

Arrowword

Clues are printed in the answer grid in place of black squares and arrows indicate where the answers are to go.

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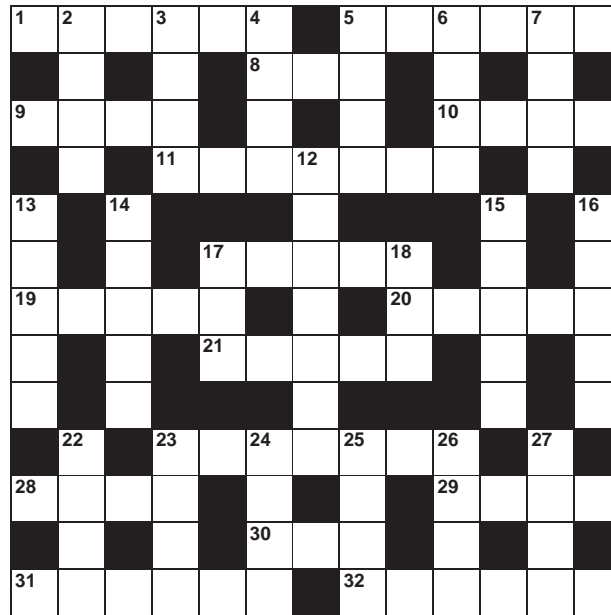
				Pictured mayor, Boris		Sightseeing trip		Nibble		Midday
				Sketch		Broadcast		Dormant		North Sea fuel
				Set of straps on a horse	Monica _____, <i>Brick Lane</i> author		Metal pin		Snow-runner	
Abdominal inflammation		Struggling to speak		Royal domain	Male relation		Noah's craft			Supporting ledge
Came to a halt (6,2)		Tell fibs		Estuary fish	Distresses	Apple seed		Moored (2,6)	Kinks song title	
							Pub drink			
Chronology					Firearm					
			Speech defect				TV's Mr Garnett			
Consumed		Android		Berry used to flavour gin	Coloured paints		Genetic material (inits)			Was in arrears
								Global fuel company		Metal source
Fence preservative		Sublime happiness						In what way?		
						Coastline				
Not trendy		Large supermarket chain						Primary colour		

Jolly Mixtures

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In this puzzle, each clue is simply an anagram of the answer – but watch out! There might be more than one possible solution to each clue. For instance, the clue 'TALE' might lead to the answer 'LATE' or 'TEAL'. You'll have to look at how the answers fit into the grid to find out which alternative is correct. None of the solutions are plurals or proper nouns.

- ACROSS**
- 1 RECEDE
 - 5 BLUEST
 - 8 PAL
 - 9 LOIN
 - 10 DINK
 - 11 SETTLER
 - 17 MOTET
 - 19 WINES
 - 20 GLEAN
 - 21 THROE
 - 23 CRUELTY
 - 28 AVID
 - 29 CANE
 - 30 RON
 - 31 DEARTH
 - 32 LENTIL



- DOWN**
- 2 ITEM
 - 3 TARN
 - 4 EELS
 - 5 POST
 - 6 BEAK
 - 7 NILE
 - 12 CHALETs
 - 13 TAPAS
 - 14 BEGIN
 - 15 TOUGH
 - 16 ELBOW
 - 17 TOW
 - 18 RAM
 - 22 WHIT
 - 23 FACE
 - 24 DENT
 - 25 REAL
 - 26 RYAN
 - 27 KEEN

Backwards

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First, block in 36 black squares in a symmetrical pattern to make a completed crossword. Next, number the squares crossword-fashion (1 to 45) allowing for words ACROSS and DOWN. Finally, put the correct numbers against the jumbled clues below.

