

# 2025 MIT Crossword Open

## November 15, 2025

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Team Round 2 (???) • 1 hour

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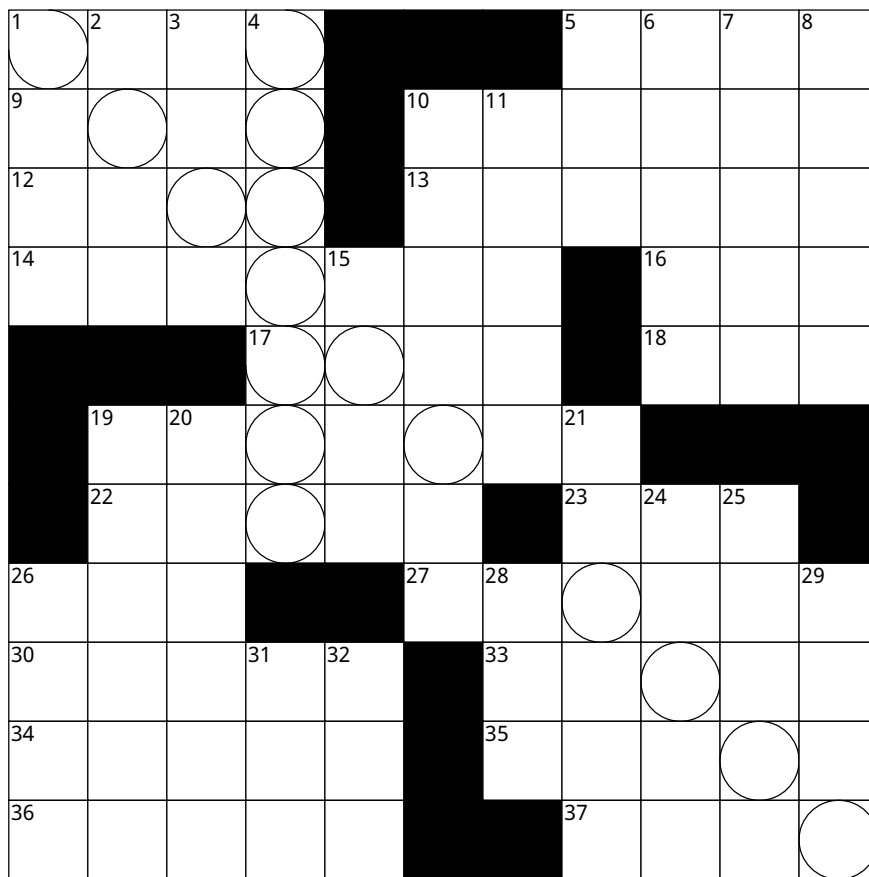
**ACROSS**

- 1 It's often pulled by oxen  
 5 Big birds  
 9 "Big Hero 6" hero  
 10 "\_\_\_ the foggiest!"  
 12 Like the function  $y=e^x$  on its domain (abbr.)  
 13 Iron deficiency  
 14 Killing a vampire, perhaps  
 16 Ages  
 17 Lines of thought?  
 18 Tabletop RPG  
 19 Civil rights leader \_\_\_ Scott King  
 22 Paris's \_\_\_ d'Orsay  
 23 You might get a 1600 on it  
 26 Web crawler, e.g.  
 27 Official on the ice (abbr.)  
 30 Put into law  
 33 Mailman alternative, at MIT  
 34 Started eating  
 35 Capsize  
 36 Exhausted  
 37 Otherwise

**DOWN**

- 1 Sorority letters  
 2 Fuzz  
 3 Ocean predator  
 4 "\_\_\_ of the world, unite!"  
 5 12/24 or 12/31

