

2025 MIT Crossword Open

November 15, 2025

Name(s): _____

Division: Individuals / Pairs

Standard Round 1 • 45 minutes

1.1 (5×5)

1.2 (5×5)

1.3 (6×6)

1.4 (7×7)

1.5 (7×7)

1.6 (Full Circle)

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1.1 (5x5)

ACROSS

- 1 Basic circuit,
with 5-down
- 5 Plant life
- 6 Etch lightly?
- 7 Black cats and
four-leaf
clovers, to some
- 8 Parisian parent

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DOWN

- 1 Lover
- 2 5-down, say
- 3 Adler of
Sherlock
Holmes stories
- 4 Golf score
standards
- 5 See 1-across

1.2 (5x5)

ACROSS

- 1 Short flight
- 4 MIT, e.g., for short
- 5 Squared?
- 8 Be human
- 9 Gently place

DOWN

- 1 Center
- 2 Avant-garde artist who co-wrote "Imagine"
- 3 Square?
- 6 Mesozoic, for example
- 7 Arid

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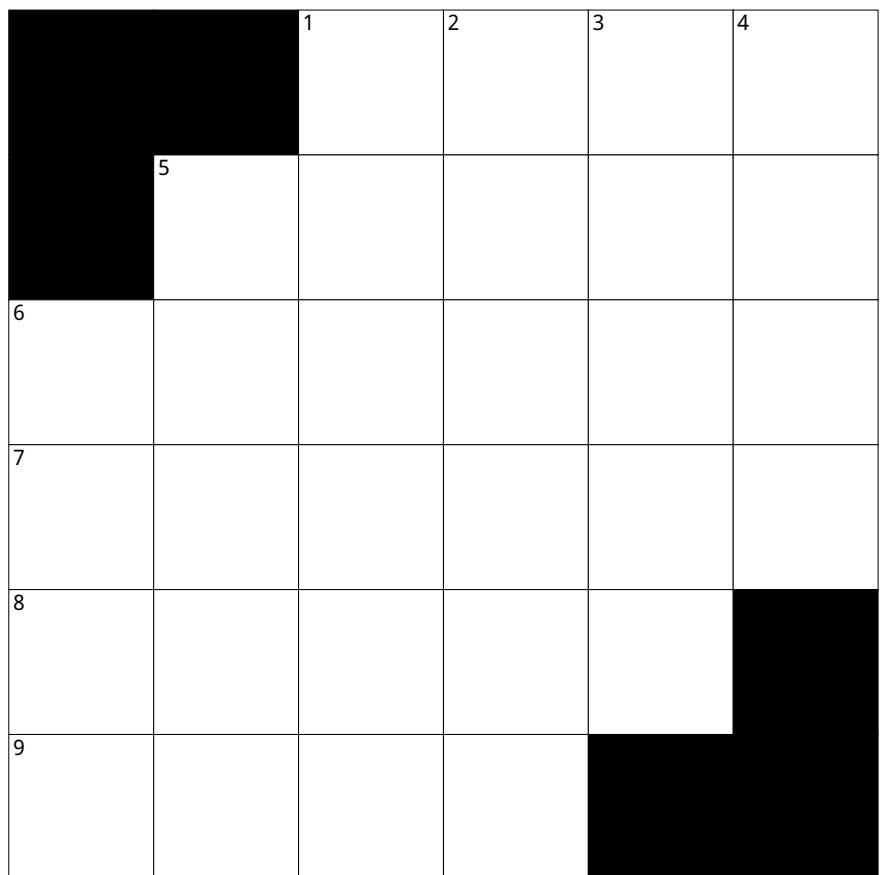
1.3 (6x6)

ACROSS

- 1 With 6-Across,
name of a 2025
puzzle game
whose name
hints at its
central
house-building
mechanic
5 Honestly
6 See 1-Across
7 Got glitchy, as a
Zoom call
8 Yellowish
earthy hue
9 Follower of Neo
or Chia

