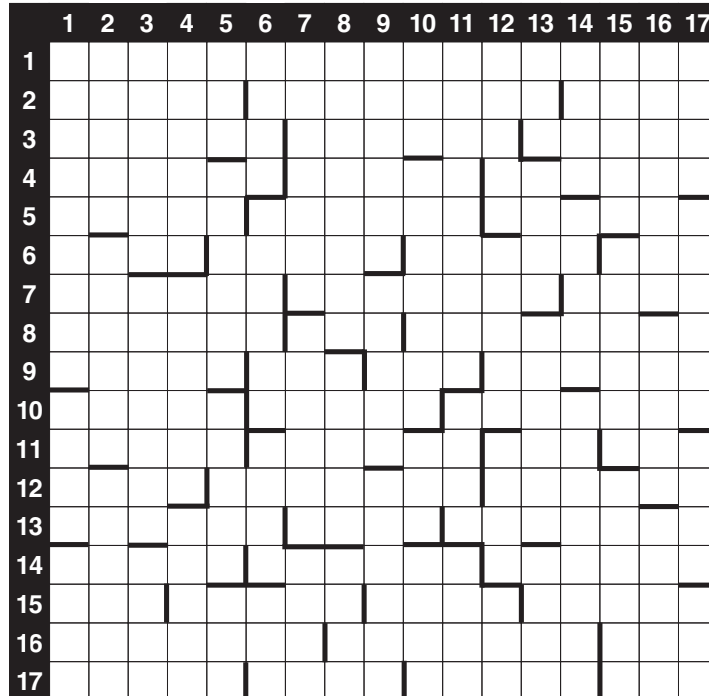


Continuity

This puzzle is solved like a standard crossword, but the answers are separated in the grid by bold lines, rather than black squares. Enter the answers into the grid, the black bars marking the end of each word in each chain of clues.



ACROSS

- 1 Without difficulty
- 2 Plant's sharp barb; trainees; region
- 3 Deep gorge; sheep's coat; adhere
- 4 Complete agreement; instruct; distinctive aromas
- 5 Units of heredity; snail-shaped shellfish; sewed loosely
- 6 Jokes; devoutness; stadium; exist
- 7 Projecting handles; makes smaller; circle, hoop
- 8 Wiped out; lyric poem; device for destroying documents
- 9 Soiled; sphere; charge for services; within
- 10 Trite; distances of 1760 yards; retaliation
- 11 Select group; funeral car; rubbish container; jewel
- 12 Measure of medicine; grand house; turn down
- 13 Educational institution; black and white seabird; news
- 14 Fruit of the oak; turn to bone; principal ore of lead
- 15 Carry; sag; perceives; widespread destruction
- 16 By now; kindred; flightless bird
- 17 Severe; 24-hour periods; aromatic herb; mesh

DOWN

- 1 Battled or laboured; garden flower plots; unfortunately
- 2 Scottish feudal lord; antenna; mystical
- 3 Roaming aimlessly; glossy coating; man-eating giant
- 4 Crops up; total possessions; tidiness
- 5 Tavern; bird of prey; citrus fruit; managed
- 6 Scottish valley; intelligence; saint's aura; strange
- 7 More robust; the East; high-protein bean
- 8 Gifted; indifferent; lively
- 9 Unusual, weird; put off, delay; flag flowers
- 10 A single; contract sections; male offspring; experienced, sensed
- 11 Pretentious, overblown; lease; American affirmative
- 12 Obtain with difficulty; spooky; two-masted ship; pig-pen
- 13 Donkey; tins; coveted; sound to attract attention
- 14 Judge, assess; on the _____, likely; volley of gunfire
- 15 Swallow liquid; assisting; irregular
- 16 Book stand; borders; ornamental garden dwarf
- 17 Ox-like mammals; extent; flat-topped hill; sever

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