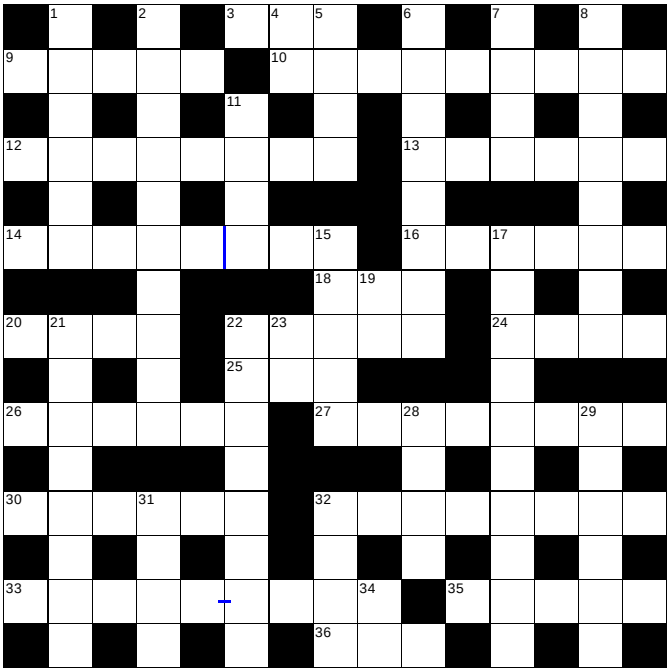


Mystery of the Talking Fan

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Across

- 3 past tense-of move at a speed faster than a walk, never having both or all the feet on the ground at the same time (3)
- 9 accompanied by or introducing random fluctuations that obscure the real signal or data (5)
- 10 the branch of technology and industry concerned with both aviation and space flight (9)
- 12 talk informally about unimportant matters (8)
- 13 the name of several different units of mass, weight or volume and is derived almost unchanged from the uncia, an Ancient Roman unit of measurement (plural) (6)
- 14 tea made from unfermented leaves that is pale in colour and slightly bitter in flavour, produced mainly in China and Japan (5,3)
- 16 situated, conducted, or used within a building or under cover (6)
- 18 an apparatus with rotating blades that creates a current of air for cooling or ventilation (3)
- 20 a metric unit of mass equal to one thousandth of a kilogram (4)
- 22 an object that one need not, cannot, or does not wish to give a specific name to (5)
- 24 a vessel or duct (4)

- 25 the invisible gaseous substance surrounding the earth, a mixture mainly of oxygen and nitrogen (3)
- 26 the protection granted by a state to someone who has left their home country as a political refugee (6)
- 27 of, worked by, charged with, or producing electricity (8)
- 30 a part of a cooker, lamp, etc. that emits a flame (6)
- 32 of great value; not to be wasted or treated carelessly (8)
- 33 a special type of nails with helical shanks resembling screws (5-4)
- 35 an indefinite and very long period of time (5)
- 36 one's family and relations (3)

Down

- 1 take the trouble to do something (6)
- 2 a process in which a system changes—whether it be the pressure, volume and/or contents—without the temperature changing (10)
- 4 an international fellowship of men and women who have had a drinking problem. It is nonprofessional, self-supporting, multiracial, apolitical, and available almost everywhere (2)
- 5 newly received or noteworthy information, especially about recent events (4)
- 6 travel in a motor vehicle (8)
- 7 turn or cause to turn or whirl round quickly (4)
- 8 a level or rank in an organization, a profession, or society (8)
- 11 cease work or movement in order to relax, sleep, or recover strength (4)
- 15 on fire; burning (5)
- 17 fit or cause to fit together easily and conveniently (10)
- 19 the form of the indefinite article used before words beginning with a vowel sound (2)
- 21 a stock or supply of money, materials, staff, and other assets that can be drawn on by a person or organization in order to function effectively (8)
- 22 sticky brown acidic pulp from the pod of a tree of the pea family, widely used as a flavouring in Asian cooking (8)
- 23 used as a friendly greeting or to attract attention (2)
- 28 alternate spelling for the second-largest living bird by height (4)
- 29 a genus of herbivorous lizards that are native to tropical areas of Mexico, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean (6)
- 31 require (something) because it is essential or very important rather than just desirable (4)
- 32 pummel or beat (someone) (4)
- 34 a Chinese unit of distance, equal to about 0.5 km (0.3 mile) (2)