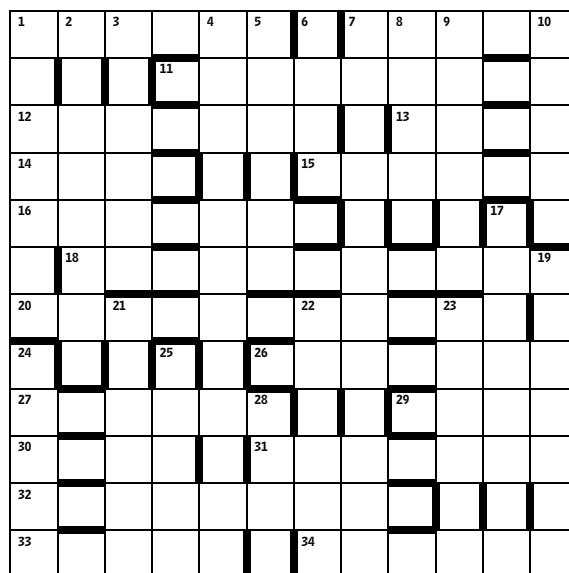


# Azed No. 2,685 Plain- Competition Puzzle



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## Across

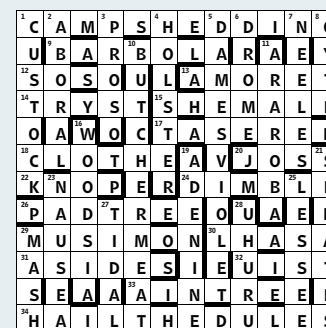
- 1 Missing the cooler theatre garb (6)
- 7 Exercise in cricket club? This'll measure rate of flow (5)
- 11 A workshop plant, showy: it has ornamental use (9)
- 12 Clues 1 Ac., wasting energy and wrongly, as 'aural pouches' (7)
- 13 I love crabs included among four varieties (4)
- 14 The old make up for being left out of a stage piece (4)
- 15 Once smitten, is briefly captivated about Romeo (6)
- 16 Against including arrangement for duets for classical lyre (7)
- 18 Blow nose, tea being laid out and ready (11, 3 words, apostrophe)
- 20 Soldo a ruler changed in what'll enable international finance (11)
- 26 Conditioner, mostly smooth, seen in greeting (7, 2 words)
- 27 Amateur non-professional clubs accepted, such as Horace often (6)
- 29 Foreign vehicle making sign when reversing about parking (4)
- 30 One of oracular pair having half of us on edge (4)
- 31 What buttery chalks up, splurged in lab test (7)
- 32 Target of pussyfoot, using more than half vigour in pursuit of society cupbearer (9)
- 33 This crate with lid we'll get adapted for older wines (5)
- 34 Got up in good time? Just the thing for fool in Scotland (6)

## Down

- 1 In due course composer skewered tasty dish (7)
- 2 Fellow taking the waters abroad in local headgear? (8)
- 3 Given different part on acts being moved about (6)
- 4 One involved in unsuited end suffering relentless force (12, 3 words)
- 5 Helmet like this at Bannockburn, say, protects youth (6)
- 6 Bird revered in Egypt raised hiss, not recently (4)
- \*7 Rustler (12)
- 8 American panel having ditched judge lost interest (5)
- 9 Large mollusc from Mediterranean isle yielding form of oil (6)
- 10 Sound like hoodie from e.g. Dundee retaining right (5)
- 17 Tea consisting of eggs Elsie's brought in, scrambled (8, 2 words)
- 19 Measures taken in the rain, firmly fixed (7)
- 21 With increasing pluck I'll get bitten by American snake (6)
- 22 Grass, coarse and long (not on) Titchmarsh cuts? (6)
- 23 Decoys run over individual on leaving (6)
- 24 Mathematician enveloping us in boastful talk (5)
- 25 Grappling like this involves a medical man (5)
- 28 Private radio operator linking Alec with Beryl (4)

**The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended.**

# Azed No. 2,682 solution & notes



- Across** 1, shed d in camping; 17, sere in tad; 20, jos(he)s; 22, ponk (rev.); 24, dim + ble(at); 32, (q)uist; 34, anag.; sv dool?
- Down** 4, hols + ter(m); 6, d + Rome(o); 8, comp. anag.; 10, but c herm eat; 16, woods + 1 a; 21, E in stades (rev.); 25, i.e. less ee; 29, mash(i.e.).

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