DOWN

- 1 Intelligent
2 Exercises that
work upper leg
muscles
3 Stomach
malady
4 Looked at
m'lady, maybe
5 Tiny amount
6 Tiredly and/or
loudly sit
(down)



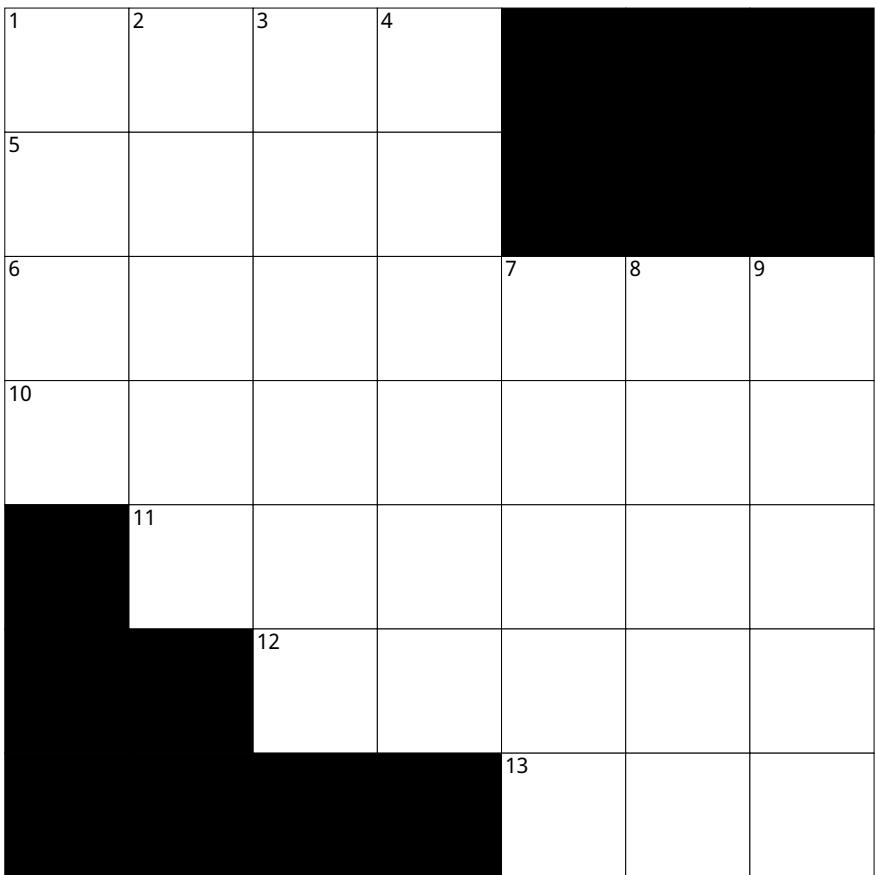
1.4 (7x7)

ACROSS

- 1 Mr. __
(Coca-Cola soda
brand returning
in 2026)
5 Pungent smell
6 Ducked, as to fit
through a door
10 Very wrong or
broken
11 Tried to
convince you
this crossword
was 8x8, maybe
12 Forceful toss
13 In favor of

DOWN

- 1 Luxurious
2 "Hi! I'm... "
badge (2 wds.)
3 Victorious
person's smug
interjection
4 Visit some web
sites, say
7 Seasoned rice
dish
8 Cynthia who
played Elphaba
in both Wicked
movies
9 Cause
(someone) to
reconsider
doing
something



