

# 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

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## 2.2 (9x7)

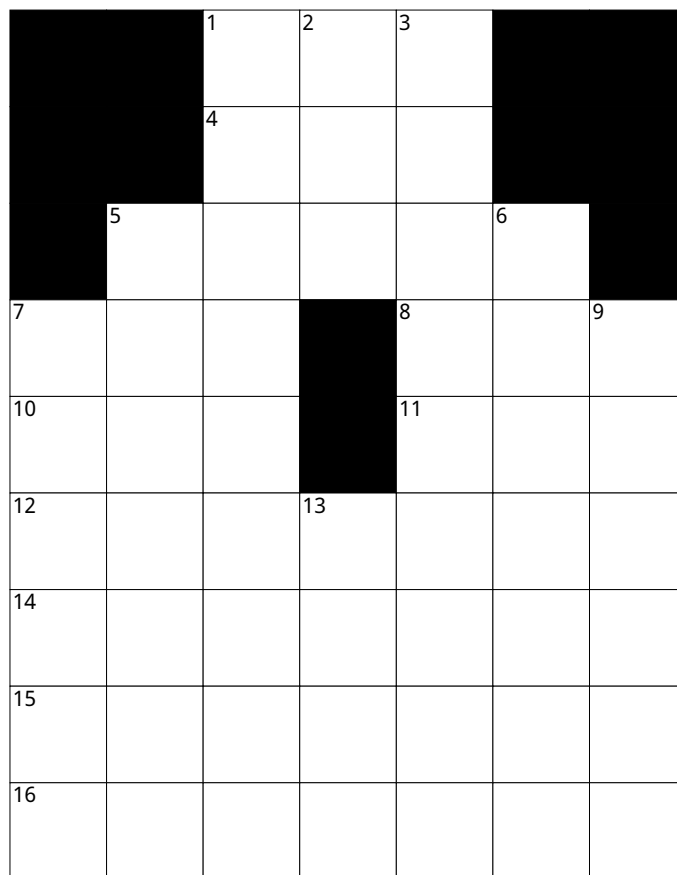
### ACROSS

- 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

- 3 Accumulation of garbage (2 wds.)  
 5 Blanket for your legs (2 wds.)  
 6 Laughable, like good stand-up?  
 7 Keeper of the kidnap-ee  
 9 Rat or beaver, e.g.  
 13 Recommended amount to pay for a car, as per its maker (abbr)



## 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

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### DOWN

- 1 Devices for catching fish
- 2 X or Y, when graphing
- 3 Items in an Outlook calendar (abbr.)
- 4 "\_\_ to you!" (Cockney's salute)
- 5 \_\_\_-CoV-2 (virus that causes COVID-19)
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## 2.4 (State of Mind)

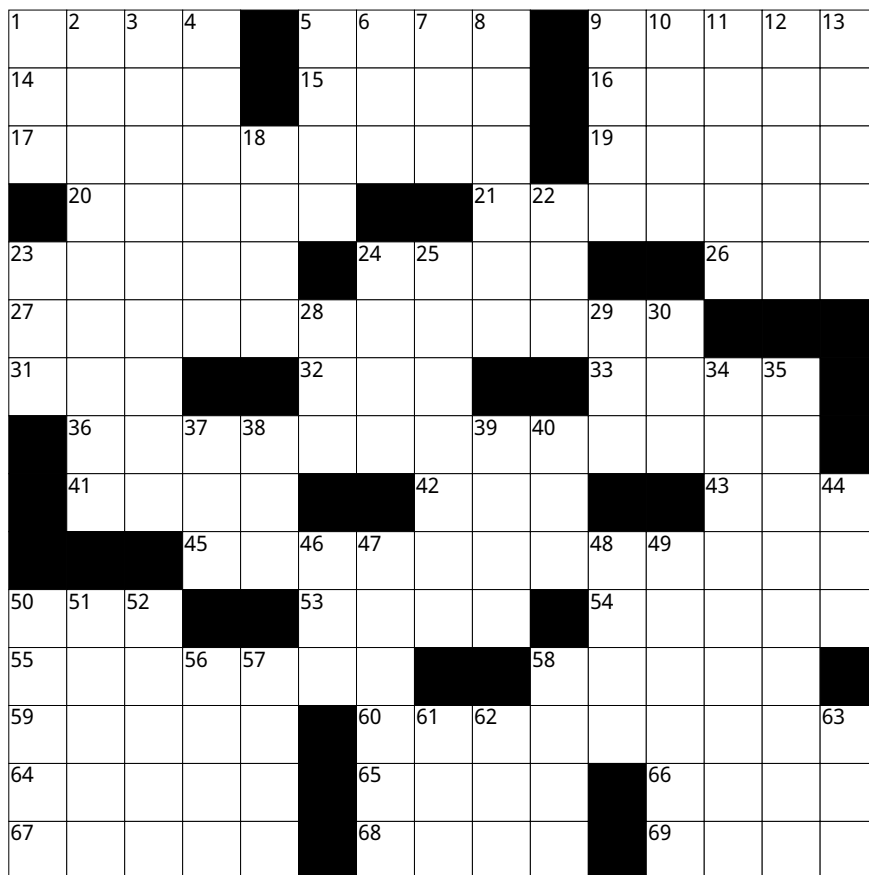
### ACROSS

- 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.)

- 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

### DOWN

- 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  $\cos \times \tan$   
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 ..."

