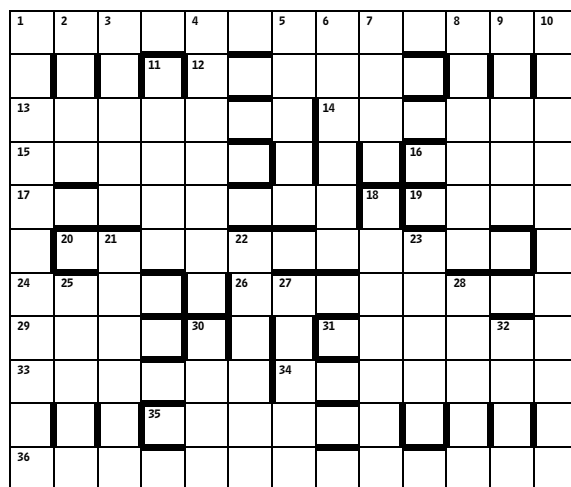


## Azed No. 2,584 'Christmas Cut & Paste' - Competition Puzzle



Apart from **20**, every entry is formed by cutting a word or words at any point and then reattaching the two parts, the second followed by the first, e.g. WORD could give ORDW, RDWO or DWOR. Clues consist of a definition of the unutilized answer and a subsidiary indication of the grid entry. **20** (a verb form, to be deduced) appears as normal. Competitors should submit with their entries a clue to this word, cut wherever they choose, following the style of all the other clues. Please indicate clearly where your clue cuts the unutilized word.

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### Across

- 1 Seasonal postal item: cosmetic colouring mostly damaged shirt (about 600) (13, 2 words)
- 12 Extra label chap reversed disguised age (6)
- 13 Splosh, reverse of fitting, cut short within (7)
- 14 Number I issue, with backing, small and cosy (6)
- 15 Eastern purveyor of cheese etc Germany suppressed (6)
- 16 Fish? Cross having to return number caught (4)
- 17 Assault rifle — I rage following pain (8)
- 19 Growing medium orchestra requires leader for inspiration (4)
- 20 See preamble (11)
- 24 Member of family taking on university duty (4)
- 26 Chunk of a meteor landed in O'Hare, exploding (8)
- 29 Part of traditional Burns night? A wee bittie sleep needed (4)
- 31 Pike to disentangle? Special net required (6)
- 33 Sort of rabbit dies horribly in it (6)
- 34 Member of staff, one opposed to inaction having retired (7)
- 35 I'll be replaced by soprano in psalm voice in certain parts (6)
- 36 This time accepting church mass it tried being converted (13)

### Down

- 1 Wrongly calculate partner's gambling stake — it's raised (11)
- 2 River fish died, overcome by skill (4)

- 3 Thinks force must be limited to opportune time locally (5)
- 4 Passage to bear in course of wild rant (7)
- 5 Sacred plant representation depicted in artistic diploma (5)
- 6 Ancient Greek region after college excited the artist (6)
- 7 There's a dash of alcohol in this tea (4)
- 8 Ingredient in veggie cookery, concentrated, without a name (6)
- 9 As I changed inside that will do as an alternative (5)
- 10 Careless campin' had briefly got pitched among cattle once (11)
- 11 Maximum sentence? Left inside, passion rises (5)
- 18 Exhaust twisted deep, obstruction inside (7)
- 21 One of many downed at the Gabba boozier, that is before time (6)
- 22 Our set was working with special retort (6)
- 23 Tasty slice of delicatessen consumed in Italian city (5)
- 25 Computer expert, spy carelessly breaking bone (5)
- 27 Fillet maybe served in trattoria's tariff (5)
- 28 Tense before race strangely, take a sudden fall after mounting (5)
- 30 Scots bury beloved, end given priority (4)
- 32 Greek bust, what takes little room within (4)

Every entry is in **The Chambers Dictionary (2014)** except one proper name.

## Azed No. 2,581 solution & notes

1	A	B	R	A	S	O	U	V	E	R	T	S
10	P	R	O	B	A	N	D	E	L	A	R	E
12	P	O	S	H	K	A	U	R	I	G	U	M
	A	G	I	E	I	G	H	T	S	I	M	I
16	R	I	N	G	E	R	S	U	I	T	E	D
	A	D	O	G	H	A	T	E	N	I	A	E
21	T	R	I	N	A	L	R	S	D	T	U	T
25	C	A	L	O	R	Y	A	N	O	U	R	A
	H	W	S	G	O	D	M	A	N	P	E	C
30	I	N	T	R	U	D	E	S	D	I	C	H
32	K	E	I	R	N	P	A	T	O	N	C	E
34	S	T	R	I	D	E	L	E	G	G	E	D

**Across** 11, lar(g)e; 13, K + aurig(a) + u, m; see etym. at Auriga; 16, ref. bell-ringing; 28, DM in Goan; 34, ride in anag. incl. L, g, g.  
**Down** 1, pa + ratch in anag.; 2, gorb(limey) (rev.); 5, on a gra(ve); 8, r in tum + eau; 18, pin in gut it (rev.); 29, ce (rev.) + ce.

### Rules and requests

Send correct solution and clue as indicated (on separate sheet bearing name and address, securely attached) to Azed No. 2,584, PO Box 518, Oxford OX2 6WX. Closing date Saturday 1 January 2022. Emailed entries from overseas will be accepted, addressed to jcrowther2000@hotmail.com. Please add a brief explanation of your clue (one entry only). £100, £65, £40 prizes and Azed bookplates to the three clues judged best. Extra prizes for those judged very highly commended. Results will be announced on 9 January 2022. The Azed Slip, containing details of successful competition entries and Azed's comments, is available on subscription at £16 a year for 13 issues. Cheques, payable to The Azed Slip, should be sent to The Azed Slip, Coombe Farm, Awbridge, Romsey SO51 0HN. To receive a sample slip, please send an sae to this address. For much more information on the Azed Slip, see [www.andlit.org.uk](http://www.andlit.org.uk).