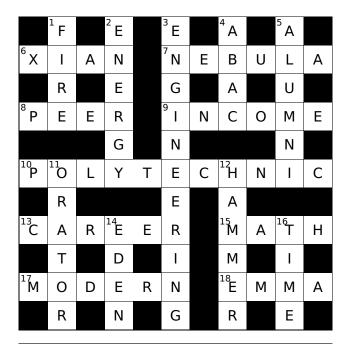
## skill

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## Across

- 6 the atonal pinyin romanization of the Mandarin pronunciation of its name 西安, which means "Western Peace" in Chinese. (4) xIAN.
- 7 a distinct luminescent part of interstellar medium, which can consist of ionized, neutral or molecular hydrogen and also cosmic dust (6)
- 8 one that is of equal standing with another (4) PEER.
- 9 money received, especially on a regular basis, for work or through investments (6) INCOME.
- 10 an institution of higher education offering courses at degree level or below, especially in vocational subjects. (11) POLYTECHNIC.
- 13 an occupation undertaken for a significant period of a person's life and with opportunities for progress. (6) CAREER.

- 15 mathematics (4) MATH.
- 17 relating to the present or recent times as opposed to the remote past. (6) MODERN.
- 18 a feminine given name. It is derived from the Germanic word ermen meaning "whole" or "universal". (4) EMMA.

## Down

- 1 a process in which substances combine chemically with oxygen from the air and typically give out bright light, heat, and smoke; combustion or burning. (4) FIRE.
- 2 the property of matter and radiation which is manifest as a capacity to perform work (such as causing motion or the interaction of molecules). (6) ENERGY.
- 3 the branch of science and technology concerned with the design, building, and use of engines, machines, and structures. (11) ENGINEERING.
- 4 a diagram representing the relations between three or more variable quantities by means of a number of scales, so arranged that the value of one variable can be found by a simple geometrical construction, e.g. by drawing a straight line intersecting the other scales at the appropriate values. (4) ABAC.
- 5 a former pupil or student, especially a male one, of a particular school, college, or university. (6)

  ALUMNI.
- **11** a public speaker, especially one who is eloquent or skilled. (6) **ORATOR**.
- 12 a tool with a heavy metal head mounted at right angles at the end of a handle, used for jobs such as breaking things and driving in nails. (6) HAMMER.
- 14 paradise (4) EDEN.
- 16 the indefinite continued progress of existence and events in the past, present, and future regarded as a whole. (4) TIME.