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103 Antonyms Crossword

The answers to this puzzle are the opposites (antonyms) of the clues. See how many you can do without looking at the list of answers in activity 102.

Clues

Across

- gradual
- complaint
- several
- exterior
- find
- cheap
- increase
- laugh
- light
- temporary
- increase
- dry

Down

- nausea
- answer
- safety
- employer
- children
- light
- disobey
- poor
- always
- difficult
- need
- innocence
- cause
- rough
- admit

21 Missing Letters - Some Body Facts

The body words for the people in activity 20.

1 arteries	11 iris	21 plasma
2 bladder	12 adrenal	22 pupil
3 calcium	13 liver	23 appendix
4 skin	14 humerus	24 skin
5 diaphragm	15 tendon	25 vein
6 epididymis	16 ovary	26 ovary
7 fallopian	17 ovum	27 ovum
8 fluids	18 ovum	28 ovum
9 hormones	19 ovum	29 ovum
10 humerus	20 humerus	

26 Just Deserts

Use your atlas to find the names of the deserts in the world. Use the clues to help you. Write the names of the deserts in the boxes. You may wish to use a globe to help you.

1. The world's largest desert.	11. A desert in the USA.
2. A desert in the USA.	12. A desert in the USA.
3. A desert in the USA.	13. A desert in the USA.
4. A desert in the USA.	14. A desert in the USA.
5. A desert in the USA.	15. A desert in the USA.
6. A desert in the USA.	16. A desert in the USA.
7. A desert in the USA.	17. A desert in the USA.
8. A desert in the USA.	18. A desert in the USA.
9. A desert in the USA.	19. A desert in the USA.
10. A desert in the USA.	20. A desert in the USA.



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Missing Letters

Put in the missing letters to complete the words. There is a clue for each word.

1.	T	H				T
2.						
3.	T				T	
4.		I		E		
5.					S	
6.						
7.				C		
8.						
9.			I			
10.					R	
11.						
12.						
13.					X	
14.						E
15.						
16.						
17.			C			
18.	M					
19.	A					
20.		E		I		

- Part of the body.
- A planet nearly the same size as Earth.
- A type of fish.
- A type of bird.
- To disappear.
- A creature with eight legs.
- A piece of crockery.
- The capital of New South Wales.
- A stringed instrument.
- A reptile.
- Your mother's or father's brother.
- The capital city of France.
- A group of stars.
- Well mannered.
- An animal which feeds its young on milk.
- The capital city of Tasmania.
- To climb or go up.
- A book telling you how to operate or repair something.
- A passage between rows of seats in a church or theatre.
- A radio antenna.

The Mystery Word

From your twenty answers above select the words to fit into the spaces below. The last word you select must relate to the mystery word, which reads downwards in the boxes which have a border around them.

				M			
		Z					
			D				

2.1

Missing Letters

Put in the missing letters to complete the words. There is a clue for each word.

1.	S									Backbone.
2.				C						Creature with six legs.
3.										Your brother's or sister's son.
4.	S					N				Australian desert.
5.			V		V					Australian dessert.
6.						S	H			Lobster.
7.			M		R					Thigh bone.
8.										Land animal which breeds in water.
9.	P			C				L		On time.
10.			S			D				Go down.
11.										A gas essential to life.
12.										The largest ocean.
13.	C								Y	Large Australian bird.
14.						Y				Small kangaroo.
15.		L								Woodwind instrument.
16.		U			I					Young person - an adolescent.
17.										Book of maps.
18.										Australian capital city.
19.										Red vegetable.
20.										A group of five players.

The Mystery Word

From your twenty answers above select the words to fit into the spaces below. If you select the correct words you will make a word running down the bold frame, which relates to the eighth word in the puzzle.

Missing Letters

- The twenty words for the vocabulary puzzle in activity 2.1 can be found amongst this list of thirty, but be very careful for there are a number of traps which have been set to catch you out.