- ACROSS**
- Embittered
 - Fury
 - Threaten
 - Frontage
 - Ordinary
 - Swiss peak
 - Zoo
 - Fracas
 - White flakes
 - Tie up
 - Irish county
 - Sense organ
 - Peril
 - Manner, bearing
 - Sprint
 - Portion of butter

- Calculation
- Copyist
- Sully
- Flavour
- Ogle
- Leading-rope
- Compass point
- Necessity
- Samovar

- DOWN**
- Veer
 - Creature
 - Forbid
 - Mutt
 - Spanish bravo!
 - Holy sister
 - Hold tight

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

- Mood
- Paltry
- Of the mind
- Butt
- Before long
- Ferrous metal
- Pester
- Mysterious
- Spoke falteringly
- Delay
- N African port
- Baffling riddle
- Blow
- Curvature
- Jotting sheets
- Crude mineral
- Leisure
- Come forth

Straight-two

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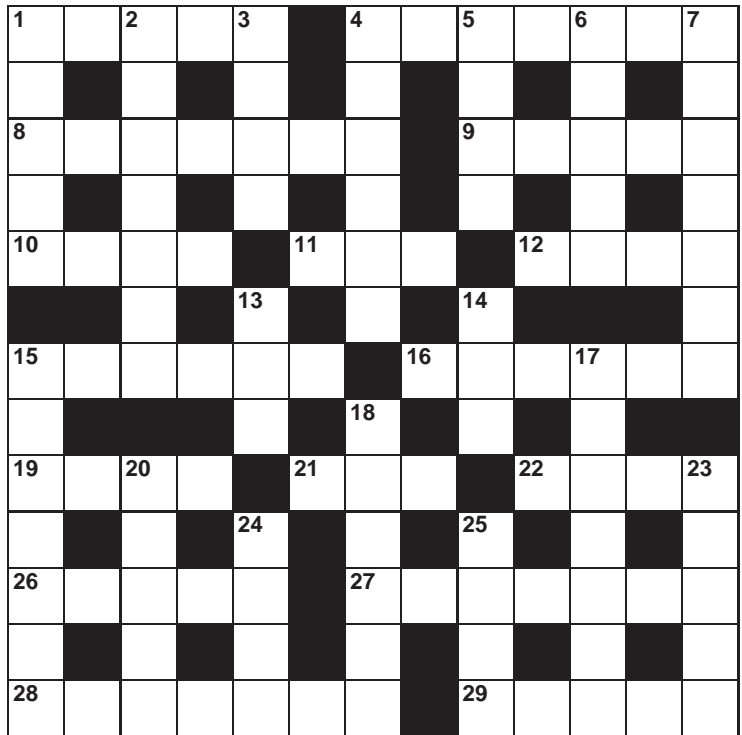
Same again – but watch your step!

ACROSS

- 1 Chores
- 4 Thin brochure
- 8 Judicious
- 9 Mass of bees
- 10 Shirt's wristband
- 11 Coat hook
- 12 Face cover
- 15 Progress at the same rate (4,2)
- 16 Chatterbox
- 19 In the past
- 21 Chapel bench
- 22 Jagged cut
- 26 Illicitly distilled alcohol
- 27 American rye whiskey
- 28 Marriage ceremony
- 29 Soft brushed leather

DOWN

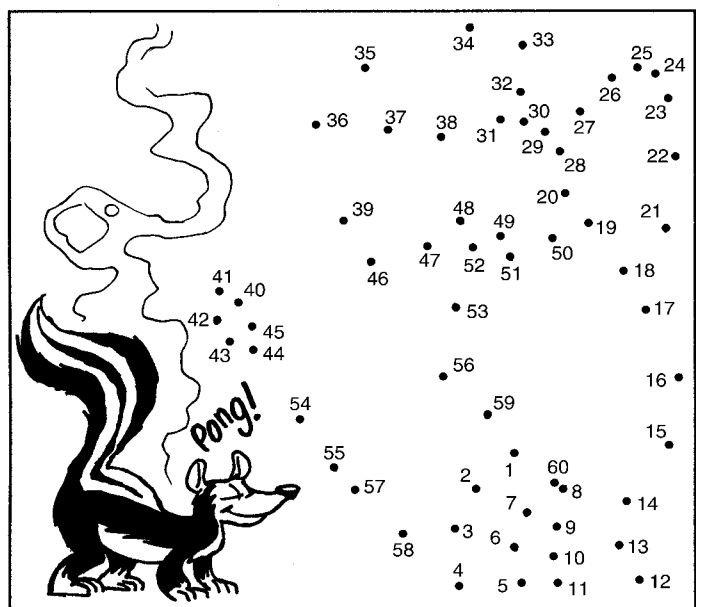
- 1 Talking point
- 2 Light fluffy egg dish
- 3 Hunt for
- 4 Discarded rubbish
- 5 In addition
- 6 Depart
- 7 Interval between two events (4,3)
- 13 Play on words
- 14 Parking space
- 15 Technical expertise (4-3)
- 17 Blackberry bush
- 18 Night mite
- 20 Nimbus or cumulus, eg
- 23 Door fitment
- 24 Language spoken in Bangkok
- 25 Hoo-ha



Reality is nothing but a collective hunch.
Jane Wagner

DOT-TO-DOT

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Join the dots from 1 to 60 to reveal the hidden picture.

double cross

When the letters of the answers from the upper grid are transferred to the lower grid, they give a quotation.

