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Puzzles

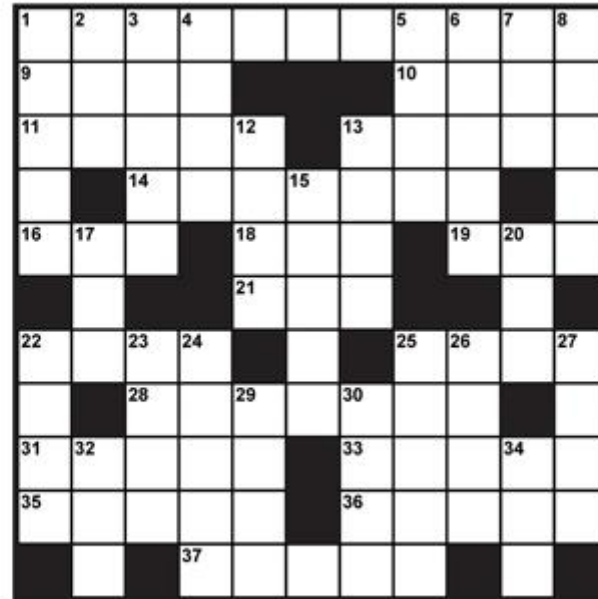
Lunchtime Word Search Puzzle

D P S B O L O G N A M A M I J	BEEF	MAYONNAISE
E N R K L I M R E L I S H F O	BOLOGNA	MILK
E N O U P E P P E R Z O E D T	BREAD	ONION
C B I I T K N Y T A P L Y U A	BURGER	PASTRAMI
I G C R N I A E T V E C U U M	BUTTER	PEPPER
U I M X A O U R E T T U B R O	CHEESE	PICKLE
J A A S I M A R T S A P G E T	CHICKEN	RELISH
H M Y C A B B U F E E B L K R	FRIES	ROLL
T G O H H L C U F C M K E C B	FRUIT	SALAD
U J N I N E T R S B C T H R E	HAM	SALAMI
R W N C L G I S U I C E E O I	HERO	SALT
K R A K B E A R P H E A F L G	HOAGIE	SUBMARINE
E O I E S L G L U S D M P G A	JUICE	TEA
Y L S N A E E P E W O R E H O	KETCHUP	TOMATO
C L E D R Z U S A L A M I P H	LETTUCE	TURKEY

Music Terms Word Search Puzzle

S V V S O D N A R E L E C C A	ACAPPELLA	MINOR	TREBLE
A S E F E S U A P K F A T I U	ACCELERANDO	NOTE	TUNE
O A A L R I O Y S R T A L F V	ALTO	PAUSE	
T M L B U T O E O E M I N O R	BALLAD	PITCH	
E G W L R P N K P B A L L A D	BARS	POLKA	
N A D E E O A L R L G C I C O	BASS	RAGTIME	
O M B C T P T E A T E U D H L	CHORD	REST	
R L A H B S P G N O M N T O O	CHORUS	RHYTHM	
E Q R O M Y J A O K E D E R S	DUET	ROCK	
B L S R R E W T C X A A R U S	FLAT	SCORE	
A Y P D H K L O C A S K O S H	KEYS	SHARP	
L R I E Y T R O R N U L C P A	LEGATO	SOLO	
T I T S T V U E D X R O S R R	LYRICS	SOPRANO	
O C C F H O S N D Y E P I C P	MEASURE	TENOR	
E S H X M T N M E M I T G A R	MELODY	TONE	

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ACROSS

- | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 Entrepreneur | 3 A protest (3-2) |
| 9 A dwelling | 4 Piece of news |
| 10 Metallic string | 5 Study |
| 11 Valued | 6 Excavated |
| 13 Skeleton pieces | 7 100th of a hectare |
| 14 Ape | 8 Bird homes |
| 16 Weight | 12 Minor accident |
| 18 Wooden peg | 13 Suitcases |
| 19 God of the underworld | 15 Amphibians |
| 21 Fuel | 17 Musical poem |
| 22 Muddle | 20 Auxiliary international language |
| 25 Cut of meat | 22 Pulp |
| 28 Patterned fabric | 23 Mineral springs |
| 31 Pedestal | 24 Father Christmas |
| 33 Greek letter | 25 Units of living matter |
| 35 Undue speed | 26 Publicity |
| 36 Sound of sheep | 27 Combustible material |
| 37 Accumulate | 29 The same (Lat) |