1	apple
2	Atlantic
3	atlas
4	Canberra
5	cassowary
6	cousin
7	clarinet
8	crayfish
9	custard
10	descend

11	early
12	fall
13	femur
14	frog
15	insect
16	juvenile
17	nephew
18	crocodile
19	ostrich
20	oxygen

21	Pacific
22	pavlova
23	punctual
24	quintet
25	radish
26	Sahara
27	Simpson
28	spine
29	trumpet
30	wallaby

- All of the correct twenty words required in the vocabulary puzzle are in this word search. Can you find them?

P	A	V	T	X	C	C	L	A	R	I	N	E	T	I	A
Z	W	I	U	Q	G	A	Y	Y	C	K	O	R	N	C	V
S	A	L	T	A	U	W	N	P	O	U	L	S	A	B	O
P	U	N	C	T	R	Q	U	B	R	E	E	C	H	G	L
E	D	L	C	D	D	F	N	K	E	C	O	U	Y	R	G
N	J	N	E	P	H	E	W	S	T	R	W	R	I	B	T
I	U	G	E	Q	U	I	N	T	E	T	R	W	I	P	S
P	V	P	A	C	I	F	I	C	C	C	R	A	Y	B	Y
S	E	C	I	P	S	T	G	F	D	A	R	L	D	A	R
I	N	S	E	K	N	E	P	H	P	A	V	L	O	V	A
Z	I	W	N	E	P	H	D	R	A	D	D	A	L	L	W
S	L	N	G	B	M	U	H	A	U	K	D	B	T	R	O
L	E	Y	X	O	W	A	J	D	J	M	W	Y	D	Y	S
G	X	O	Z	A	R	Y	N	I	Q	L	E	P	M	I	S
O	X	I	G	E	N	F	G	S	U	A	J	F	D	F	A
S	I	M	P	S	O	N	M	H	S	I	F	Y	A	R	C

'ANT' Words

The words in this list are the answers to the crossword puzzle in Activity 6.1.

gallant
servant
vagrant
abundant
ignorant
stagnant
vigilant
assistant
consonant
important
incessant
reluctant
stimulant
contestant
triumphant
extravagant
inhabitant
disinfectant

When you have finished the puzzle on page 12 select 'ant' words to finish each of these sentences.

1. No creatures could live in the slimy, green, _____ pond.
2. The _____ knight was _____ as he rode his horse from the arena.
3. Last night a lonely _____ came to our door begging for food.
4. Because of the _____ rain the children could not go outside to play.
5. While on duty the sentry had to stay alert and be very _____.
6. While doing his knife trick the magician asked his _____ to hold the knives.
7. The old man was the only _____ of the large house.
8. The bank manager was _____ to lend more money to the _____ gambler.



Write sentences of your own which contain these words:

important

contestant

servant

disinfectant

abundant

Nouns and Their Adjectives

All the clues in this puzzle are **NOUNS** (names) while the answers are the **ADJECTIVES** (describing words) which are made from those nouns.