Reading down column 'A' will give the name of its author.

- 1 Poet's inspiring genius; overall winner
- 2 Hindquarters, and cut of beefsteak; got onto a horse
- 3 Off the right path; young cats
- 4 Stage player; grizzly animals
- 5 Common finch that feeds on flaxseeds; despotic leader
- 6 Not guilty; pass out
- 7 Digitalis flower; West Indian republic, capital Port-au-Prince
- 8 Very hungry; tremble, vibrate
- 9 Fair shares for all; bingo winner's cry

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	M	N	O	
1															1
2															2
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4															4
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7															7
8															8
9															9
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	M	N	O	

7L		6E	6M	8C	4E	1B	4A	7H	2A		9E	5E	6H	1C		3F	1M	9C		2C	8M	8N	6F		
2F	7B	3D	8G		1J	8D	3B	9G	5L	3H	8O	4O		8A	4M	8K	3L	9A	4N		2K	9K	9D	5C	
1H	6B	9H		5B	1N	7G	4L	3N	5N	9F	6N	4H		4F	6O		7K	9M	1A	8B	6C				
4B	1L	9N	5H	7F	5K	5J			6L	3J	7N	8L		3C	8F	2L		1K	9L	6K	4D	7O	4K	5A	3M
1D	7C	1F	9O	2D	5F	7M	2G	5M	8E		6D	7A		1G	4G	6G	2M	7D	2H	5D	3O				
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PIECEWORD

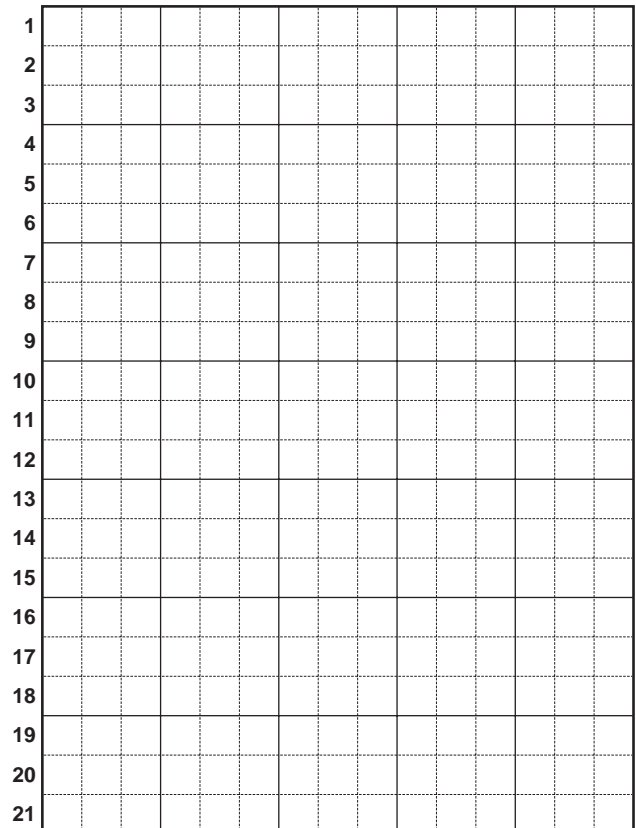
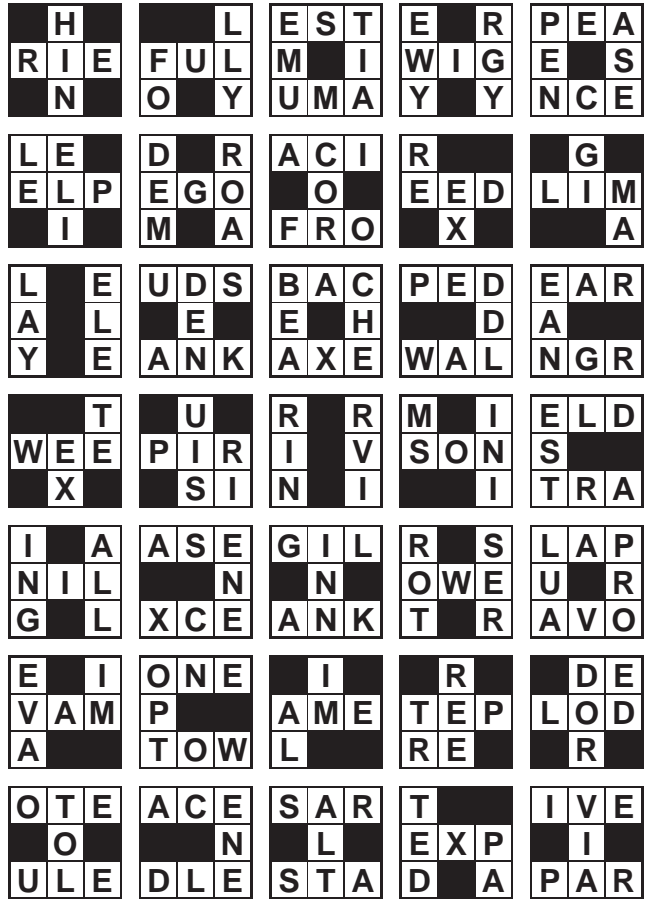
With the help of the Across clues only, can you fit the 35 pieces into their correct positions in the empty grid (which, when completed, will exhibit a symmetrical pattern)?