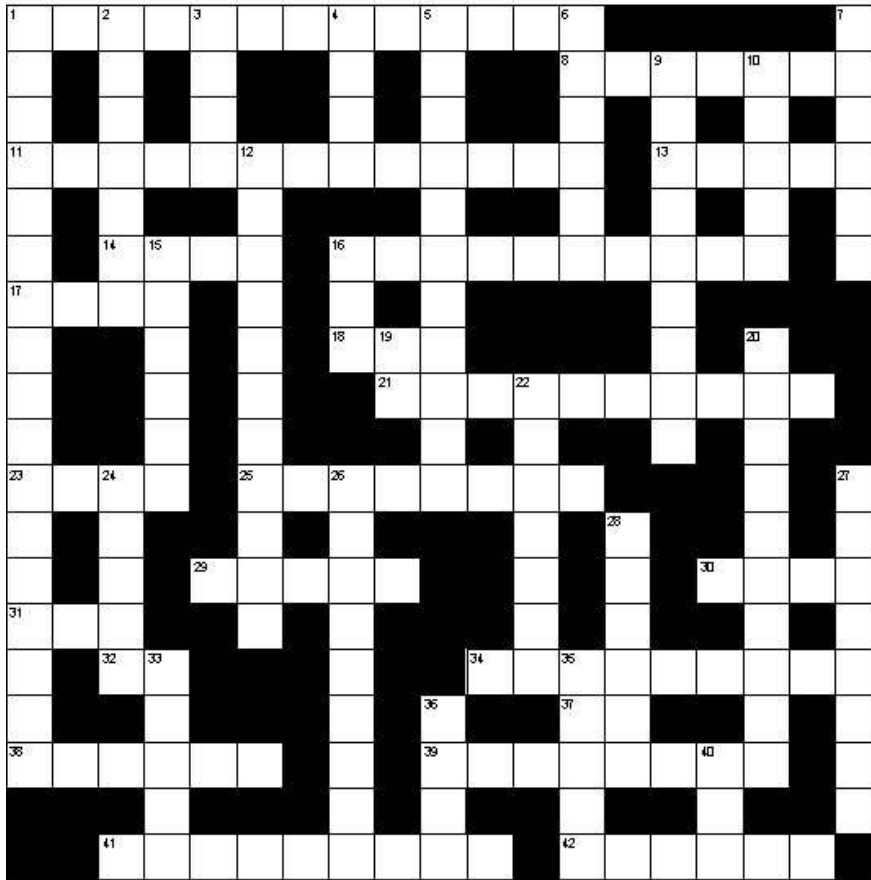
DOWN

- 1 Charred
2 United Nations Assoc (init)

Solution to No. 2396



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- Down
1. Coming together of people from different ethnic backgrounds (6, 11)
 2. Civilization (7)
 3. Bring up (4)
 4. At a distance (4)
 5. Coming to another country to live (11)
 6. Tension (6)
 7. A place of shelter for those in danger because of their beliefs (6)
 9. Personality (9)
 10. Large bird of prey, adopted as the symbol of the US (5)
 12. With a mix of people from different lands (5, 6)
 15. Someone who works for a wage or salary (6)
 16. To tell a fib (3)
 19. After Christ (2)
 20. People who are unfairly blamed (10)
 22. Liberty (7)
 24. A person of British or Northern European origin (5)
 26. A circus entertainer who trains wild cats (4, 5)
 27. Who a person is (8)
 28. Of Scandinavian origin, a long time ago! (6)
 33. Julius Caesar, for example! (5)
 35. Feel deep regret for a lost thing or dead person (5)
 36. To be greatly and visibly worried (4)
 40. European Currency Unit (3)

- Across
1. Communication between people of different origins (4, 9)
 8. Travel permits (7)
 11. Becoming the spouse of a foreigner (13)
 13. Winged creature living in heaven (5)
 14. Opposite of imaginary (4)
 16. Vast (5, 5)
 17. Notion or theory (4)
 18. ___ and drink! (3)
 21. Something which is not the same (10)
 23. Clothing (4)
 25. Lands belonging to a mother country (7)
 29. Member of Germanic people who conquered parts of England in 500-600 AD (5)
 30. A man-eating giant or terrifying person (4)
 31. Short for telephone number (3)
 32. Either _ _ (2)
 34. A settler in a foreign country (9)
 37. Opposite of off (2)
 38. 1066 and all that! (6)
 39. People sheltering from persecution (8)
 41. To mix with other races (9)
 42. A person's essential qualities or character (6)