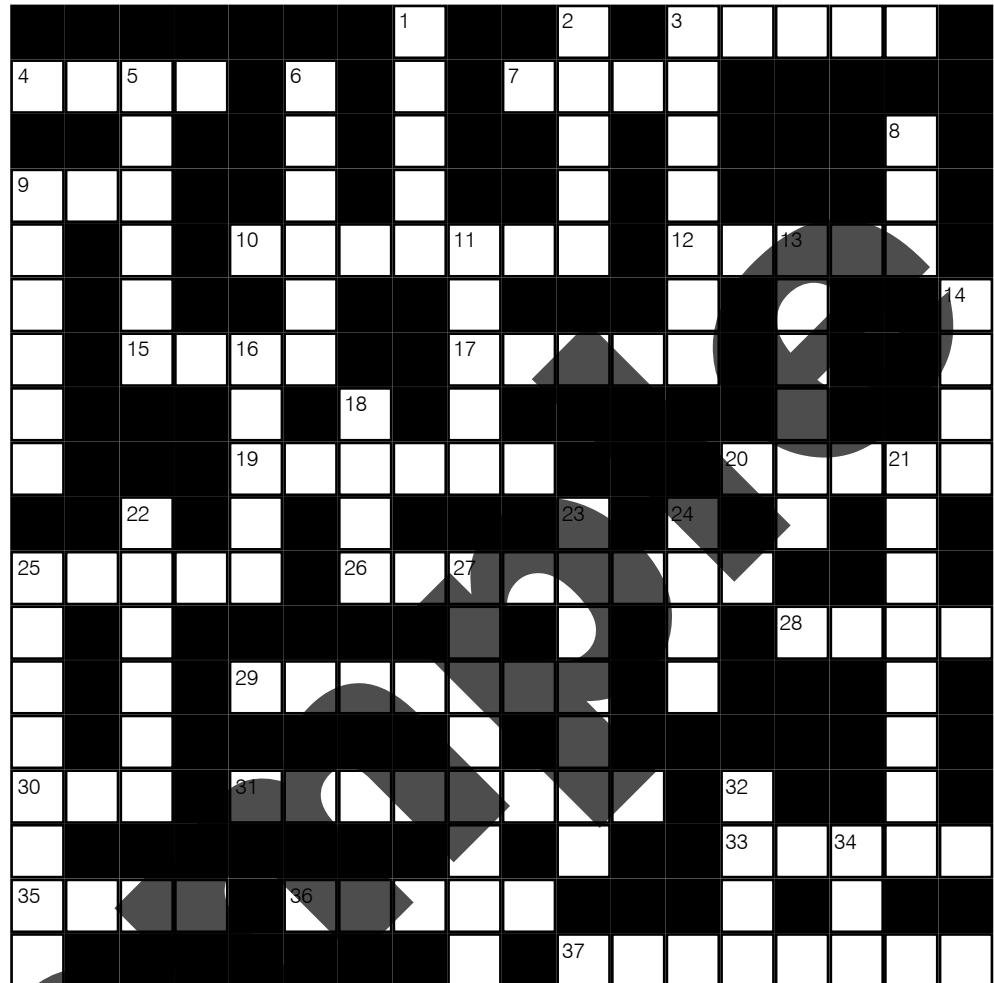
Clues (nouns)

Across

3. heaviness
4. warmth
7. wisdom
9. heat
10. wealth
12. taste
15. neatness
17. rain
19. greed
20. timidity
25. happiness
26. peace
28. slowness
29. music
30. ice
31. humour
33. rust
35. lateness
36. nastiness
37. friend

Down

1. cruelty
2. dirt
3. health
5. rot
6. silence
8. shyness
9. hunger
11. tiredness
13. stupidity
14. kindness
16. anger
18. depth
21. ignorance
22. speed
23. jealousy
24. business
25. horror
27. accuracy
32. freedom
34. sadness



Extension:

- Look at the **NOUNS** in the clues to this puzzle. The suffix "ness" is used in many nouns. There are 6 of them used in this puzzle. Change these adjectives to nouns. Remember if an adjective ends in "y" to change it to "i".

lazy	
tender	
clumsy	
thoughtful	
idle	

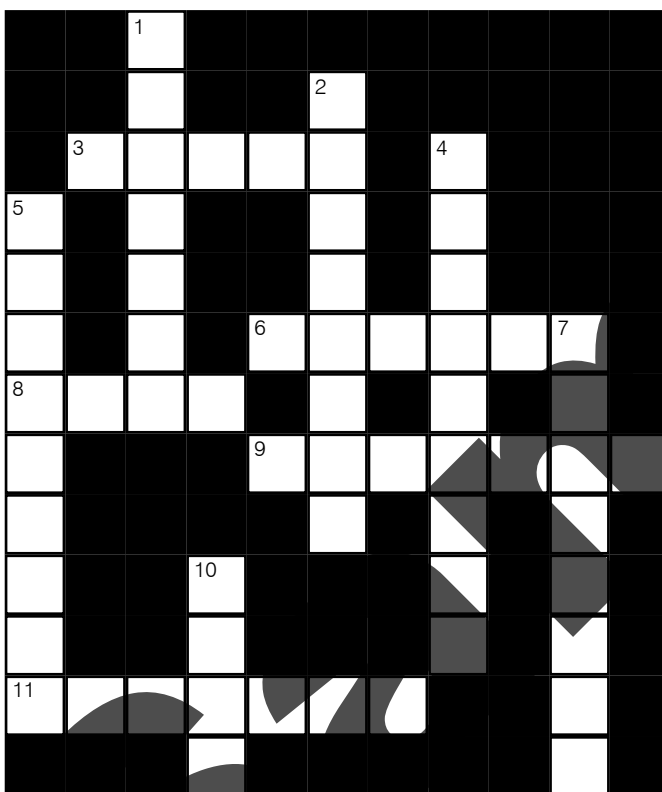
- Another less common suffix used in **NOUNS** is 'dom'. Here are the two used in this puzzle – freedom, wisdom. Can you think of two more 'dom' words?

