

2025 MIT Crossword Open

November 15, 2025

Name(s): _____

Division: Individuals / Pairs

Mini Rush • 30 minutes

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ACROSS

- 1 Legend-ary pop star?
- 5 Hummus or baby food, e.g.
- 6 Shapes of many race tracks
- 7 Baptisms and bat mitzvahs
- 8 Sharp, as senses

DOWN

- 1 Youth detention center, for shor
- 2 Make a delivery?
- 3 ___ of Troy
- 4 EarthBound character donning a blue and yellow striped shirt
- 5 Excess spending by Congress, with or without "barrel"

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ACROSS

- 1 End-of-maze reward for a lab rat, maybe
- 7 Keeps the beat with a foot (or tries to land in-bounds, on a football field)
- 8 Stuck after taking bait, say
- 9 "Rare earth" materials

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DOWN

- 1 Edible ice cream holder
- 2 If you can't take it, stay out of the kitchen, they say
- 3 Jazz singer James
- 4 Rank above viscount (that is, shockingly, not possessed by the rapper ___ Sweatshirt)
- 5 Relaxation centers
- 6 Telepathic power (or the MIT org putting on Splash next weekend!)
- 7 ___ the Beaver

ACROSS

- 1 Sweetheart
- 4 They can be Algerian or Roman
- 6 With 2-Down, what these two words meet at
- 7 Strike zone?
- 8 To be in Seville

DOWN

- 1 Gets steamy?
- 2 See 6-Across
- 3 Old anesthetic
- 4 Monk's title
- 5 Pigpen

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ACROSS

- 1 Breakfast staples
- 5 "Et tu?" addressee
- 7 Breakfast staple
- 8 One saying "Yes... ha ha ha... YES!" at a window
- 9 Statistics, e.g., per Mark Twain

DOWN

- 1 Flows out
- 2 Indiana Jones MacGuffin
- 3 Stylish or copacetic
- 4 What to do to a fire that 1 Down
- 6 Third-generation man

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ACROSS

- 1 What does it take?
- 4 Hang loosely
- 6 Tree houses
- 7 Those against
- 8 Upcoming mo.

DOWN

- 1 What's happening?
- 2 Refuse to throw out?
- 3 Visionary?
- 4 Double helix, scientifically speaking
- 5 Single helix, alphabetically speaking

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ACROSS

- 1 Metaphorical symbol of taking on a different role
- 4 Alternative to udon
- 5 Quantities
- 6 See 3 Down
- 7 Thin layer of the earth

DOWN

- 1 Overwhelmed, in local parlance
- 2 Drive the getaway car, e.g.
- 3 Grades 6As
- 4 Middling
- 5 Stat you might try to optimize in a video game

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ACROSS

- 1 Singer DiFranco
- 4 Varieties
include soap or
space
- 6 Tumult
- 7 Play unit
- 8 Nearby
makerspace,
behind MIT

DOWN

- 1 Quickly
- 2 When Rick
Astley would
give you up
- 3 Shackles
- 4 Hugs, when
written and
then said aloud
- 5 One lacking
sexual
attraction

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ACROSS

- 1 Humanity's starter home?
- 5 Cut (up)
- 6 One more time
- 7 Cut (up)
- 8 Lane's lover

DOWN

- 1 Two under par
- 2 Sap
- 3 Yeet, but in a fancier, more legal sense
- 4 State bird of Hawaii
- 5 Barrel for booze

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ACROSS

- 1 Gear up
- 6 [shrug]
- 7 Insurance spokeslizard
- 8 Mathematician with a certain characteristic
- 9 Forward thinkers?

DOWN

- 1 Bounds, but not leaps
- 2 Waiting list
- 3 NBA player Chubby Cox, to Kobe Bryant
- 4 Tatter?
- 5 The P of S&P 500

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ACROSS

- 1 Rapper Lil ____ X
- 4 Golf shirts
- 6 Bicker
- 7 Prominent
MBTA station
- 8 Little chuckle

DOWN

- 1 Prominent
MBTA station
- 2 Pond buildup
- 3 Prominent
MBTA station
- 4 Faux ____
- 5 Envision

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ACROSS

- 1 Common
keysmash
- 5 Apple helper
- 6 Number of S's
in this grid
- 7 Unwanted
plants
- 8 Number of F's
in this grid

DOWN

- 1 Extremely pale
- 2 "Yes" intensifier
- 3 Scott in an 1857
decision
- 4 Interjections of
outrage
- 6 Number of D's
in this grid

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ACROSS

- 1 Confidentiality doc
- 4 Length of this answer
- 5 Device in a gnocchi recipe
- 6 Egg?
- 7 Logistics center

DOWN

- 1 "ong fr" follower
- 2 Caused by
- 3 Stop on the Métro?
- 4 Side length of this grid
- 5 Cone counterpart

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ACROSS

- 1 Number of five-letter answers in this puzzle
- 4 Basque hat
- 6 1-Across Russian monarchs
- 7 Pesto's city of origin
- 8 Diarist Anaïs

DOWN

- 1 Scrabble score of 4-Across
- 2 Modern-day Persian
- 3 Gas below Krypton
- 4 Unlike this crossword
- 5 PreCheck org.

