

Go Figure

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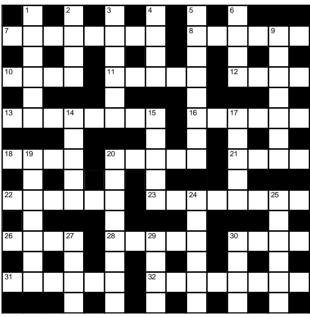
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Instructions: Solutions for all Across clues and five (5) Down clues are longer than their grid lights.

Each of these solutions contain French/German/English numbers, which must be digitally transformed and entered in the grid (in one case twice).

All down clues have an extra letter/character, which is to be ignored for wordplay/definition. These characters read together in clue order give two examples for grid entry of all the Across & five longer Down clues. Each grid light takes only one character.

Bonus Question: What phrase is formed from the extra characters in the Down clues?



<u>Across</u>

- 7 Forming business contacts on web at first (10)
- 8 Check hamper to get fit again (9)
- **10** Individual bored by leading character of Hilary Mantel (5)
- 11 Parting words about government on past events (7)
- **12** General strike in Bharat Union neta defying hardline leaders...(5)
- **13** ...shot dead with a gun; spy boss arrested without injuries (9)
- 16 Keen to play tennis with bridge player (7)
- 18 Supporting staffs smuggled in dogs (7)
- **20** Lady's ultimate performance to sponsor husband's sailing (8)
- 21 Defeated leader sacked and put away (5)
- 22 Elderly son could be adopting a son (8)
- 23 Soldiers holding ladder for criminals (10)

- **26** Indian drains partial turnover of cash all undisclosed (7)
- 28 Son lies about female with pride (7)
- **30** Try to stop contest for more 16? (7)
- 31 Shivering pets lay beside dying fire for 30 days?(9)
- **32** Sister and boyfriend marooned in island floods (9)

<u>Down</u>

- 1 Overdosed after drug procedure (6)
- **2** War cry journo intermittently recorded for warrior prince (5)
- **3** Spread net for lunge (3,3)
- **4** 12 Carat gold I coated with silver on edge of my seat? (4)
- 5 Salsa perhaps relaxes rigidness (8)
- 6 Pokes crazy revolutionary (4)
- **9** Seniormost person sent No. 32 up to centre of attraction (9)
- 14 Crowd wearing lockdown's essential features? (5)
- **15** Finial changing colour in the auditorium (5)
- 17 Kinky sex in Tesla with a German scientist (8)
- **19** Pair too old to go topless while chasing a(7)
- **20** ...disheartened Sunny Deol loitering around Queens for American singers? (8)
- 24 Echo from 1 US drone at sea (7)
- **25** Collector could be grim about A0 paper assistant shredded (6)
- 27 Cries muffled by morose observers (4)
- **29** Small and dainty female hired by Intel management (5)
- **30** Capex director? (4)