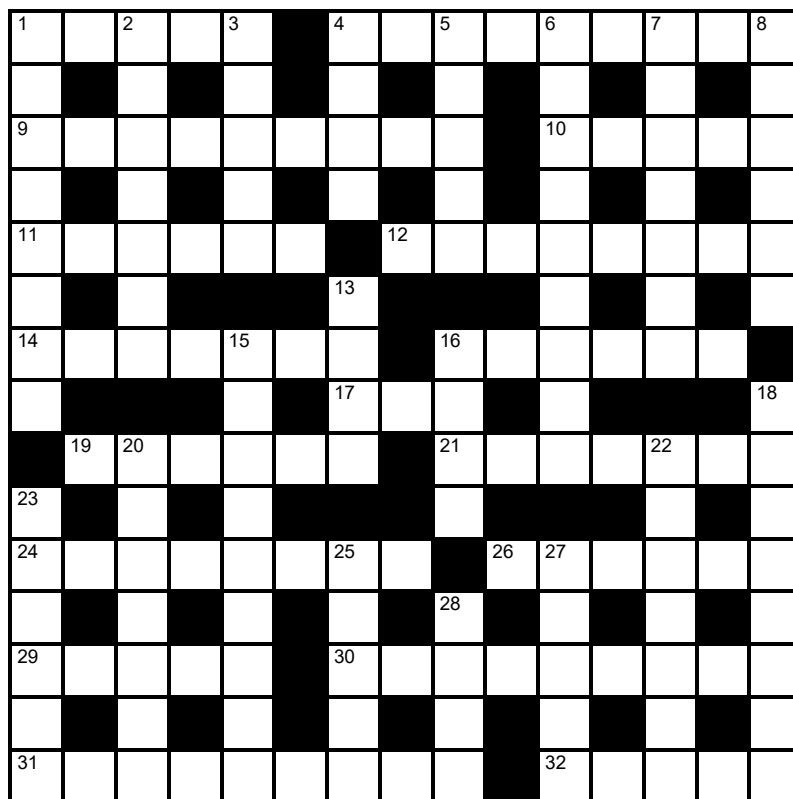


*Several answers contain alphabetical sequences of two or more letters. (E.g. Afghan has FGH.) All except two letters occur in at least one such sequence. What are those two letters?*

**Across**

- 1 Introduce to family occasion, given suitable clothing (5)
- 4 Close to zero, one point involved (9)
- 9 Special Ops train ordinary killer (3-6)
- 10 Wasted time, crew wasted energy (5)
- 11 Second Champagne's the stimulus for laughter (6)
- 12 Dutch courage seldom lasts, one needs can or bottle (8)
- 14 Sound of trendy fashion (2,5)
- 16 Long time departing Tipperary, running out of it (6)



- 17 Over half a dozen signs from Greece (3)
- 19 Key order used to be limited in quantity (6)
- 21 Recall trouble with foreign seaman navigating current (7)
- 24 The Sunday roast: not hot, not safe (8)
- 26 Scandi-noir crime drama originally directed (6)
- 29 Kill order as espionage admitted (5)
- 30 Mathematician has story about accident, though no damage (9)

- 31 Shady, not hot, but wife got too hot (9)
- 32 Character from swamp, ignoring odds, charmed by end of flick (5)

**Down**

- 1 Arrogance precedes fall, landing here (8)
- 2 Is dramatically better where French understanding succeeded (7)
- 3 Disreputable woman wanting work displays provocative poster (5)
- 4 Nick picked up, transported by road (4)

- 5 Is last character Bet? (5)
- 6 What's taken in turn, I sorted into groups (9)
- 7 Ring-shaped circle and elevated circle (7)

- 8 Go on having sex after the first tense climax (6)
- 13 Hot kiss granted when standing outside (4)
- 15 Mike-wielding teenager freaking out in concert (9)
- 16 Public authority cuts drastically reversed (4)

- 18 Rural base for fish, cold water dweller (8)
- 20 Loss of art in past years (7)
- 22 Wolf hastily secured and another rescued (7)
- 23 Couples keeping very warm in bed with these? (6)
- 25 Yield, as female's stocking does? (5)
- 27 Dividing common people, new racket from swine? (5)
- 28 Adult touching up young lady gets sacked? (4)