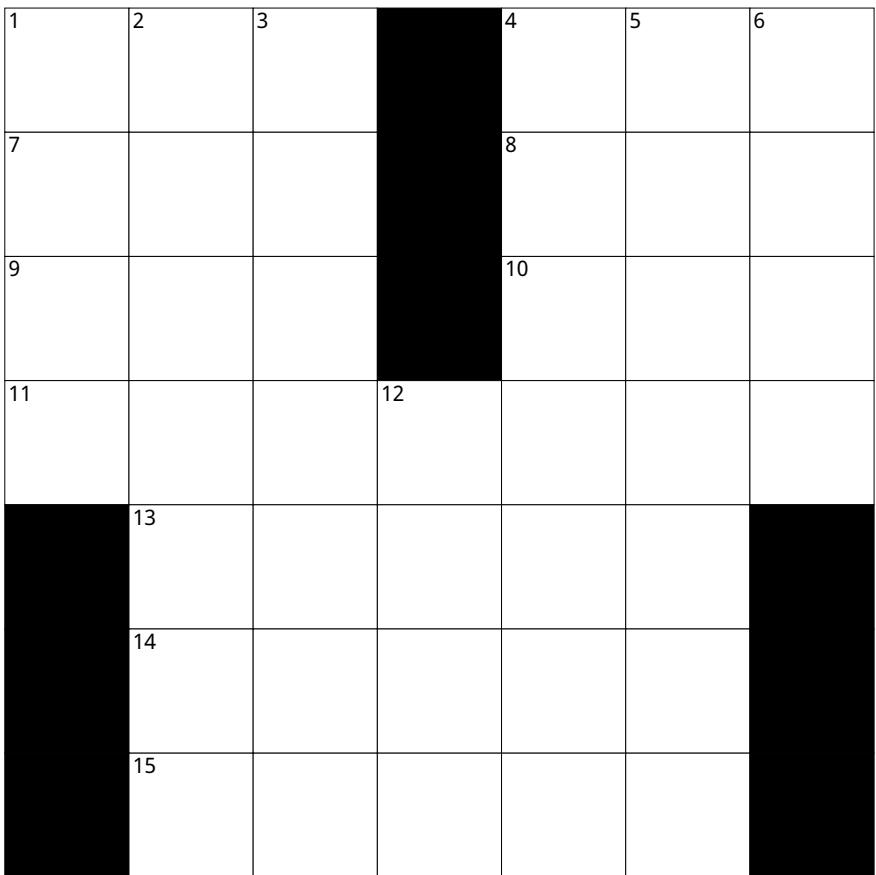
1.5 (7x7)

ACROSS

- 1 HTML
formatting
language
- 4 Slangy apology
- 7 Google Maps or
NYT Games
- 8 Tex-__
- 9 Spiderman
creator
- 10 Like Vivaldi's
"Spring"
- 11 Ocean's 7?
- 13 Spoil of the
Louvre heist
- 14 Put a new
surface on
- 15 Orgs.

DOWN

- 1 Integral math
course?
- 2 Light strips?
- 3 Classes of
classes of
classes of
classes of
classes?
- 4 Head of
Olympus?
- 5 Ball cases?
- 6 Short suit?
- 12 Memory play?



