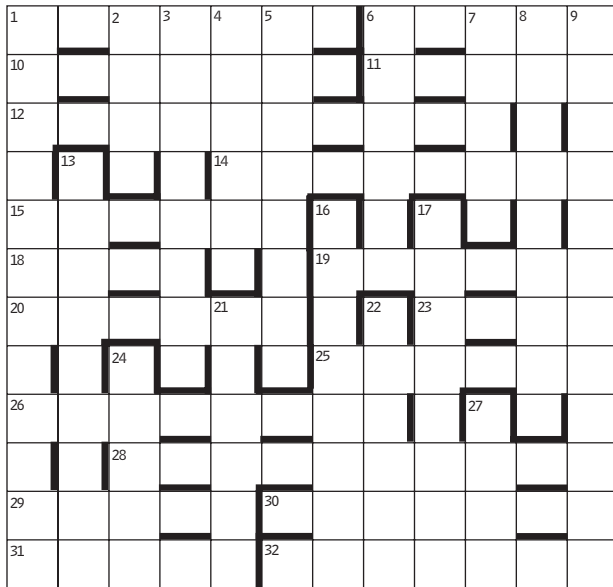


# AZED No. 2,278 Plain



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## ACROSS

- 1 Cereal dish assembled in rage? (7)
- 6 Religion's losing leader – we're harshly critical (5)
- 10 Rodent forever nipping bit of soft furnishing (7)
- 11 Pack, larger than standard, sharp when capturing ball? (5)
- 12 Broadcast on cable: quarrel with players if shown after noon (10)
- 14 What's use meant 'broken'? (8)
- 15 Once behind tree, Ray concealed therein (6)
- 18 Jealous king, Scottish leader? (4)
- 19 Face ninny kissed on the ears? (6)
- 20 Like a worm by way of being fed to bird (6)
- 23 Glory in triumph à l'outrance (4)
- 25 Steers fish into outflow (not ultimately hard) (6)
- 26 Constant disorderly retinue – might it have circled Louis? (8)
- 28 Degas model, often allowed to clothe back in dance (10)
- 29 Border without depth? It offers mountaineer no firm foothold (5)
- 30 Padre running water around wine dishes (7)
- 31 Antelope, mobile and bristling, I'd despatched (5)
- 32 It's released after stoppage in pools at work (7)

## AZED 2,275 Solution & notes

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**Across** 4, she in c a bod; 10, anag. incl. i; 11, cran + c (atc); 16, lo in anag.; 23, E in rest; 25, wee in anag.; 27, beach with n for a; 32, e + ret (rev.) in teed; 30, toile d; 32, e + ret (rev.) in teed.

**Down** 3, s + corny (rev.); 4, Coch(in); 6, I m in sorg(um); 7, a bit in hue; 8, as<sup>3</sup> in anag.; 12, i.e. earth (anag.) + water; 17, tan in anag.; 19, i.e. (curtain) ring in anag.; 24, e + C in this; 27, busse d.

## PRIZERULES

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## DOWN

- 1 Wine consumed, mints café mostly scattered showing whimsicality (12)
- 2 Top golfer creating clamour at Troon? (4)
- 3 Small seabird, strange if seen climbing on small island, is disappearing (8)
- 4 Second among rate rises? This may chart community interaction (6)
- 5 Poet's ultimate skill in hwyl displayed in oblique fashion (8)
- 6 Secret police section making arrest (6)
- 7 Wall covering? A king's installed tons (5)
- 8 Small mounds – or those responsible for them, number twitching inside? (9)
- 9 Evergreen shrub nicked – criminal or pest involved (12)
- 13 Chap, poorly, about to bring up savoury porridge? (9)
- 16 Celebrated authentic object of legendary quest (8)
- 17 Mythical monsters, something foul-smelling fed to rearing serpent (8)
- 21 Part of crown that's leant uneasily on king (6)
- 22 Four hands playing? Exactly, reverse of excessive (6)
- 24 Aussie building slab forming sphere whenever put up (5)
- 27 Group within admiring peasant communes (4)

*The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.*