ACROSS

- 1 Corrosive liquid; Watercourse; Soapy froth
- 2 Personal identity; Have debts
- 3 ___ *Here to Eternity*, Sinatra film; Separate; Foul-smelling
- 4 British peer; Soothe
- 5 Peruvian capital; Appellation
- 6 Furious; Surpass
- 7 Podded vegetable
- 8 Horror-film bloodsucker; Relative by marriage
- 9 Heartfelt
- 10 Drank like a cat; Most advanced in years
- 11 Loses moisture
- 12 Solemn affirmation; Emotional shock
- 13 Fiasco
- 14 Detonate; Beneficial
- 15 Chopping implement
- 16 Photocopier substance; Fast bicycle
- 17 Sob; Requirement
- 18 Urban community; Slothful
- 19 Eastern dress; Graceful in movement; Mechanical learning
- 20 Zero; Hairpiece
- 21 Antlered animal; Tall and ungainly; Season of Christmas

To me, boxing is like ballet,
except there's no music,
no choreography, and the
dancers hit each other.

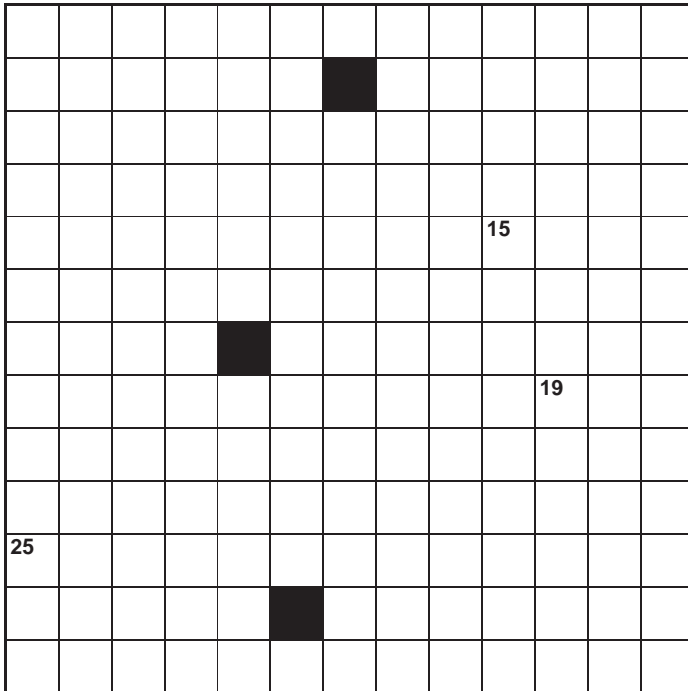
Jack Handey



Skeleton

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The black squares have to be filled in as well as the words. For a start, three black squares and three numbers have been inserted. The black squares form a fully symmetrical pattern.



