

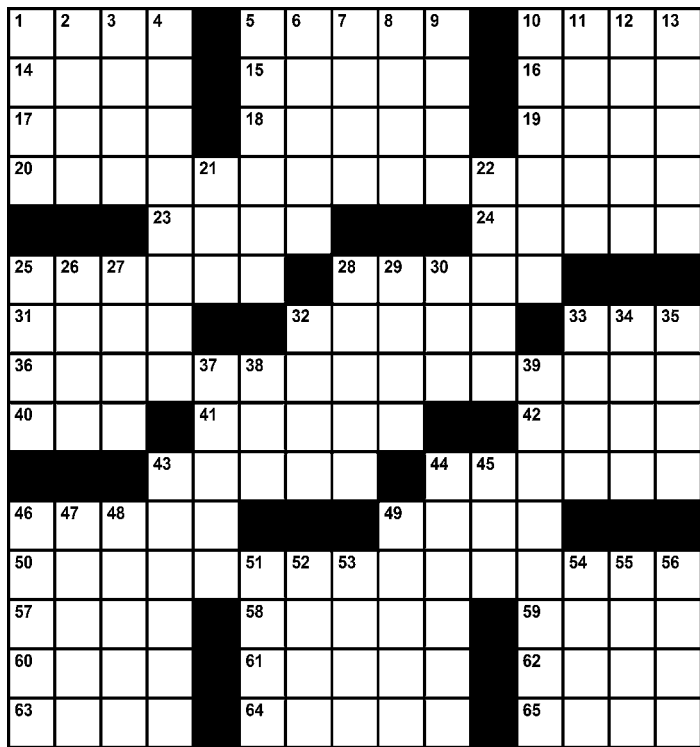
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ACROSS

- 1 Quick boxing moves
- 5 Actor's comment to the audience
- 10 Some nonstick cookware
- 14 Very often
- 15 Boring and predictable
- 16 Totally destroy
- 17 Instagram's parent company
- 18 Removes wrinkles from
- 19 "___ the Woods"
- 20 Thought experiment involving a feline in a closed box
- 23 Uno + uno + uno
- 24 Warning signs
- 25 Goes against
- 28 Assists with a crime
- 31 Oodles
- 32 ___ Lodge (motel chain)
- 33 "I'm flabbergasted" feeling
- 36 "Couldn't agree more!"
- 40 "Weekend Update" show
- 41 Fan publications, for short
- 42 Corp. big shots
- 43 Digital ___ (person who travels freely while working remotely)
- 44 Like a white-tie event
- 46 76ers general manager Brand
- 49 Where insults are said to stick
- 50 Noodles made from legumes, e.g.
- 57 Elegant party
- 58 Cheese from the Netherlands
- 59 Ripped apart
- 60 Fail to mention
- 61 Had the title to
- 62 Biblical garden
- 63 Back of the neck
- 64 Vehicles pulled by huskies



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65 Do a fall chore

DOWN

- 1 Traffic problems
- 2 "Star Wars" actor
- 3 "Why not ___?"
- 4 ___ fresh (beginning anew)
- 5 Tolerates
- 6 Draped garments remotely
- 7 Aware of
- 8 "Darn it!"
- 9 "Who ___ is coming?"
- 10 They refract light
- 11 Eighth of a cup
- 12 Adversary in the "Percy Jackson" series
- 13 Unpleasant people
- 21 Miner's find
- 22 Helicopter blade
- 25 Calendar blocks
- 26 English prep school
- 27 Fair's opposite
- 28 Needed an aspirin, say

- 29 Squeezing snakes
- 30 Doc who treats rhinitis
- 32 Sicilian volcano with two ski resorts
- 33 A long while
- 34 "Look ___ talking!"
- 35 Online marketplace for artisans
- 37 Atmospheric layer
- 38 ___ Hortons (coffee chain mentioned in "Come From Away")
- 39 Cold drink
- 43 Represent as sheet music
- 44 Isn't looking forward to
- 45 Knock loudly
- 46 Provoke
- 47 Andean animal
- 48 Dutch flower
- 49 Formally handed over

- 51 Grps. like the World Economic Forum
- 52 Turkeys and ducks, e.g.
- 53 Ancient letter
- 54 Ingredient in 7-Up Biscuits
- 55 Long journey
- 56 "Interview With the Vampire" author Rice

SATURDAY'S ANSWERS



Answers: Call 1-900-988-8300, 99 cents a minute; or, with a credit card, 1-800-320-4280.