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ACROSS

- 1 Cloven-hoofed males
- 5 Burst out
- 7 Pre-natal check
- 8 Where It happened
- 9 Cloven-hoofed females

DOWN

- 1 Left on ____
- 2 Exercising second amendment rights
- 3 "The Bear Came Over The Mountain" author
- 4 What is slain in a 2019 roguelike
- 6 Playthings

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ACROSS

- 1 Pull-down target muscles
- 5 Sire of a mythical Sire
- 7 Where to find foxes in Minecraft
- 8 Listlessness
- 9 What those at high society functions seek to be

DOWN

- 1 Bardic instrument
- 2 Inverse trig functions in Excel
- 3 It used to be yours
- 4 "Speaking of...", e.g.
- 6 Right as ____

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ACROSS

- 1 Fly like an ____
- 6 It may be of truth or of salt
- 7 Suffered fever and chills
- 8 Maker of the Grand Caravan
- 9 Housed, as a pig

DOWN

- 1 Exclamation of old-timey surprise
- 2 Cant
- 3 Covered in gold leaf, perhaps
- 4 Medieval master
- 5 What this list of clues has just done

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ACROSS

- 1 Awards awarded at the World Science Fiction Convention
- 6 Hit the big red button
- 7 Region containing Ephesos and Colophon
- 8 Occam's principle tool
- 9 Sank like a ____

DOWN

- 1 They may set off sensitive triggers
- 2 A menace of WWII shipping lanes
- 3 Weirdo on stage with Kermit and Fozzie
- 4 Hunter seen at night
- 5 Take a hard look

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ACROSS

- 1 Exile isle
- 5 Auli'i's princess
- 7 Wednesday's companion
- 8 Hello, and goodbye, in French
- 9 Legendary Loch

DOWN

- 1 CPR experts
- 2 Mean Girls actress
- 3 Bad Bunny's ____ INoLVIDABLE
- 4 A Latin year
- 6 FBI employees

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ACROSS

- 1 See 5-Across
- 5 Something that
ones drinking
from a 1-Across
- 7-Across need
180 of (beyond
their
requirements)
- 6 Valuable horses
- 7 See 5-Across
- 8 Singles

DOWN

- 1 Sleep on it!
- 2 Busy doing its
thing
- 3 Carnival
attractions
- 4 UFO occupants
- 6 "___ 'nuff!"

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ACROSS

- 1 Stars of the sports roster
- 6 Artist behind the 2017 masterpiece Melodrama (and the songs Ribs and Royals)
- 7 They make up matter
- 8 TV, newspapers, magazines, etc.
- 9 Signs of future trouble

DOWN

- 1 Remember it!
- 2 Sacred symbol
- 3 Wear away
- 4 Site moderator
- 5 Flat-topped landforms (which get their name from "tables" in Spanish)

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ACROSS

- 1 With 8-Across, alter ego of Marshall Mathers (aka Eminem)
- 5 Helpers around the House
- 7 Heart vessel insert
- 8 See 1-Across
- 9 Counterpart of "if" in a coding construct

DOWN

- 1 Talk back disrespectfully
- 2 Graceful adjective, aptly inside "slither"
- 3 Like a gas described by $PV=nRT$
- 4 Fixes
- 6 Eye ailment

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ACROSS

- 1 "___ strikes 12, midnight arrives"
- 6 Crane-like bird
- 7 Best competitive effort
- 8 Part of one's identity living outside of office in Severance (or a convex navel)
- 9 Design details

DOWN

- 1 Theory that describes a double pendulum or underlies the butterfly effect
- 2 Advantage, metaphorically
- 3 Deliver an address
- 4 ___ sans (font)
- 5 Places for braces or pads

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ACROSS

- 1 Wild card that features prominently in Balatro
- 6 Solo
- 7 Prepare for presentation, as food
- 8 Felt unwell
- 9 Draws closer

DOWN

- 1 "___ is an island by the sea filled with volcanoes and it's ~beautiful~" ("history of ___" by bill wurtz)
- 2 Apt name for a skateboarder?
- 3 "I'm ___-fied" (poster in the Banana Lounge featuring a tree-hugging animal) (well, at least i think it's there?)
- 4 Input
- 5 Marsh plants

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ACROSS

- 1 Word in MIT's motto
- 5 Foreign
- 7 Worst possible turnout
- 8 V on a violin score
- 9 Dealers in futures?

DOWN

- 1 Word in MIT's motto
- 2 Get married in a hurry
- 3 Daughter of Tantalus
- 4 What to call un hombre
- 6 Word after "breaking" or "bad"

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ACROSS

- 1 Hockey feint
 5 Unquestioned belief
 10 Smartphone display tech
 11 Give a seat to
 12 Lackeys
 13 Advocate for gender equality
 14 Picture place
 16 Sanctuary
 17 School of Athens? (abbr.)
 20 Unaffirmative abbreviation
 21 Biblical "house of God"
 23 "___ kidding me?"
 24 Cabinet member
 28 Ends
 29 New, to a 1-Down
 30 Meaty sauce
 31 Lesbian speech?
 32 Polite interruption

DOWN

- 1 Like around 10% of MLB players by birth
 2 Eponymous girl of a "book for precocious grown-ups"
 3 "Duotones" saxophonist
 4 Famous Ford flop
 5 One who disparages
 6 ___ Miss
 7 Night sky twins
 8 Hosts, for short

- 9 J.D. holder
 15 Longtime Egyptian president
 17 "...obviously?"
 18 Curious monkey
 19 It's three from sulphur
 22 Colorful fish
 24 Earning Bitcoin, perhaps
 25 California's Big ___
 26 Golf peg
 27 Noted apple picker

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