ACROSS

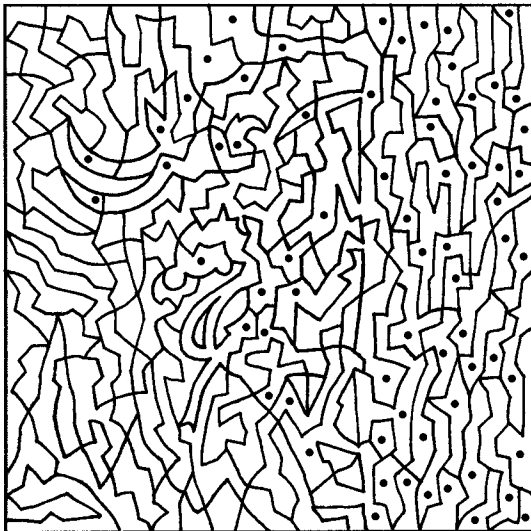
- 1 Bottomless gulf
- 4 Scallywag
- 9 Acid neutraliser
- 11 Unrefined
- 12 Nail-filing board
- 13 Zero
- 15 Reminder note
- 16 Unbiased
- 18 Reflecting
- 21 Small European duck
- 22 Guitarist Clapton
- 23 Experience pleasure
- 25 Norse warrior
- 26 'Gravity' physicist
- 27 Stiffened corset
- 28 Deluge

DOWN

- 2 Bathing suit
- 3 Lone
- 5 Be unpleasantly sweet
- 6 Titbit
- 7 Favourite place
- 8 Criminal
- 10 Causing damage to
- 11 Theatre in Piccadilly Circus, London
- 14 Message sent online
- 15 New England state
- 17 Cooker
- 18 Emporium
- 19 Fairy cave
- 20 Tea-cake
- 23 Jealousy
- 24 Cry out

Silhouette

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Shade in every fragment that contains a dot – and what have you got?

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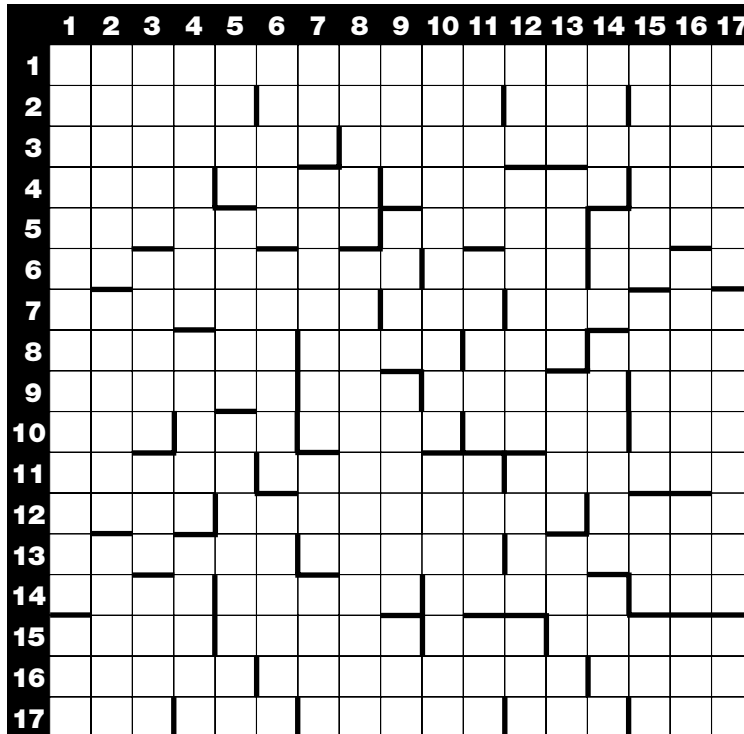
An idealist is one who, on noticing that a rose smells better than a cabbage, concludes that it will also make better soup

H L Mencken

CONTINUITY

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No black squares — heavy bars mark the ends of words.