7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES

- 1 considerably (5)
- 2 twinge (4)
- 3 talents (5)
- 4 more rash (7)
- 5 fretful (7)
- 6 qualm (9)
- 7 words of greeting (10)

SOLUTIONS

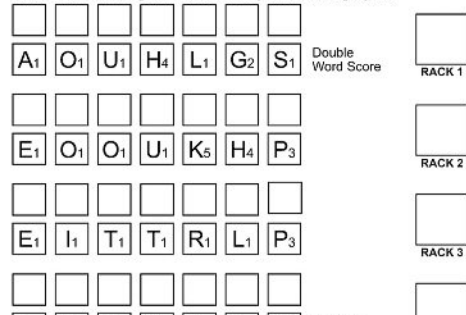


Saturday's Answers: 1. MEDALIST 2. MALICK 3. BUILDING 4. DALLOWAY 5. ALBUMIN 6. BARITE 7. CLUBS

Can't wait for your answers? Find all the puzzle answers at answers.usatoday.com

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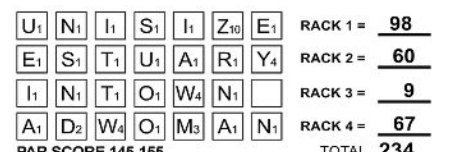
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PAR SCORE 150-160 BEST SCORE 210 FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

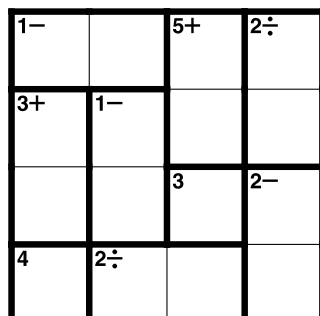
DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE Players Dictionary, 5th Edition.

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PAR SCORE 145-155 TOTAL 234

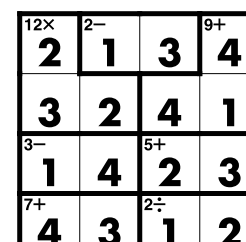
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KENKEN

- 1. Each row and column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 without repeating.
- 2. The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners.
- 3. Freebies: fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

SATURDAY'S ANSWER



FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated at right. Find the listed words in the grid. They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once. Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 24 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. australianwordgames.com.au

Axle	Ford	Mt Isa	Speed
Bend	Fuel	North	Stock
Bunk	Gates	Pies	Taxes
Cabin	Goods	Police	Triple
Cows	Heat	Race	Volvo
Damage	Horses	Rest areas	Weary
Depot	Hubs	Rims	Weightbridge
Dips	Idle	Roos	Wheels
Dirt	International	Secured	White
Dogs	Load	Semi	
Dolly	Loner	Sleep	
Exhausted	Mack	South	

SATURDAY'S ANSWER

Please mind the gap

Transport logistics



BRIDGE | FRANK STEWART

Spectacular play

"Minnie has a cross-stitched prayer in her den," Rose told me. "Grant me the sense to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into those I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference."

Minnie Bottoms, my club's senior member, wears old bifocals that make her mix up kings and jacks, often to her opponents' dismay. Minnie was declarer at four spades, and West led the king of diamonds.

Last heart

"Minnie took the ace," Rose said, "drew trumps, cashed the ace of hearts, led a second heart and called for dummy's king. She next led the jack of diamonds and threw her last heart. West took the king ... and Minnie led another heart from dummy!"

"She thought the jack of diamonds was the king," I laughed.

"They set her straight," Rose said, "but West was end-played. He had to lead a diamond, conceding a ruff-sluff, or a helpful club. If he'd had a third heart and led it, Minnie would get a third heart trick."

Minnie and her glasses found a perfect play.

Daily question

You hold: ♠ Q1075 ♥ KJ64 ♦ AJ ♣ 654. The dealer, at your left, opens one club. Your partner doubles, and the next player passes. What do you say?

