

crossword/brainteasers

Quickie

This month's quickie comes in the form of a simple word problem.

Can you think of an English word which ends in the letters MT?

This month's Prize Puzzle

I think this one will definitely cause the PCs to buzz a bit. I can't see any way in which an analytical solution is possible – but someone is bound to prove me wrong.

In a dream I had the other night, my brother and I were in a huge marathon race in which all competitors were given numbers – assigned sequentially, starting at one. The elite runners in the race (which we were not!) had numbers less than 100. My brother's number was lower than mine.

Given that there were fewer than 100,000 taking part, just how many runners were there?

Answers please on postcards or backs of sealed envelopes, to: PCW Prize Puzzle

– December 1999, PO Box 99, Harrogate, North Yorkshire HG2 0XJ to arrive no later than 20 December 1999.

We will also accept solutions by email. Send the solution and your name and address only (no explanatory notes or program listings etc) to:

jj.clessa@btinternet.com

Winner of September 1999 Prize Puzzle

This was obviously too easy and we had almost 250 entries – the great majority of which came in by email. A computer wasn't really necessary to find the answer, providing you knew how to solve simultaneous equations. The solution to the problem was:

He walks at 3.75mph, jogs at 7.5mph, and cycles at 10mph. From A to B is 37.5 miles, B to C is 30 miles, and C to A is 15 miles.

The winning entry, chosen at random, came by email from Mr Iain

Roberts of Edinburgh. Congratulations Mr Roberts, your prize is on its way.

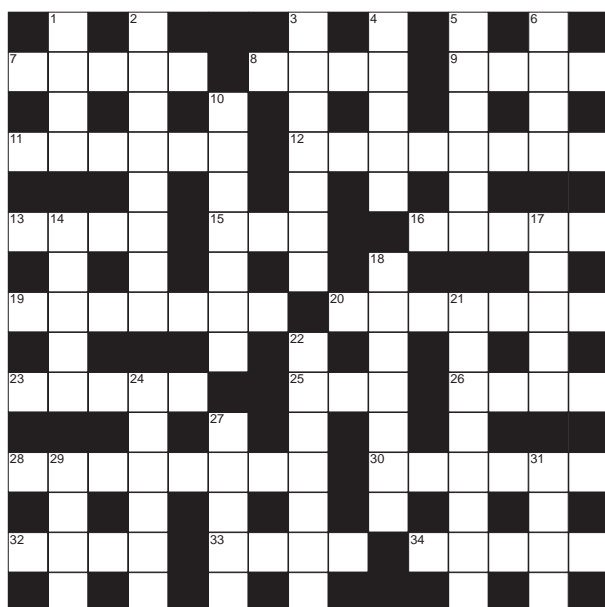
To all the others, keep trying, it could be your turn next.

● If you send an email entry, remember to include an address to where the prize can be sent should you win.

● By the way, have you applied for the latest Clessa Quickie books at the reduced price of £2.25 each? Quite a few of you have already. For further information you can write or email me at the puzzle entry address. Alternatively, you can visit the new JJ Clessa website at: <http://dSPACE.dial.pipex.com/jj.clessa>. It contains, among other things, answers to earlier quickies, a difficult puzzle (but not the PCW kind, ie the kind that can be solved by whirring computers), hopefully a few readers' comments, a bit of this and that – and, of course, a plug for the latest Clessa Quickie books!

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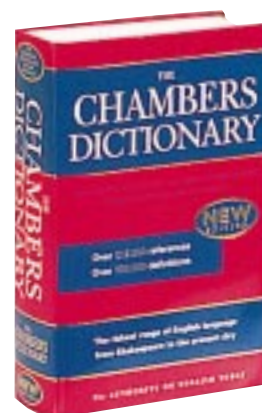
- 7 Remove software glitches (5)
- 8 Place where crashed files are saved (4)
- 9 Command to look through code (4)
- 11 Results from an inkjet or laser (6)
- 12 Digital protection against external danger (8)

- 13 Free and incomplete software version (4)
- 15 Internet addressing system (abbrev) (3)
- 16 Elements of binary code (see 33) (5)
- 19 IE's recently-visited websites button (7)
- 20 Copied illegally (7)
- 23 The name for boxes in spreadsheets (5)

- 25 Common extension (abbrev) (3)
- 26 Unwanted email (4)
- 28 Accepted rules for Internet communication (8)
- 30 Server in charge of others (6)
- 32 Web language (inits) (4)
- 33 The other elements of binary code (see 16) (4)
- 34 Audible error signals (5)

DOWN

- 1 Expensive (4)
- 2 Traitor (8)
- 3 European bison (7)
- 4 Left over (5)
- 5 Idly surf (6)
- 6 Entrance room in a house (4)
- 10 River mouth (7)
- 14 Chosen few (5)
- 17 Last letter in the Greek alphabet (5)
- 18 Knotty problem (7)
- 21 Helped (8)
- 22 Rubber boots, commonly (7)
- 24 Small (6)
- 27 Thespian (5)
- 29 Decays (4)
- 31 Catch sight of (4)



Each month, one lucky PCW Crossword entrant wins a copy of the new *Chambers Dictionary*. The winner of October's puzzle is: Alan Sherratt, of Orford, Cheshire. This time, it could be you. Send your completed crossword to: 'PCW December – Prize Crossword', VNU House, 32-34 Broadwick Street, London W1A 2HG, to arrive not later than 30 November 1999.

• Please state clearly on your entry if you do not wish to receive promotional material from other companies.

Solutions to November's crossword

ACROSS

- 7 Full duplex 8 Fire 9 Rebooted 10 Sector
- 11 Attach 13 Volumes 15 Decrypt
- 17 Hot link 19 Buffers 21 Kermit
- 24 Dialog 26 Transfer 28 Word
- 29 Mainframes

DOWN

- 1 Numerate 2 Almost 3 Rust 4 Glade
- 5 Axes 6 Groove 8 Factual 12 Caper
- 14 Ozone 16 Raffled 18 Nattered
- 20 Unison 22 Mislaid 23 Strip 25 Game
- 27 Alfa