- 6 Made into a GIF, perhaps  
 7 SAG-AFTRA or UAW, e.g.  
 8 Tolerate  
 10 Surfer's maneuver  
 11 Emo emotion  
 15 Floating-point standardizers  
 19 "It's your turn!"  
 20 Power failure  
 21 Not even  
 24 Disney mermaid  
 25 Shore birds  
 26 Nap sacks  
 28 "my dms are open"  
 29 Tapering haircut  
 31 The Reds, on a scoreboard  
 32 Big bang producer



ACROSS

- 1 Cultural medium?
- 5 Org. overseeing dorms and dining at MIT
- 8 They may be raised or dashed
- 10 Episodic video game character
- 11 Square things
- 12 Word before up, off, or back
- 13 Amscray
- 14 Vietnamese holiday
- 15 ?
- 17 Head lines?
- 18 "The Dark Knight Rises" villain
- 19 Hawaiian garland
- 20 Put up with
- 22 \_\_\_ Angeles
- 23 Pick up bit by bit
- 24 Many a time, quaintly
- 25 Abbr. on a historic building

- 9 Garden center purchase
- 15 Yo-Yo Ma's instrument
- 16 Mammal with an expensive coat
- 21 Turn off

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- 1 "It just clicked!"
- 2 Finally escaped
- 3 One who eats a certain pie
- 4 Agree to more issues
- 5 You might want to make your own
- 6 Regarded with disdain
- 7 Artsy drink, often

ACROSS

- 1 Suffix of Impression or Dada

4 Pilot G2, e.g.

7 Pal, down under

8 BOS info

9 Quick, in a way

11 Vile Nile creature

12 ???

14 Bat mitzvah reading

15 Part of a belt loop?

18 "\_\_\_ Too Well (10 Minute Version) (Taylor's Version)"

19 ???

20 Cattle call?

21 Suffix to mega- and cyclo-

22 Church bench

23 Target of a phishing expedition?
- 10 Gets closer to needing a 6-Down

13 Units of gemstone weight (homophonic to units of gold)

15 Ingredient in some balms

16 Click it!

17 Cubby hole?

18 Sound system piece

DOWN

- 1 "\_\_\_ surgeon!" (The Good Doctor quote)

2 Take one's time in the morning, say

3 Wine from Bordeaux

4 Morning of Thanksgiving, for the Butterball Turkey Talk-Line

5 Crafty sellers' site

6 Quick snooze

7 N.Y.C. concert venue

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- 1 Sensitive skin spots  
 6 "Yikes"  
 10 "If \_\_\_ were an ocean, we'd be wading in the distance" (Alvvays lyric)  
 11 Processing unit in a neural network  
 12 It can get steamy  
 14 Winning line in tic-tac-toe  
 15 Lip, for short  
 16 Simpsons son included in the TIME 100: The Most Important People Of The Century  
 18 Name before da 5'9" or after Rolls  
 21 Stop at  
 23 Send text after text after text  
 24 Repeated two-word chant following a dare  
 26 "Pondering My \_\_\_" (meme of a wizard)  
 27 ???  
 30 Neal McBeal, Navy \_\_\_ (BoJack Horseman character)  
 31 Sainly quality  
 32 Hot rod in a hot rod  
 33 Authority, for a parent
- 1 Type of light at a concert  
 2 From Cleveland or Columbus  
 3 Goal for an up-and-coming artist  
 4 "Able was I \_\_\_ I saw Elba"  
 5 Religious offshoot  
 6 Easy numbers... without a tres  
 7 That's what it's all about!  
 8 "\_\_\_ to My Socks" (Pablo Neruda poem)  
 9 2013 movie foreboding chatbot relationships  
 13 "Is \_\_\_ children learning?" --George Bush  
 17 Play the horn (with or without its last two letters)  
 19 ^^^^^  
 20 Pre-fetus stage  
 22 Org. funding medical research  
 25 Bits of advice  
 27 Grp. giving traveler's checks?  
 28 Evil spell  
 29 Actress Long or Director DaCosta

