

Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. *black sheep*: someone who is considered unpleasant or disreputable
3. *grey mood*: lacking hope
6. *red tape*: bureaucracy
7. *white elephant*: an article or a household utensil no longer wanted by its owner

Down

1. *feel/be/become blue*: depressed
2. *with flying colors*: very successfully
3. *green thumb*: an ability to make plants grow well
4. *a yellow streak*: a trace of cowardliness
5. *purple with rage*: extremely angry

1 B L A C K

L O

U L

3 G R E Y O P

R E R U

6 R E D L S R

E L P

N O L

7 W H I T E

CONCORDANCE LINES

The missing word is greeted.

CONCORDANCE LINES

Here are thirty concordance lines, with the key word in the middle of the line removed. All 30 lines have the same word in the middle. Can you guess from the contexts what the missing word is?

Washington will continue its good and one must make still greater to fall back on should he fail in his man bureau there, law enforcement's The National Office coordinates these President Babangida leaned in his [tc text=laughs] and after several Indonesia has taken a leading role in move was clearly timed to pre-empt faced economic strangulation and its continues tarnished despite all his Mubarak has backed the American and at worst contemptuous of his the quality of their assets in their in our power to hamper your of Representatives failed in its from land. Whole towns started rescue the president's hurricane relief Bosnian government, but both a literature highly critical of the position of compromise: putting their and munitions and to promote related intermittently supported army Despite Barbara's subtle but constant and solid, were very strong beginning [hl] Credit Markets: International and Duff-Phelps, are redoubling Buffet, its leading shareholder. Its home and abroad should together make for the Government is that, despite year-old actress. [p] And Catherine's

to broker a settlement to the three- to get it down. [p] Again, see where to join the federal parliamentary to work with Russian counterparts and works to raise public awareness, to extricate himself from the corner he said I fear you are [ZGY] [ZZ1] to bring Cambodia's warring parties by the Communist authorities in to mediate a settlement had been to clean it up, while Mexico's human most recently by proposing a to promote peace. [p] His departure to boost market share. [p] The as they cross the line of good taste to override a presidential veto of . Principal Doug Albrecht organized a . I'm Paz Cohen in Washington. Shay are certain to be difficult. The to introduce "public participation" into raising your overall vitality on material production. [p] The Nunn to secure Hitler's permission to to deemphasize Kim's development and , but beginning efforts nevertheless. to Push the Dollar Down Depress Bond to win business. In Europe, where failed, thanks to a revolt among to help democratisation and freedom to paper over the cracks, there is a to bury the ghost of her role as



Key to the questions

LAST ISSUE

BRAIN TEASER

Q: What English word can have 4 of its 5 letters removed and still retain its original pronunciation?

A: Queue

Q: Before Mount Everest was discovered, what was the tallest mountain in the world?

A: Mount Everest has always been the tallest mountain, even before being discovered.

Q: Johnny's mother had three children. The first child was named April. The second child was named May. What was the third child's name?

A: It has to be Johnny. He's the third child.

Q: If, having only one match, on a freezing winter day, you entered a room which contained a lamp, a kerosene heater, and a wood burning stove, which should you light first?

A: The match of course.

MISSING DICTIONARY DEFINITION

If someone or something **highlights** a point or a problem, they emphasize it or make you think about it.

You say **oh well** to indicate that you accept a situation or that someone else should accept it, even though you or they are not very happy about the situation because it cannot be changed.

MISSING DICTIONARY DEFINITION

Here is a dictionary definition, but the word being defined has been blanked out from the definition. Can you guess what word or phrase is being defined. It may be a single word or a compound or an idiomatic expression. Each missing word is indicated by five hyphens, no matter how many letters there are in the missing word itself.

- In informal American English, people sometimes say ----- in order to express a strong reaction to something or to introduce a remark or response.
- Someone who is ----- is very bad at organizing things in their life.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Try the following crossword puzzle. All of the missing words are units of money.

Currency

What's the unit of money in these countries?

1 2 3

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Across

- Germany
- Italy
- Chile
- Brazil
- Switzerland
- Portugal

Down

- India
- Canada
- Holland
- Japan

JOKES

A family of mice were surprised by a big cat. Father Mouse jumped and and said, "BOW-WOW!" The cat ran away. "What was that, Father?" asked Baby Mouse. "Well, son, that's why it's important to learn a second language."

A man goes to the doctor and says, "Doctor, wherever I touch, it hurts."

The doctor asks, "What do you mean?"

The man says, "When I touch my shoulder, it really hurts. If I touch my knee- OUCH! When I touch my forehead, it really, really hurts."

The doctor says, "I know what's wrong with you; you've broken your finger!"

SLANG FORUM

to run a fever (verb)

Definition: To be sick, with an unusually high body temperature; to be very hot due to illness

Example: Jane can't go to school today. She's running a fever.

Etymology: In this phrase, "run" means "to continue to have," so "run a fever" refers to a person maintaining a fever, a high body temperature.

BRAIN TEASER**School survey**

The school newspaper staff did a survey of all 235 students at the school concerning after-school activities. The 3 activities in the survey were:

1. sports
2. the music / drama program
3. school publications (yearbook and newspaper)

They found that 71 students participated in after-school sports, but some of those students also participated in one or both of the other activities (music/drama or a publication). A total of 64 students were involved in the music/ drama program, but some of those were involved in other after-school activities as well. The yearbook and newspaper drew a total of 58 students, some of whom were involved in other activities too. Further analysis found that:

- 10 students were involved in all three areas: sports, publications and music/ drama.
- 4 students were involved in music / drama and publications.
- 5 students were involved in music / drama and sports.
- 7 students were involved in sports and the publications.

Based on this survey, how many students were involved in at least one after-school program?

LET'S TAKE A BREAK!

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QUOTATIONS

- ◆ Water is the softest thing, yet it can penetrate mountains and earth. This shows clearly the principle of softness overcoming hardness.

Lao Zi

- ◆ You can live with your problems, complain about them, let them drag you down. Or you can get up, do something about them, and free yourself for more positive and productive pursuits.

Ralph Marston

- ◆ It's the constant and determined effort that breaks down all resistance and sweeps away all obstacles.

Claude M. Bristol

- ◆ The gem cannot be polished without friction, nor man perfected without trials.

Chinese Proverb

WORDS OF KNOWLEDGE

- ◆ The path to success is to take massive, determined action.
- ◆ I am always willing to learn; however, I do not always like to be taught.
- ◆ Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.