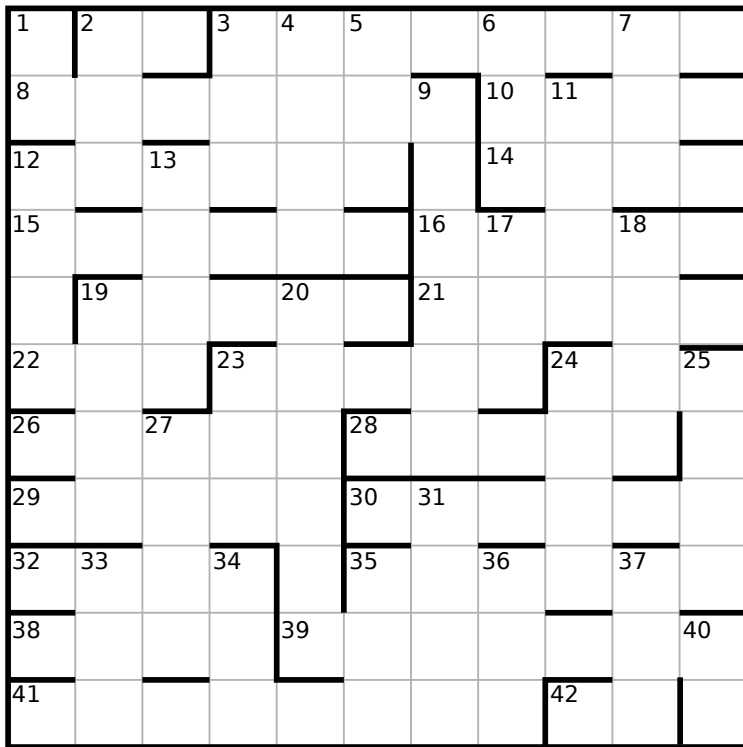


# PUZZLEBOMB

## BRAIN OW

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Clues consist of a definition followed by a cryptic description of the letters in the word. After filling the grid, solvers must locate three cells of each of seven types, and join them with curved lines using appropriate stationery.



- 26\* Tree branch; Male sheep and ewes? (5)
- 28\* Pea crop; Obtain five to replace start of four (5)
- 29 Athlete Jesse; What EW do after an unlucky rubber? (5)
- 30 Not really; Elaborately dupes head of organisation (6)
- 32 Pull; Kanye endlessly confused (4)
- 35 Boggy; Politician holds influence? On the contrary! (6)
- 38 Adhesive; Luge disaster (4)
- 39\* Valley bottom; Broken leg; what? (7)
- 41 Multi-atom molecule; Am not suffering mixed feelings (8)
- 42 Short girl; Half a dozen Romans (2)

Down

- 1 In the location of; Knock-off top hat (2)
- 2 Enthusiasm; Type of school - not right (3)
- 3 Apple; Came back without one (3)
- 4 Prayer ending; Confusing name (4)
- 5 Siegfried's partner; Groovy, even? (3)
- 6 View; Third letter read aloud (3)
- 7 Donkey; Tramp in America, in Britain, in America (3)
- 9\* Nod involuntarily; Brazil consumed? (6)
- 11 Tibetan monk; Headless animal (4)
- 12 Beef fat; Contents of issue two (4)
- 13 Tennis player Arthur; A35? (4)
- 17 Beer; It could be pale, with a head? (3)
- 18\* God of artisans; Head's first to follow school board (4)
- 19 Defrost; Norse god shouting (4)
- 20\* French dramatist; Set and sum, back to back (6)
- 23 Tabloid; Monsters under containment (3)
- 24 Impurity; Heads of state can't understand maths (4)
- 25 Horse location; T5? (4)
- 27 Food list; Numerous, confused, not sour (4)
- 31 Bird; Sawn off (4)
- 33 Boxer; Liar: not right, messed up (3)
- 34 Parrot; I left furniture shop (3)
- 35 Her; Confused noises on returning (3)
- 36 Menu key; Regularly attending ballet (3)
- 37 Shar \_\_; 2.72 into 3.14 (3)
- 40 Country code; Empty bag upended (2)

Across

- 2 Sport class; Open centre (2)
- 3 Shooter; Tom Sawyer? (8)
- 8\* Argonaut; Meal not chewed up (7)
- 10 Otherwise; Region of Chelsea (4)
- 12 Actor; Room where yelling starts (6)
- 14 Relaxedness; Sounds like drugs (4)
- 15 Not recognised; Animals returning to many countries (6)
- 16 City in FL; Part of stamp again (5)
- 19 Fifth finger; Smell bad in illness (5)
- 21\* Winged; And the rest, back to end of era (5)
- 22 Article; Its hiding place is not here (3)
- 23 Sofa set; Tasty treat, I heard (5)
- 24 Weekend day (abbr.); Endless task, done backwards (3)

\*: less common words, found at dictionary.com except 20dn, a name.