The Corn Field Catastrophe

AUTUMN
HIDE
RIGHT

CORN
HUNT
SEEK

FIELD
LOST
STEAL

GOOD
NICHOLAS
WILL

HAIL
RAHAB
WRONG

F	Q	A	U	T	U	M	N	C	R	K	O
H	I	W	G	G	O	U	C	O	A	C	N
E	U	E	W	O	D	V	M	R	H	S	I
H	A	I	L	O	S	T	W	N	A	E	C
F	L	H	I	D	E	R	J	H	B	E	H
L	B	B	U	U	O	V	H	S	O	K	O
Z	Y	B	F	N	D	S	A	F	T	B	L
S	N	F	G	C	T	H	G	I	R	Y	A
E	C	J	G	E	O	J	T	B	H	L	S
P	B	G	A	O	V	Z	K	K	M	V	Y
C	U	L	P	B	M	S	V	I	P	V	D
U	B	V	T	Y	P	V	U	U	O	E	J

Romance Word Search Puzzle

P E P A Y R L E W E J C U G R
W Q D I Q F V D E T O V E D C
M W Y A C C A S A N O V A S E
M S W T N N M N U J S P H R M
J G Q H U E I S S I K O U V U
A N B G T A R C Q Y N S W S F
O I K I H T E E E E A W Q H R
S D F L G U S B S E U E M N E
E D L E I Y L T R I E E Y O P
I E O L L D Y T A S Z T R S F
R W W D N N O T O R X H T I E
O U E N O A S P E E S E E A P
M I R A O C O B H A C A O I O
E I S C M R E T A D Y R P L L
M M V J P D V P U C K T I A E

BEAUTY
CANDLELIGHT
CANDY
CASANOVA
DATE
DEVOTED
ELOPE
FLOWERS
HONESTY
JEWELRY
KISS
LIAISON
MEMORIES
MOONLIGHT
PERFUME
PICNIC
POETRY
PROPOSE
SERENADE
STARS
SWEETHEART
TREASURE
WEDDING

Robin Hood Word Search Puzzle

M G T B T K H X A Y J R T L T
D H N L I G E N O R H T I C W
Y O J T S E R O F J D G E C W
C R O O P L O C A S T L E A H
T Z E W E S E E R T G G O S O
S S D R R S S V C A Z B W G U
Q I E U I E R O N I X A J Y E
A L E N F S H R O B L N E E P
O M R V O Y L S X T P D W C L
H M G H X H D H U U I I E N J
F F I R E H S O C Z O T L I K
I J C D M W I I E A B S S R V
M Y B F F N E X D J O H N P O
N M W Y E N O M X U Z C U L O
M R W G N Z J G B G H T J R W

BANDITS
CASTLE
COACH
DISHONEST
FOREST
GOLD
GREED
HEROES
JEWELS
JOHN
MONEY
OUTLAWS
POOR
PRINCE
RICH
SHERIFF
SHERWOOD
SIRE
THRONE
TREES

Listening Comprehension Worksheets



Lunch Out with Sally

Do you remember Sally? Together with Harry, she formed the wonderfully contradictory couple portrayed in ***When Harry Met Sally*** (1989, written by Nora Ephron and directed by Rob Reiner). Her distinguishing feature? She is VERY much of a choosy eater, as you can see for yourself in this video:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cnlm2e3EN78>

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. What does Harry order?

2. How does Sally want the Chef's salad?

3. Sally also orders the apple pie à la mode with ice-cream: how does she want them exactly?

4. How does the waitress react?

5. What is the meaning of "choosy eater"? Would you define Sally as such? Why?

6. Do you consider yourself as a choosy eater? Why?

WORLD'S WEIRDEST
The Pangolin



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gz4HXyxcx>

LISTENING FOR GIST

1. Is the pangolin a ferocious animal? Why?

2. What are the pangolin's two formidable tools?

3. What is the pangolin's staple food?

4. What is weird about the pangolin's tongue? And what is the main feature of its eyelids?

LISTENING FOR WORDS

Rewrite the following sentences using your own words

1. "Once he's ripped open the sides of their colony, he dives in, head first" (00:54)

2. "A long, sticky tongue that slips through every crack and crevice" (01:10)

3. "The tongue gathers up thousands of ants every day" (01:18)