ACROSS

- 1 1805 scene of Nelson's last victory (6,2,9)
- 2 Yellowish pigment; photographed medically (1-5); in the past; wonderment
- 3 Biology or physics, for example; from Jakarta
- 4 Period of office; ruminant; our continent; Sn metal
- 5 Eccentric folk; disdainful expression; gala
- 6 Remiss; wall skirting; Piccadilly Circus statue
- 7 Irritatingly boring; dog's sharp bark; owing (2,4)
- 8 Make possible; regular; mimic; ashen
- 9 Becomes rotten; fresh; lacking refinement; weight unit
- 10 Pastry dish; commotion; platter; former Russian emperor; finish
- 11 Physical pain; indigenous; dive headlong
- 12 Thoroughfare; capital of Tennessee; bitter-tasting
- 13 Cotton strand; removes rind; reluctant
- 14 Tall story; jelly container; early Soviet leader; place to sleep
- 15 Surfeit; creek; be unwell; drink of hot spirits
- 16 Ward off; badges of office; dissolute fellow
- 17 Guided; affirmative reply; poplar; stately tree; mesh

DOWN

- 1 1773 US protest (6,3,5); lass
- 2 Agree to; rainbow colour; cut in two
- 3 In bronze-medal position; level; rowing blade; regretted
- 4 Shudder with cold; uninteresting; way in
- 5 Allow to borrow; gangway; explosive
- 6 Surpass; continues (4,2); handsome young man
- 7 Vein of metal; bar on an electric fire; serpent; forearm bone
- 8 Bazaars; however
- 9 Newcastle's river; eye infection; relinquished one's right; gratuity
- 10 Forced joblessness; hamlet
- 11 Venerate; separated; otherwise; tavern
- 12 Enthusiast; ___ Rex, Sophocles play; scheme; fib
- 13 Time of life; lying flat; Yorkshire valley; crucial
- 14 Mislaid; gave nourishment; read through; standard
- 15 Leg covering; consumed; globe; put on clothes
- 16 Be in expectation of; rectangle; employ; imminent
- 17 City of Brittany; offered; still

Codeword

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This puzzle has no clues in the conventional sense. Instead, every different number printed in the main grid represents a different letter (with the same number always representing the same letter, of course). For example, if 8 turns out to be a 'V', you can write in V wherever a square contains 8.

We have completed a very small part of the puzzle to give you a start, but the rest is up to you.

5	2	14	7	13	17	4		9	24	21	21	11
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6		21		8	2	18		16		7		25
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21		19		1	2	7		21		21		21
26	14	23	17	26		12	14	21	21	26	21	11

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
										L	O	T

Two-by-Two

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Each word in a clue can be preceded by the same two letters to spell out another word. For instance, INTER, LATE and TENT can be preceded by PA to make PAINTER, PALATE and PATENT. Can you solve the three clues below, then spell out the three pairs of letters to make a six-letter word?

- AT, RELY, WING
- APE, REED, ROUND
- ALLY, CENT, FUND

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Step ladder

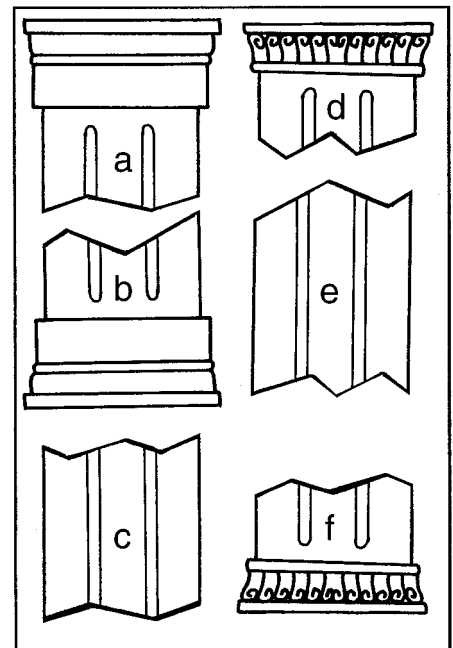
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Your task here is to climb from FISH to POND changing just one letter at a time and without disturbing the order of the remaining letters. We've clued the nine steps you take, but not in the correct order. Can you climb the ladder successfully?

	POND
Solitary	
Model	
History	
007	
Clenched hand	
Speedy	
Mail	
Femur	
Mislay	
	FISH

Scatter-pillar

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Can you construct two identical pillars using the six fragments shown?