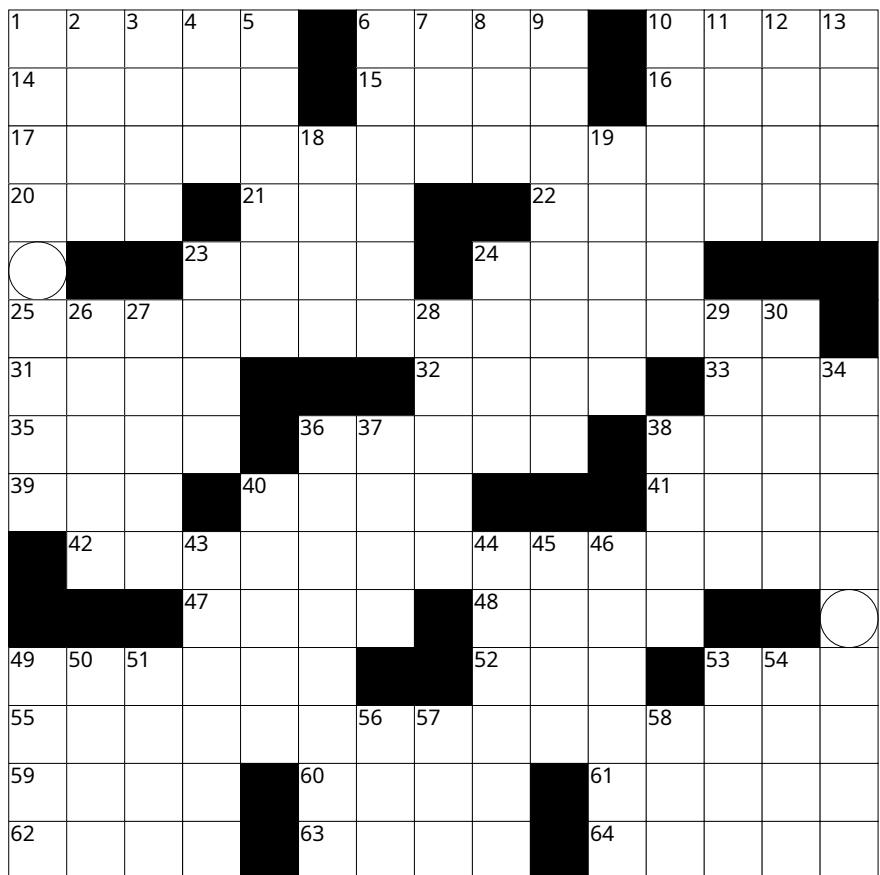
1.6 (Full Circle)

- ACROSS**
- 1 An arm and a leg
 - 6 Criminal group
 - 10 [Sigh]
 - 14 Likely roster for the big game
 - 15 Conditional catch-all in coding
 - 16 Like chocolate mousse
 - 17 A B
 - 20 Soak (up)
 - 21 Island chain?
 - 22 Warmed the bench
 - 23 Secluded valley
 - 24 Swear words or words sworn
 - 25 A B
 - 31 Similar (to)
 - 32 Like Death Valley
 - 33 For sure, for short
 - 35 It's rigged
 - 36 "_____
CONTACT"- what the circled letters might save each others' contacts as, after 42-Across
 - 38 Put up with
 - 39 Prefix with graph or genetic
 - 40 Response to "how did you get here so quickly?", perhaps
 - 41 Harvard rival
 - 42 A B
 - 47 Jazzes (up)

- 48 Zero
- 49 Not yours or mine
- 52 Art museum on Huntington Ave.
- 53 Badger or hound
- 55 Where the circled letters might find themselves after 42-Across
- 59 Arthur of tennis fame
- 60 They're below the ankles
- 61 Word after water or musk
- 62 PPP (in Greek)
- 63 Cut that tapers
- 64 Bias

DOWN

- 1 Assigns fault
- 2 "Me as well"
- 3 Pick-__
- 4 Exclamation from Ebenezer Scrooge
- 5 Apple product starter
- 6 Alternative to ChatGPT
- 7 Pub order
- 8 Official codebreaking org.
- 9 Finds a match, say
- 10 Queen of soul
- 11 Disney's "___ & Stitch"
- 12 Rights advocacy org.
- 13 Snap result?
- 18 Dead ends?
- 19 Wasn't a fan of
- 23 Refined chap



- 24 Word before Iado, in Spanish
- 26 Animal also called a zebra giraffe
- 27 Drop by
- 28 Type of cam
- 29 Notions
- 30 Sphere
- 34 Uncommitted player
- 36 Loses altitude or consciousness
- 37 Some cereals
- 38 Storage unit?
- 40 Non-reactive
- 43 They can be seen on graphs or tracks
- 44 How you might accidentally join a meeting

- 45 Tucson school, informally
- 46 Words after brother or up
- 49 Ski lift
- 50 Chop up, like potatoes
- 51 Reverberation
- 53 Mardi Gras city, familiarly
- 54 Auth. unknown
- 56 Salty expanse
- 57 Mathematician's mic-drop, briefly
- 58 Slippery fish