Puzzles - August 2025

Sudokunudrum

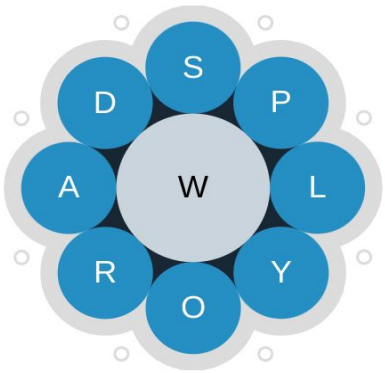
Instead of numbers, this puzzle uses letters. The usual rules of Sudoku apply. To help you, when read from left to right, the circled letters will spell out a 9-letter word.

				E	S			
R		S	U					
							A	
			S			H		
				O	R		F	U
	A		E		F		M	
	S				U			O
		U	R	A				
	M				O		R	

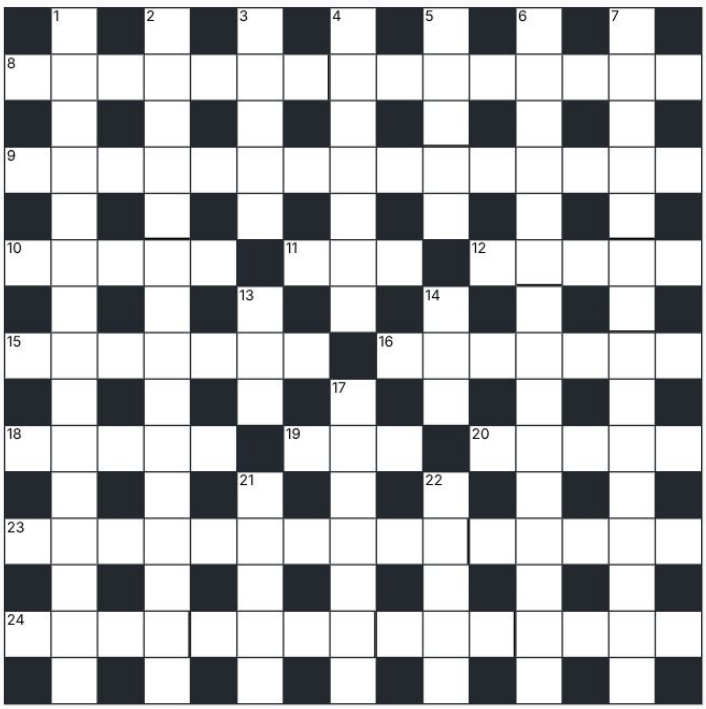
WordFlower

Find as many words of four or more letters from those given in the flower. You must use the central letter in every word, and no letter can be repeated.

30 to 57 words = brainbox
20 to 29 words = brainstorm
10 to 19 words = brain drain
Under 10 words = birdbrain



Cryptic Crossword



Across

8 Inert caramel mixture found in tin from Costa Rica, possibly (7,8)
9 Images set inside composition becoming reactive to light (15)
10 Ideas dealt with separately (5)
11 Toy that's somewhat repugnant (3)
12 Bright revolutionary Russian lady attracted to west (5)
15 Tend to swallow nothing before politician gets to make an analogy (7)
16 Stream virulent broadcast after name is redacted (7)
18 Dock tails of yellow fish after removing fins to start with (5)
19 Suitable alternatives to carpet? (3)
20 Counting frames in a beat clip skipping every other one (5)
23 A calcium oxide clay mixed with any tar is good for the gut (10,5)
24 Chuck down dictator's harness for common pets (4,4,3,4)

Down

1 Mop the alien ship in a sloppy manner? That's wicked! (15)
2 US foreign office said 'pert' meant 'wobbly'! (5,10)
3 Middle remains audible (5)
4 A bit of yoga in Fulham could be worthwhile (7)
5 Start to become firmer at home (3,2)
6 They dry in broadcast with trophy committees (6,9)
7 Currency prices are soft? (5,2,8)
13 Alternative energy coming from mineral source (3)
14 Sail exported from Djibouti (3)
17 Boost union's leader with compliments (7)
21 Embed crooked nail successfully in the end (5)
22 Passing on dash of brandy in glass (5)

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