

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

DOWN

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

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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)

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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

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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?
- 4 Head of Olympus?
- 5 Ball cases?
- 6 Short suit?
- 12 Memory play?

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1.6 (Full Circle)

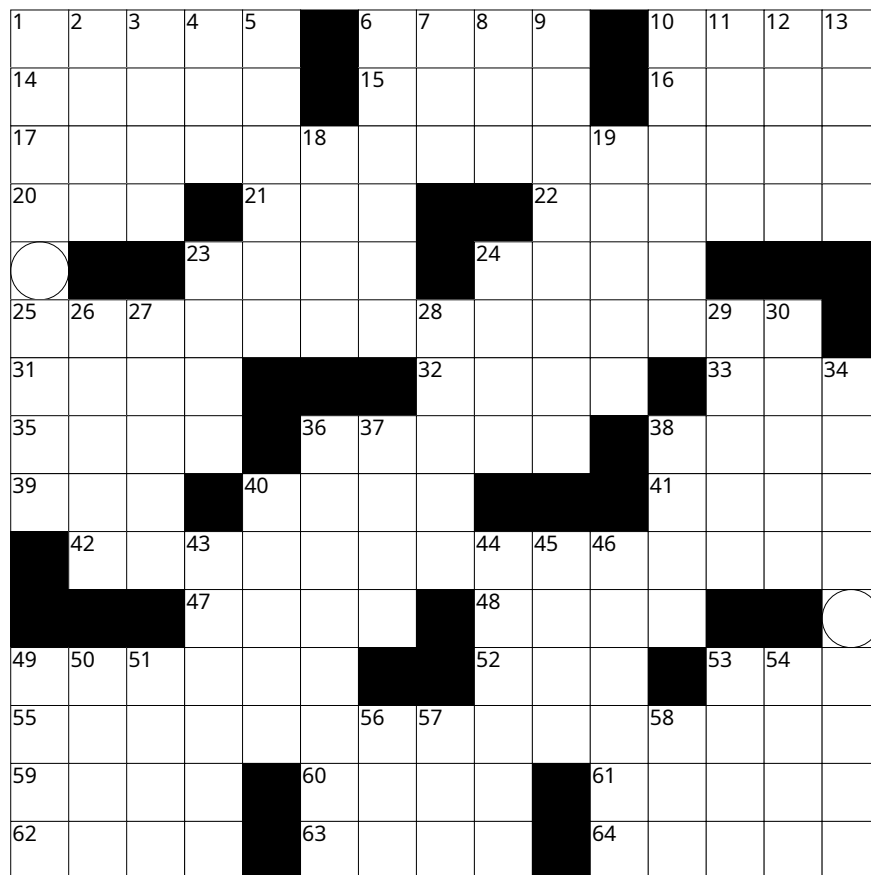
ACROSS

- 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 lado, 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