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- 1 Vardalos and Peeples
- 5 "At Last" singer James
- 9 Author \_\_\_\_ Stanley Gardner
- 10 Asian sea
- 11 ?
- 12 Leaf-gathering tool
- 13 Snake's warning
- 14 Riley's fiery emotion
- 15 Concert purchase for one on a budget
- 17 Cognizant
- 18 Cacophony
- 19 Manuscript encl.
- 20 ?
- 21 Ring stats
- 22 "Me? I'm building a scalable B2B \_\_\_\_ platform with AI-first workflows"
- 23 Like some texts
- 24 Hard workers

DOWN

- 1 What deliver doom, gloom, and the occasional weather update
- 2 Celebration of a life, with drinks and dancing
- 3 Not just for the summer
- 4 But, to Brutus
- 5 Garners

- 6 Actor who never gets a happy ending
- 7 What one might do before shooting their shot
- 8 What keeps you on your toes
- 14 Human, e.g.
- 16 "Give it \_\_\_\_!"
- 20 Group that gets touchy at airports

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- 1 Hamster's home  
5 Nashville-based awards org.  
8 Tiny armadas  
11 Some delivery procedures  
12 ?  
13 Largest OH airport  
14 6-1s  
15 ?  
17 Batman, for one  
20 From the beginning  
21 Matrix op.  
22 "\_\_\_, Brute?"

**DOWN**

- 1 Ozone-threatening compound  
2 Pacino and Capone  
3 Leaves the family business?  
4 Deeply impressed?  
5 Intimate, in yarn or friendship  
6 Nail salon offerings, familiarly  
7 Org.  
9 Manga artist Junji  
10 Able to read and write  
13 Rebuke gently  
15 Show stopper?  
16 \_\_\_ Baba  
18 Egyptian boy king  
19 It'll never fly

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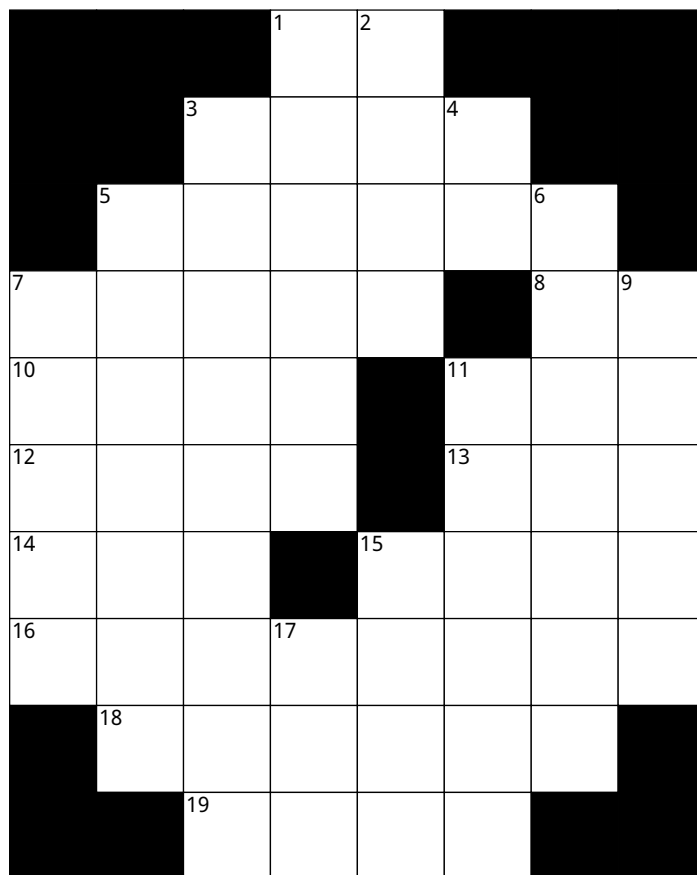


