

2025 MIT Crossword Open

November 15, 2025

Name(s): _____

Division: Individuals / Pairs

Standard Round 2 · 1 hour

2.1 (7×7)

2.2 (9×7)

2.3 (4×10)

2.4 (State of Mind)

2.5 (Puzzle 54)

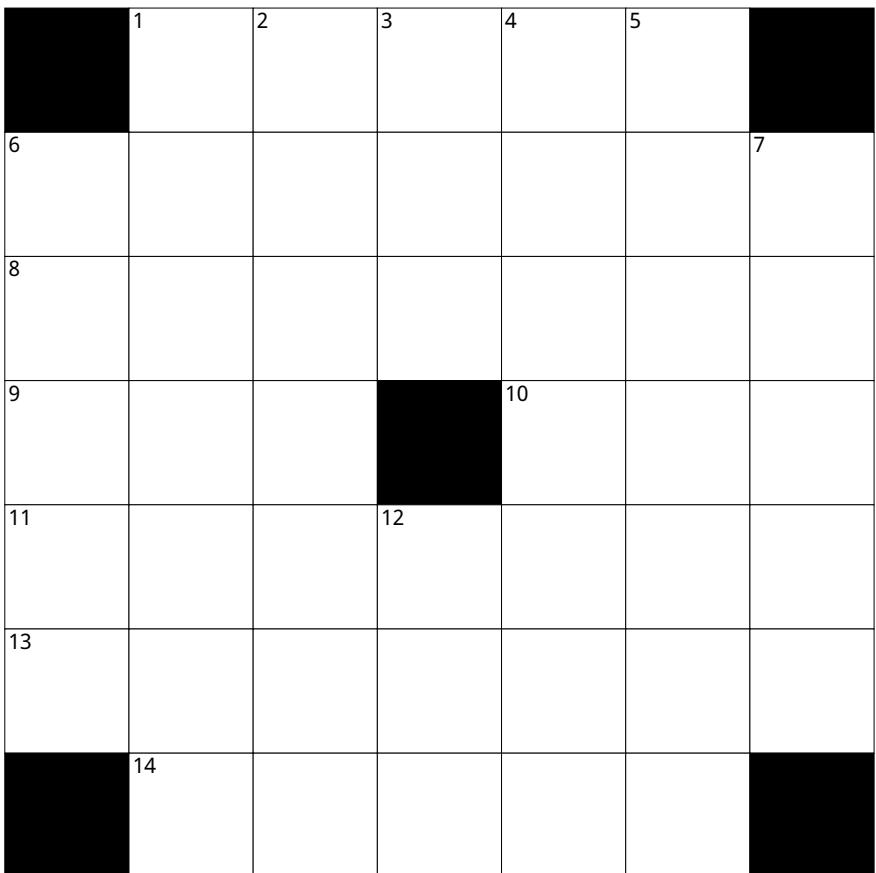
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2.1 (7x7)

ACROSS

- 1 Bluesy
Memphis street
that might be
misconstrued
as an order to
transform into
an alcoholic
drink
6 Time spent with
relations?
8 Home to Kiwis
and kangaroos
9 Position: Abbr.
10 Chicago trains
11 Message that
might be typed
through tears
13 They take you
the long way
home
14 Oozes gradually



DOWN

- 1 Looks good on
2 Finish a plan, or
a man
3 In the style of
4 Prepares for
takeoff, maybe
5 TurboTax users,
perhaps
6 Like a good alibi
7 Places where
stars might rise
12 "The Tell-Tale
Heart" author