4. "The ants stick with the old stand-by: they swarm and bite" (01:25)

5. "Its ears and nose have special vaults that close off when the ants attack" (01:40)

FOCUS ON LANGUAGE

Give each of the following words a synonym or a definition

SCALY
PURPOSE

TAIL
VAULTS

CLAWS
COLONY

The World's Smallest Nation: Sealand

A True Story

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=99uvmq2P7kU>



1. Paddy Roy Bates found Sealand, a WWII sea fortress sitting in international waters, in 1961

TRUE

FALSE



2. By 1975 Bates had claimed the sea fortress as his own and named it Sealand

TRUE

FALSE



3. In 1978 Sealand was attacked by a group of mercenaries led by Alexander Hochenboch

TRUE

FALSE



4. Paddy Roy Bates rescued his kidnapped son, Mike, and put Hochenboch on trial

TRUE

FALSE



5. Bates kept Hochenboch hostage and demanded 100,000\$ for his release

TRUE

FALSE



6. Austria, Germany and the Netherlands uselessly solicited a military intervention on the part of the UK

TRUE

FALSE

For Your Curiosity...



<http://www.sealandgov.org/>



“Stop Looking at Your Phones!”
Table Manners



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ozFstJHqaVI>

LISTENING FOR GIST

The video is humorous on two different levels: try to explain them both.

LISTENING FOR WORDS

Complete the Following Sentences

1. “I would rather be lynched and burned than” ... (00:16)

2. The phone is new to everyone in the room because... (00:40)

3. “If we are not careful, these new telephones...” (00:47)

4. “Telegram? I might as well write a message...” (01:06)

5. “You see? It’s over. There was no...” (02:42)

FOCUS ON LANGUAGE

Give each of the following words a synonym or a definition

FRIGHTFUL
BUTLER

DISGRACEFUL
ISSUE

BRAND NEW
PAPYRUS

Why Tipping Should Be Banned



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q_vivC7c_1k

LISTENING FOR GIST

7. Does Adam agree with the American custom of tipping the waiter/waitress? Why?

8. Does tipping affect only employees or also customers? If so, how?

9. Has tipping always been customary in the USA? If not, when was it introduced and why?

10. Is it true that if a server provides a better service, he/she will get a better tip?

LISTENING FOR WORDS

Rewrite the following sentences using your own words

1. "Allow me" (00:08)

2. "Tipping is a custom we'd be better off without" (00:34)

3. "When you buy a pair of jeans, they're just 50 bucks" (01:23)

4. "For most of our history, paying for a better service was considered as an undemocratic form of bribery" (01:25)

5. "I don't wanna get yelled at!" (03:06)

Readings



Urban Legends from the Global Village

Stranger than Fiction... True or False?

There's an old saying in English that goes as follows:

"When in Rome, do as the Romans do"...

1. What does it mean?

2. Generally speaking, do you stick to this principle when travelling? Why?

3. Is it always possible or desirable to "do as the Romans do"? Why?

QUIZ: Read the following Descriptions, then decide whether it is a Urban Legend or a Strange (but True) Fact



TRUE

FALSE

1. Clifton, VA (USA): The Bunny Man

Clifton used to be a very peaceful village until the 1970s, when the Colchester Overpass (a Southern Railway overpass spanning Colchester Road near Clifton) started being haunted by a creepy man wearing a rabbit costume and attacking passers-by with an axe. Since then, the overpass has been nicknamed "The Bunny Man Bridge". It is advisable not to have a walk alone there after dark...

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TRUE

FALSE

2. Brockworth, UK: The Cooper's Hill Cheese-Rolling and Wake

Due to the steepness and uneven surface of the hill on which it takes place, this annual event usually causes a number of injuries, ranging from sprained ankles to broken bones. Cooper's Hill Cheese Rolling has been summarized as "twenty young men chasing a cheese off a cliff and tumbling 200 yards to the bottom, where they are scraped up by paramedics and packed off to hospital".



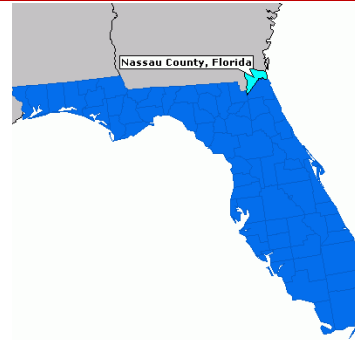
TRUE

FALSE

3. Japan: Sleeping at Work

Whereas dozing on the workplace is viewed as lazy and unprofessional in the Western world, in Japan the custom dictates that if you're sleeping at work, then it means you've been working so hard you haven't been able to get enough sleep at home. This leads employers to believe that the workers are exhausted because they're incredibly dedicated to their job. This practice is so positively connoted that some people even pretend to be asleep to gain favor.