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- 1 Filler sound  
3 Piazza poster  
(abbr.)  
5 Flowering  
7 A celebrity  
might read a  
"Mean" one on  
late-night  
8 Mensa prereq  
10 Lobbying grps.  
11 "Geaux Tigers"  
locale  
12 Greek god of  
war  
13 Letter after zeta  
14 War zone  
danger  
15 Opposite of  
sans  
16 You might hear  
7A, 2D, 9D, and  
??? above this  
18 Disapproves  
19 Chuck

**DOWN**

- 1 Except if  
2 "Who gives a  
\_\_\_?"  
3 Primer  
4 Negative  
5 In on  
6 Gentlemen  
7 Rapper who  
popularized  
Auto-Tune  
9 Charlatan  
11 Eastern  
Mediterranean  
region  
15 Life \_\_\_ know it  
17 Weeding tool



**ACROSS**

- 1 Too  
 5 Partner of switch  
 9 Blue-bagged Doritos flavor  
 11 ??? (3 words)  
 12 Fall leaf color  
 13 Sleep on it!  
 14 Blue used in a printer  
 16 TV Explorer alongside Boots the monkey  
 17 Alley \_\_\_\_  
 18 Director Brooks or Spice Girl B  
 19 ???  
 23 Like some large apartment buildings  
 24 International oil grp.  
 25 Sort

- 14 Wanda's partner in The Fairly OddParents  
 15 "Never Gonna Give \_\_\_\_" (you just got Rickrolled)  
 16 First appearance  
 18 Diagnostic tool, in brief  
 20 List-ending abbr.  
 21 Incomplete project, for short  
 22 5G \_\_\_\_ (as seen on a phone screen)

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- 1 Commonly torn knee tissue, for short  
 2 Elton's John?  
 3 Granny Smith, e.g.  
 4 Like days of yore  
 5 Symbol seen in Gotham City skies  
 6 Insect group inspiring namesake pathfinding algorithms  
 7 Blood of the gods, in Greek myth  
 8 Angle variable  
 10 "Totally tubular!"

**ACROSS**

- 1 Nourished  
 4 Pencil remnant  
 7 Headbutt, maybe  
 10 Type of candidate or what to do with some of the "black" cells in this puzzle  
 12 Their blood is detoxified through cooking  
 13 James Bond actor  
 15 One use for a high-altitude nuke  
 16 "Heh"  
 17 Limbs extended  
 22 \_\_\_-ace  
 23 Hawaiian or maybe Gullah  
 24 Amount of radiation  
 25 X  
 26 Food given out at MIT on March 14

**DOWN**

- 1 Abbr. repeated many times in some email subjects  
 2 Pivotal time period  
 3 Old pieces of Spanish currency  
 4 Be willing to look beyond  
 5 Register in a bank  
 6 Filthy

- 7 Inflation-adjusted economic measure  
 8 Boxer Muhammad  
 9 Umami seasoning  
 11 What clocks measure  
 14 Singer Chappell  
 17 Down  
 18 Anti-anti  
 19 Genre of daily game (or a common suffix in such games)  
 20 Flower garland  
 21 Prefix for yesterday that makes it mean "two days before"

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- 1 Protocol that delivers, briefly
- 4 Club at MIT, or MIT laundry app, for short
- 7 Spanish gold
- 8 Moody music genre
- 9 Festive tune
- 11 \_\_\_ Moines
- 12 1973 Rolling Stones hit
- 13 Cell's energy currency, briefly
- 14 Spreads like memes do
- 16 Be human?
- 17 Insurance giant
- 18 Vietnam's last emperor Bao \_\_\_
- 19 Reason for sunscreen
- 20 Hawaiian strings
- 21 Director Spike
- 22 Ltr. addenda
- 23 Amount past due?

DOWN

- 1 They might hang in shady galleries
- 2 Number in a risqué setup
- 3 Rising event?
- 4 Source of aromatic lumber
- 5 Czech composer of "The Moldau"
- 6 Con act?
- 9 Like a bird that cannot sing
- 10 Hooded parkas

15 "When will \_\_\_ learn?"

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