

THE WORLD'S WORST CROSSWORD

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This puzzle follows all the standard rules of crosswords. It has a symmetric grid. Every letter appears in an Across and a Down answer. There are no two-letter words. The white squares are all interconnected. And no two answers in the grid are the same. Yet it is still awful. Note that the "rule" limiting the number of answers or the number of black squares is more of a guideline, since many puzzles are published with more than 78 words or 37 black squares. So those limits were ignored.

ACROSS

- 1 II × V × V × XXXI
- 4 V × V × LXXVI
- 7 II × II × II × II × II × II × V × V
- 10 230% of D
- 13 II × V × CVI
- 14 625% of CDLXXX
- 15 XXXV × XL
- 16 222% of D
- 17 509% of C
- 18 5/17 of MMVI
- 19 CCIV quintupled
- 20 250% of CDXXII
- 21 1/5 of CCV

- 23 (III × VII) + (XX × LIV)
- 25 XXV × XXXVIII
- 27 565% of CLX
- 29 5/14 of MMMLII
- 31 2/7 of CDLV
- 34 4% of MDL
- 35 CDI quintupled
- 37 2/15 of MMMLX
- 39 5% of CCCXX
- 40 CDII quintupled
- 41 1/30 of MMM
- 42 1/18 of CDL
- 43 DCLXVII tripled
- 44 15/19 of CLII

- 45 LXXV quadrupled
- 48 5/19 of MMCCXCIX
- 49 3% of CD
- 50 250% of DCCCXX
- 53 5/17 of MMMXXVI
- 55 1/90 of CDL
- 56 II × II × V × CI
- 57 1/13 of CIV
- 58 1/30 of MMC
- 60 910% of CCXX
- 61 1/17 of MIII
- 63 5/14 of DXXXII
- 65 V × V × XXVIII
- 66 1/5 of MMMV
- 68 15/19 of DXIII
- 70 265% of CCCXL
- 72 5/13 of MLXVI
- 75 4% of MCCC
- 76 4% of CLXXV
- 77 LXVII tripled
- 78 XXVIII quintupled
- 79 14% of CL
- 80 1/90 of CCLXX
- 81 13/80 of DLX
- 82 1/15 of DCCCX

DOWN

- 1 II × II × V × V × V × V
- 2 1/6 of MMMCCCVI
- 3 (V × VII) + (VI × VIII)
- 4 (III × III) + (XXVIII × LXXXIX)
- 5 5/11 of MMII
- 6 DLXXX quintupled
- 7 III × XVII × LIX
- 8 10/17 of MXXXVII
- 9 7/15 of ML
- 10 (III × CCVII) + (VI × CDVIII)
- 11 V × V × X
- 12 1/6 of CCCXC
- 22 2% of MMDCCC
- 24 CLXXXI quintupled
- 26 13/18 of MDXXX
- 27 XX octupled
- 28 5/17 of MMMCDLI
- 30 785% of XL
- 32 1/16 of CCCIV
- 33 5% of CCLXXX

- 35 V × V × V × XXVI
- 36 169% of DC
- 38 1/30 of CMXC
- 40 DII quintupled
- 41 2/3 of MXXXV
- 45 2/13 of MMCMXXV
- 46 5/12 of DIV
- 47 972% of XXV
- 50 625% of DXXXVI
- 51 337% of CCC
- 52 4% of MDXXV
- 54 1/14 of MDLIV
- 55 1/19 of LVII
- 56 560% of CCCLXXV
- 59 194% of L
- 62 3/80 of MMDLX
- 64 5% of DLVIII
- 65 (III × III) + (XIII × XXXVIII)
- 66 5/19 of MMCCXXVIII
- 67 1/5 of DXLV
- 69 2/15 of MMMDCCLXV
- 71 II × XXIV × XXV
- 73 7/40 of MMCMXX
- 74 80% of CD

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