



**XWord**

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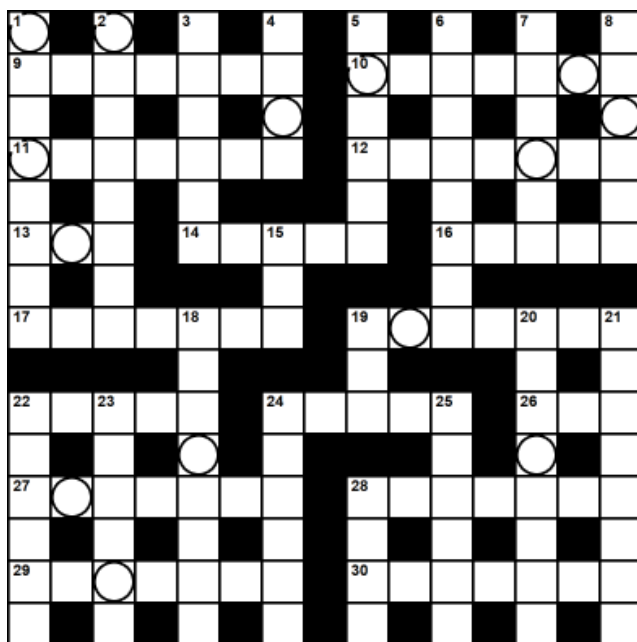
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**Instructions:** To complete this crossword you will have to fill in and submit TWO GRIDS, not one (i) The Definitions Grid and (ii) The Wordplays Grid. This is how you will solve the two grids

1. All clues are standard cryptic clues
2. Every clue has a Wordplay and Definition
3. All the definitions will help you fill in one grid
4. All the wordplays will help you fill in the second grid
5. The Wordplay and definition for each clue differ only by one letter. This means every answer in the two grids will differ only by one letter

**Bonus Question:**

What word meaning "PROCESS OF DYING THAT IS ESSENTIAL FOR LIVING" can be got from the circled letters (14)



- 14 Bend, like elders (5)
- 16 Say, British creep is cycling (5)
- 17 Doctor, starting to examine dead criminal, stared into space (7)
- 19 Birds' wings - one heartlessly pulled apart (7)
- 22 A married chap's soul (5)
- 24 Frame is put around (3,2)
- 26 Chess legend's work in the farm, so to speak (3)
- 27 Pound containing large snake (7)
- 28 Fantastic trek, say, abounding in little rivulets (7)
- 29 Belligerent risk-taking Communist is provoked (7)
- 30 At which point, old Indian babu abandoned ethics , became corrupt, taking control (7)

**Across**

- 9 Photo editor choked (7)
- 10 Motorcyclists welcoming convention's leading sponsors (7)
- 11 Old iron ruler (7)
- 12 Camp in river for female prisoner in India (7)
- 13 Recycled rubbish in fashion (3)

**Down**

- 1 Allowed hair to be pulled back by coiffeuse at the end in commercial (8)
- 2 Hand out leads to doctors in sanatoriums, essentially (8)
- 3 Story included in "Public Relations Special" leaflets (6)
- 4 Commotions end in America (4)



- 5 Bears, buffalo, boas and antelope's tails (6)
- 6 Cutting through, Carol is grabbing Tom Hanks' top (8)
- 7 Old US President getting rid of extremely dirty , large stone (6)
- 8 Trees developed small flowers (6)
- 15 Stray animal doing a somersault (3)
- 18 Vicious killers left in perilous situations (8)
- 19 Dear wife starts to eat toast (3)
- 20 Very old duo trade bananas (8)
- 21 Marking everyone beginning to yell in chorus (8)
- 22 During an examination, boy is still (2,4)
- 23 Master picked up cheats in short school exam (6)
- 24 South Africa bars young Haddock (6)
- 25 Compresses pudding on top with eggs (6)
- 28 Message about onset of tsunami spreads (4)