Answer: Your partner promises opening values or more and probably has support for all the unbid suits. Since you have 11 points, with none "wasted" in clubs, game is likely. Cue-bid two clubs. Your partner will surely bid a major suit next, and you will raise to three to invite game. South dealer N-S vulnerable

NORTH	♠ Q 10 7 5	♥ K J 6 4	♦ A J	♣ 6 5 4
WEST	♠ J 6	♥ 7 5	♦ K Q 10 8 5 2	♣ A J 3
EAST	♠ 2	♥ Q 10 8 3	♦ 9 7 6 4	♣ Q 10 9 8
SOUTH	♠ A K 9 8 4 3	♥ A 9 2	♦ 3	♣ K 7 2

South	1 ♠	2 ♦	3 ♠	4 ♠
West		All Pass		
North			Pass	
East				Pass

Opening lead - ♦ K

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BOGGLE BRAINBUSTERS

INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.



BOGGLE POINT SCALE

- 3 letters = 1 point
- 4 letters = 2 points
- 5 letters = 3 points
- 6 letters = 4 points
- 7 letters = 6 points
- 8 letters = 10 points
- 9+ letters = 15 points

YOUR BOGGLE RATING

- 151+ = Champ
- 101-150 = Expert
- 61-100 = Pro
- 31-60 = Gamer
- 21-30 = Rookie
- 11-20 = Amateur
- 0-10 = Try again

Boggle BrainBusters Bonus

We put special brain-busting words into the grid of letters. Can you find them?

Find AT LEAST FIVE FLOWERS in the grid of letters.

Answers to Saturday's Boggle BrainBusters: MALTA ITALY HAITI SPAIN INDIA

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ASK CAROLYN | CAROLYN HAX

Second weddings should be low-key and private, right?

Adapted from an online discussion.
Hi, Carolyn: It'll be a second marriage for both of us. I had a decent-sized wedding the first time around, whereas he eloped - but they were young and trying to dodge family judgment.

Neither of us is big on attention or fanfare, but we have three tweens who have all shown unusual amounts of interest and curiosity in how we're going to celebrate: lots of questions in particular about what kind of fancy dress I will wear. We are not taking their enthusiasm for granted and are thinking maybe it would be nice to do something, actually! But I think I'm out of touch as far as what's acceptable for weddings after the first one.

My mom is very frowny about this. She's adamant that second marriages should be quiet and private and that anything else is gauche. My intended is cautiously excited but also concerned about costs. I'm somewhere between "We're in our 40s, we can do whatever we want" and "Maybe we can do it in a way that saves money and feels practical ..."

I'm feeling a little stuck. What is the protocol for a second wedding? Will our loved ones secretly be laughing at us if we do something bigger than tiny?

- Engaged
Engaged: Ugh. Ugh ugh ugh, your mom.

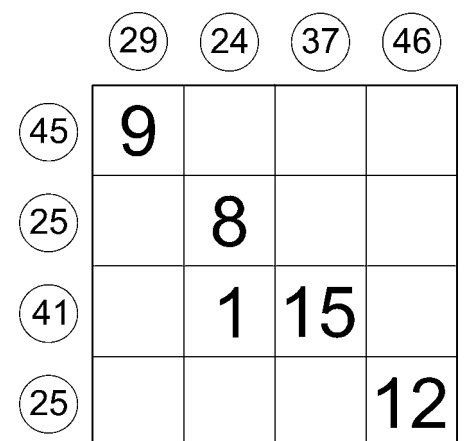
A second marriage is not a shame vortex, okay? Her reference point is decades out of date, and it sucked when it was current. Mindlessly judgy and smug. So tune her out, please. With as much flair as you've got in you.

I addressed the mother issue first not because it's the most important, but because it's the lowest-hanging fruit.

Now all the other points you made. The tween interest, which is absolutely lovely and sweet and you are so fortunate to have. Then, in no special order, money, not liking attention, cautious excitement, the joys of being in your 40s.

To address all these points at once, what I envision for you is a joyful, unpretentious celebration with the people you love most, who love you and who are game to celebrate the fact that love and joy and beauty don't always conform to rigid norms. Because sometimes people need painful experience to understand

Kubok 16 By Davide Coppo Difficulty: HARD



Solution to Saturday's puzzle

15	12	9	6
14	8	16	13
11	10	3	5
7	1	2	4

Enter the missing numbers from 1 to 16 without repetitions so that the sum of the four numbers in each row and column is the same as the corresponding circled number.

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