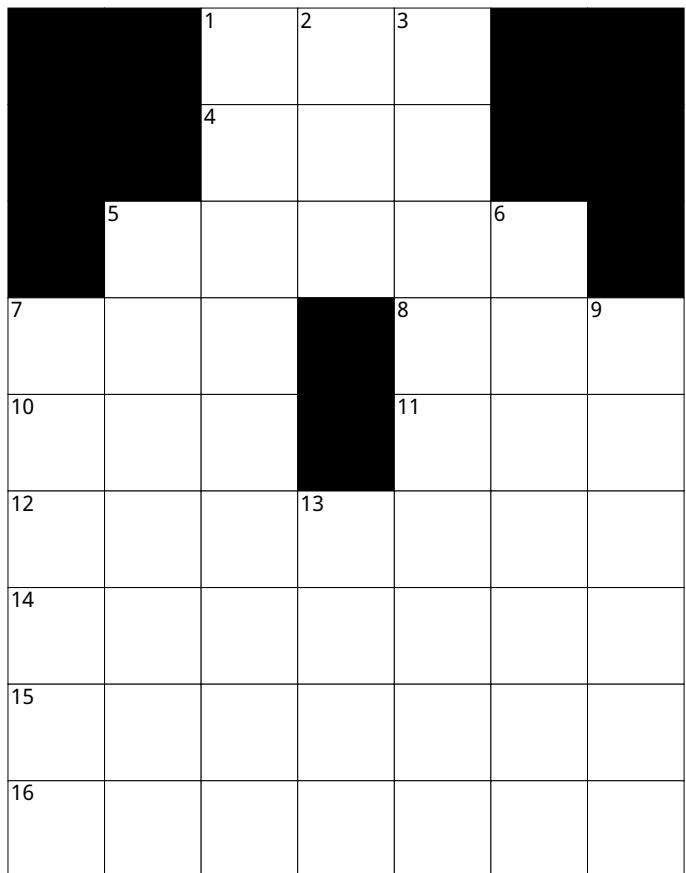
2.2 (9x7)

ACROSS

- 1 Term for a child often preceded by "tiny"
4 Contributor to inflation?
5 Flower that lends its name to a purplish color
7 Amt. on food labels that dieters may count
8 Sisterly organization at college (abbr.)
10 Mobile game, for example
11 Insurer that may provide your medical benefits under the ACA
12 Fussed over one's appearance
14 On the surface, to submariner
15 College whose name becomes a German city if you remove the first letter
16 Song that Aretha Franklin might sing at a spelling bee?

DOWN

- 1 Cars emit their emissions through them
2 Major export from the Middle East



2.3 (4x10)

ACROSS

1 Testifies as the
result of a plea
deal, maybe (2
wds)

11 Newsboy's
shout, in
bygone days (2
wds.)

12 Orange-with-black-licorice ice cream flavor, possibly named after the opening of William Blake's poem (2 wds)

13 Sound of a slow leak

DOWN

1 Devices for catching fish

2 X or Y, when graphing

3 Items in an
Outlook
calendar (abbr.)

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(Cockney's
salute)

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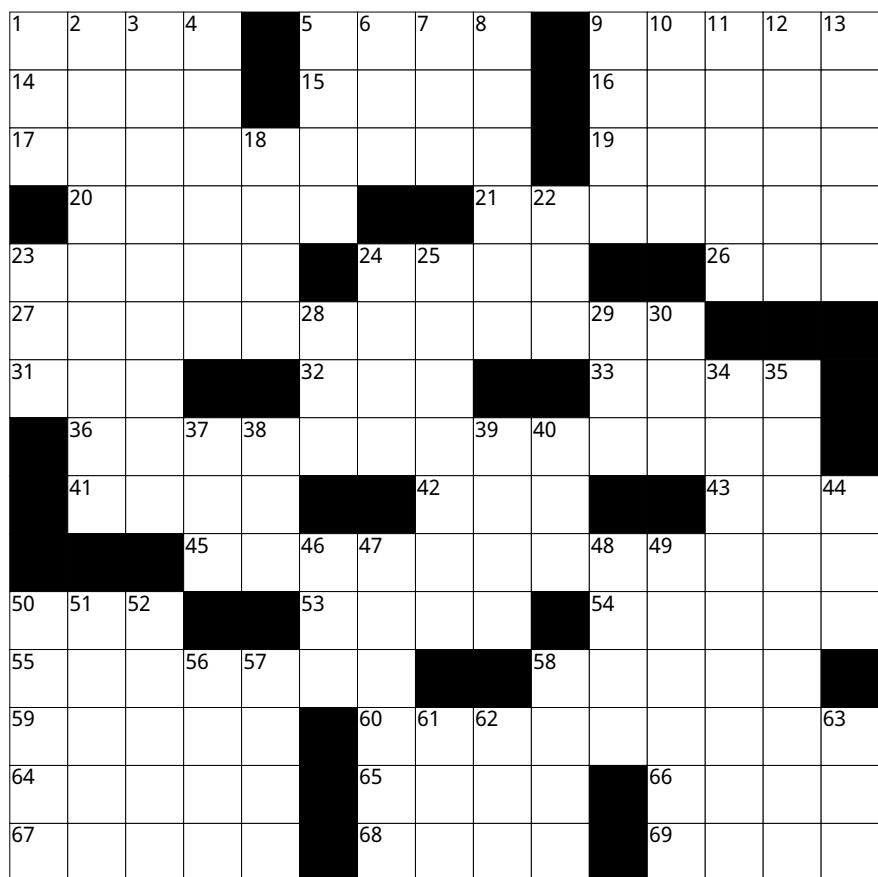
2.4 (State of Mind)

