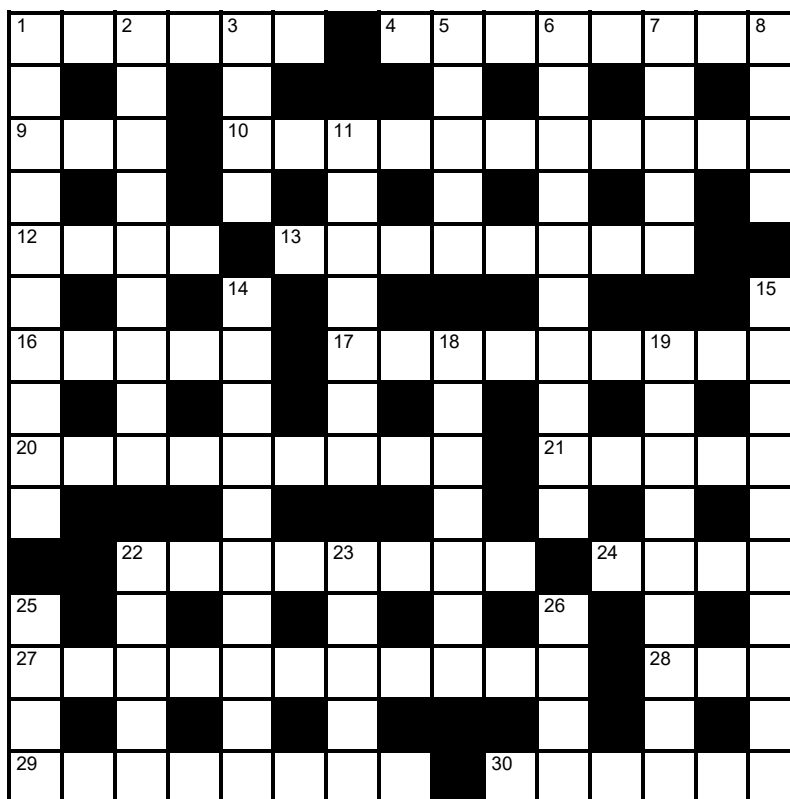


### Following On

*Eight solutions can be linked together by joining a word at the end of one with a word at the start of another, eg SUNBAKED/BEANPOLE/CATCALL. What are the words at the start of the first solution and the end of the last solution in the chain (which in the preceding example would be SUN CALL)? [Note that a possible chain, where the entry at 2 down is directly followed by that at 19 down, should be ignored.]*

**Across**

- 1 Doc and Dopey initially set about Bashful (6)
- 4 Stroll around London gardens, conversation passing time (8)
- 9 Recently discovered navy skin on elbow (3)
- 10 Tormented adult beset by marriage's ups and downs (11)
- 12 Used bad language, leaving wife annoyed (4)
- 13 Leaders of large flotilla without exception reaching terra firma (8)
- 16 Hard to fraudulently manipulate identification (5)
- 17 Water engulfing one sailor left in Pacific (9)
- 20 Ill-humour universal when nailed by weapon of choice? (9)



- 21 Disintegrating tissue recalled dire club sandwiches (5)
- 22 Finished cut offering no hint of welcome commercial smash (8)
- 24 Mop was awfully black (4)
- 27 Weed - somewhat unkempt, striking height? (11)
- 28 Driving aid built into steering (3)
- 29 Halted half-way through act, sits fidgeting (8)
- 30 Trainspotter heading for railway flanked by a wood (6)

**Down**

- 1 Handwriting being essentially lousy on instruction to pharmacist (10)
- 2 Thoroughly like 8 and 15? (9)
- 3 *Sun* dull after editor's removed mildly obscene material (4)
- 5 Ladies' pants - not seconds - had been made poorly (5)
- 6 Sex out near rocks 'inappropriate' (10)
- 7 Large group of marine bodies set one up on lake (5)

- 8 Smack children spending penny when on top of springboard (4)
- 11 Inscrutable old man conserving energy to sleep around (7)
- 14 Louts are back on road, excited about United playing away (10)
- 15 Great sadness to learn about a king catching nasty disease (10)
- 18 Officially too old when giving up Ordinary for Advanced standard (7)
- 19 Advocate nurses with a bit of tenacity for place that's isolated (9)
- 22 Figures special toilet's

- upside-down, having nothing to go on (5)
- 23 Rush hour on a street close to Marylebone (5)
- 25 In the thick of a subdued uprising (4)
- 26 Shock aunts, casually dropping one (4)