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TRUE

FALSE

4. Nassau County, FL (USA): The “Lights Out” Initiation Ritual

Since the 1990s, Nassau County (Florida) has been plagued by a number of murders due to a gruesome initiation ritual: street gang members drive without headlights until a compassionate motorist responds with the traditional flashing of headlights, whereupon a new gang member is bound to murder the citizen as a requirement of initiation.



TRUE

FALSE

5. Amazon: The “Bullet Ants Glove” Initiation Ritual

Among the Satere-Mawes, an Amazonian tribe, when a young boy becomes sexually mature he goes out into the jungle with the shaman to gather bullet ants, the insect with the most painful sting in the world. The ants are then drugged by the shaman: while sleeping in their drug-induced state, they are placed into a woven mesh glove with the stinger on the inside. When the ants wake up, they find themselves trapped and become very aggressive. The boy then has to wear the glove and keep it on for about ten minutes while he dances to divert his mind away from the pain.

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TRUE

FALSE

6. Amazon: The Yanomami Burial Ritual

When a Yanomami dies, his body is burned. The ashes and bone powder is mixed into a plantain soup. His people then drink the plantain soup consisting of the dead person's ashes and bones, as they believe that by ingesting the remains of the loved ones, their spirit will live within them forever.



TRUE

FALSE

7. Arlington, VT (USA): Cremation Diamonds Made from Ashes

The company "Cremation Solutions" advertises online cremation diamonds made of a beloved person's ashes under the slogan "Live. Love. Remember." They explain that "cremation diamonds are a one of a kind style of cremation jewelry and a meaningful alternative to cremation urns. A true memorial to a unique life. Cremation diamonds provide way to embrace your loved ones memory day by day and quickly become a family heirloom. The cremation diamond is the most unique and timeless cremation jewelry tribute available. Create a testimony to their unique life."

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TRUE

FALSE

8. Punxsutawney, PA (USA): Listening to a Weather-Forecasting Rodent

On February 2nd, the people of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, gather to observe a groundhog called Phil emerge from his burrow. If Phil sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter. If not, you can expect an early spring. "Groundhog Day" dates back to 1886, and apparently there has only been one Punxsutawney Phil. He owes his great age to a closely guarded punch recipe.



TRUE

FALSE

9. Long Beach, CA (USA): Midget Town

After the success of the 1939 American musical fantasy film *The Wizard of Oz*, many of the little people (commonly known as "midgets" in English) who had acquired their wealth by playing the roles of the munchkins, purchased lots in the La Linda development of Long Beach, and built homes sized to suit their needs. La Linda affectionately became known as "Midget Town" and the proximity of the La Linda development to the studios allowed them to work many supporting casts in the movies from the 1940s on.

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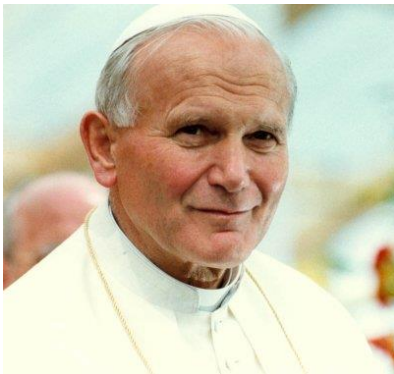
TRUE

FALSE

10. Germany: Cleaning on your 30th Birthday

If you're still unmarried at 30 in Germany, don't expect any special celebration on your birthday. Unmarried women are expected to clean their friends' doorknobs with toothbrushes, while men have to sweep the floor – even though a kiss from someone of the opposite gender will excuse them from these chores.

NATIONALITIES: Fill in the Blanks with the Appropriate Adjective / Noun



Karol Wojtyła was a _____.



Tulips are a _____ national symbol.



Queen Letizia is a _____.



Hans Christian Andersen was a _____.



Sacher-Torte is a traditional _____ cake.



The Blue Mosque is a _____ monument.

QUIZ KEYS

1. False

2. True

3. True

4. False

5. True

6. True

7. True

8. True

9. False

10. True