ACROSS

- 1 Tic __
 5 Give off
 9 *Bundles of feathers
 14 Infamous vampire, to his friends
 15 When doubled, Japanese video platform
 16 Happen 35-Down
 17 They might be listed in a job application
 19 Other, in Montréal
 20 UFC champion MacGregor
 21 *Hall west of New Vassar
 23 Gymnast Simone
 24 Ground-up grain
 26 B.C. time zone
 27 *Taken literally with 36-Across, any of the starred clues (including this pair)
 31 Affleck of "Good Will Hunting"
 32 Less than zero (abbr.)
 33 Launch party?
 36 *See 27-Across
 41 Clarifying words
 42 It's about 5 mL
 43 Canal zone?
 45 *Like Hokkaido, within Japan
 50 Not yet finalized (abbr.)

DOWN

- 53 Flag designer Betsy
 54 Those from Bydgoszcz or Przemyśl
 55 *Bridge measured in smoots
 58 Gets down?
 59 " __ to recall ... "
 60 Like one shooting for the stars
 64 Small role
 65 Narrative
 66 __ slaw
 67 *W.N.B.A. star Caitlin
 68 Middle-earth tree creatures
 69 Mex. miss
- 1 They score six pts.
 2 Highbrow movies, collectively
 3 Region including Charlotte and Charleston
 4 End of an act, maybe
 5 Athlete at 6-Down (abbr.)
 6 *German preposition
 7 I, in Ingolstadt
 8 Gently throw to
 9 The 6-Down 5-Downs, for example
 10 Latin word on a penny
 11 Camera setting
 12 Changes direction



13 Dost observe

18 It smells!

22 <3

23 Buddy

24 Time for sound to travel 34 cm.

25 Common inch divisions

28 Microscopic messenger

29 10-Down, in English

30 Adipose tissue

34 Safe entry?

35 See 16-Across

37 cos x tan

38 __-cone

39 Exploits

40 Rest area?

44 ER staffers

46 Telugu epic film

47 As of yet

48 Ejected saliva

49 Gins' partners

50 Voluptuous, slangily

51 Fundamental

52 Guacamole go-with

56 Swerve

57 Berserk

58 Goes on one's back

61 British isle

62 PB&J alternative

63 Red, Yellow or Black

2.5 (Puzzle 54)

ACROSS

- 1 GameCube successor
- 4 Fellow
- 8 Not a threat
- 11 They decorate metal with glass
- 12 Pale lavender
- 13 Stopped standing
- 14 Indian megacity
- 15 Word of regret
- 18 Upper chambers
- 21 Suffer
- 22 Well-organized
- 23 UFC sport
- 24 See 4-Down
- 26 Architect of this building
- 28 Late starter?
- 29 Abbreviation preceding a year in a logo
- 30 Pulled off
- 31 Makes a file easier to reference, perhaps
- 33 It's a long story
- 34 Former British PM Sunak
- 38 Graph traversal algorithm, for short
- 41 Moral standard
- 42 Hammer home
- 44 Temporal proximity
- 45 Department housed in this building
- 46 They ensure chemical hygiene at MIT

DOWN

- 1 Handle, as a sword
- 2 Concave belly button
- 3 Collectively
- 4 With 24-Across, end of the road?
- 5 Tilling tools
- 6 It's lost by being cringe
- 7 Subtle summons
- 9 Berkshire Hathaway or Union Pacific employee, maybe
- 10 Namesakes of this building
- 16 Fit to __
- 17 Waterfront area
- 18 Ferment, as an idea
- 19 Passes by
- 20 Stagnation
- 21 Question for one's own soul
- 25 Cape home to the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution
- 27 Volcano on Sicily
- 32 Master of Marseille
- 35 Cy Young Award-winning pitcher Bieber
- 36 Catch, as a ride
- 37 Slushy drinks
- 38 Camembert cousin
- 39 Disaster relief org.
- 40 One desperate for attention, slangily
- 43 " __ the season ..." (indicated by a large circle)

