

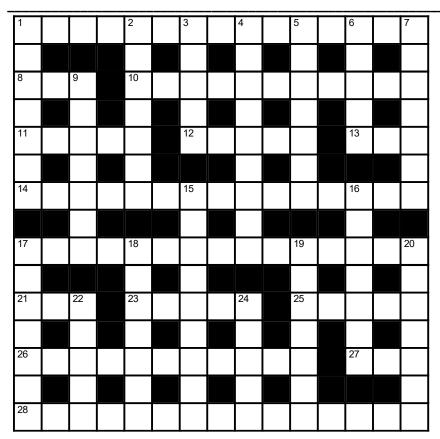
Endless

©Ian VanderSchee, 1Across.org

Created By: Mathrix

<u>Instructions:</u> Eight of the answers in the grid also appear at the beginning of eight clues. Connect the initial letters of each pair in the grid using a straight line. So, for example, if the answer to 3 down was CLUTCH (it's not), then you would draw a line in the grid from the first letter of 3 down with the first letter of 1 across, since the clue for 1 Across starts with the word "Clutch". Once all eight pairs of initial letters have been connected, the result can literally be described as this (8, 4).

Bonus Question: What is formed by the connections made in the puzzle based on the instructions? (8,4)



Across

- 1 Clutch a dictionary to fully understand significance! (5,3,7)
- **8** Fire up campaign members (3)
- 10 Almost murder one chap by surprise, close to volcano named "mountain of the springs" (11)
- 11 Certain Europeans with equal financial burden (5)

- 12 Crete's first worker held inquisitions, initially to keep things quiet (3,2)
- 13 Coati pelt carries secret information (3)
- 14 Potions mixed with love? Exclaim, "It's a disaster!" (6,9)
- 17 Headmaster requested us to return for each lady's inauguration of Batman, as an example (6,9)
- 21 Spasm from nonconformist iconoclastic characters(3)



- 23 Character from Athens intentionally written this way for a melody, say (5)
- 25 Drugs after quiet morning? What a disgrace! (5)
- 26 Gophers follow trail of birds (11)
- 27 Overact, withholding age (3)
- 28 Stress the importance of a purpose behind fundraiser for housing? (5,4,1,5)

Down

- 1 Old lady managed, being carried by extremely gifted grad student (7)
- 2 Take up hickory salad without turkey or cabbage (7)
- 3 Piece of stretchy licentious material (5)
- 4 Locally employed method: fellow to work after dealership is vacated (3-3-3)
- **5** After-hours salon session top-to-bottom, following an orange-red coloring (7)
- 6 Improper to sleep in the middle of sex (5)
- 7 Small non-profit returns concerning discount (7)
- **9** Can: it holds number one back medicines (7)
- 15 Gets comfortable with stormy sea noise around boat's stern (5,4)
- **16** Technology at primary election count? Do it over again! (7)
- 17 Grew angry about true metamorphosis (7)
- **18** Let mere destruction create a symbol for Massachusetts (3,4)
- **19** Rebels take back pawn to exploit knight (5,2)
- **20** Tip top treatment brought back after essentially proven to perform better than needed (7)
- 22 Atomic explosion kills a thousand animal species (5)
- 24 Era begins after court gathers about Mediterranean island (5)