

Eleven answers contain a three-letter abbreviation (though in one case it isn't actually an abbreviation) which is ignored in the wordplay. The required answer is the one which is missing from the set.

Across

- 1 Spot singular representation of top Tory? (6)
- 4 Had lunch at home, switching the order to do something new (8)
- 10 Make up trick with fantastic end (7)
- 11 Bar to order (7)
- 12 Seriously injure one being carried by short pack animal (4)
- 13 Email friend almost devastated sea creatures (6,4)
- 16 About to begin chastising boy getting dressed again (6)

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- 17 A second winning position to last a long time (7)
- 20 Knight swallowing a cocktail (7)
- 21 Grand old man accepts the blame for strong drink (6)
- 24 Kleenex perhaps what's at the end of fight with children (4,6)
- 25 Time to return money - nothing less would be honest (4)
- 27 Feverish anger (7)
- 29 Good-naturedly decapitated pigeon in cathedral (7)
- 30 Having lost hope, kicked the bucket

- around the beginning of spring (8)
- 31 Religious sect having hearts of blessed oneness (6)

Down

- 1 Blemish policeman turning up with two-thirds of US racist group (8)
- 2 And perhaps I switch position after Queen leaves recital (11)
- 3/26 Little animals Colin treated before crash of '28 (4,4)
- 5 Norway and Iceland detaining cliched radicals (8)

- 6 Work on iron horse stripped by cruel overlords (10)
- 7 The beginning of air travel in the past (3)
- 8 The Spanish satellite is blocked by Europe having more of a certain type of tree (6)
- 9 Relaxed about heading for rodent (5)
- 14 Popular Middle Easterner and the French are the very best of friends (11)
- 15 Composer crashed airplane over the road (10)
- 18 Give a military setting to old songs

- that's great entertainment to start with (3,5)
- 19 4G network hosting online year book (4,4)
- 22 Further education in what was seen hanging in Florida once got irritating (6)
- 23 Record drink (5)
- 26 See 3
- 28 Transport from Belgium to America (3)