(Clue 1: One is an anagram of '**bedroom**'. Clue 2: Another is hidden in these sentences: "Try asking **Dominic**. He holds the monarch's **realm**".

- ☐ Here is a simple cryptic crossword. At first these puzzles don't make sense but actually they are easier than normal crosswords if you know how the clues work.

There are only two types of clue in this particular puzzle:

1. In the first type the answer is hidden in the words of the clue. (See the bold letters in the first clue.) In one of these you have to read backwards.
2. In the second type the clue has the letters of the answer rearranged, i.e. an anagram. (See the bold letters in the clue for 9 across. If you rearrange the letters of "use a gas" you will find another name for "saveloy".)



Clues

Across

3. Hope **a ch**erry has yellow fruit.
6. Ask it ten times. It has nine lives and is young and cuddly.
8. It is freezing in the Arctic old man.
9. **Use a gas** for this saveloy.

11. Broken shingle for a modern language.

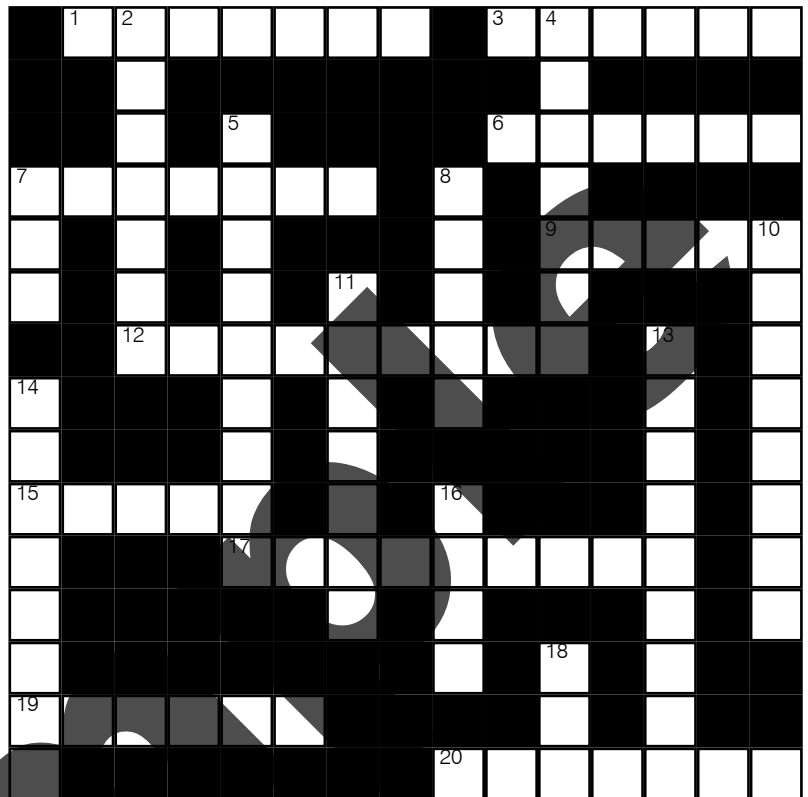
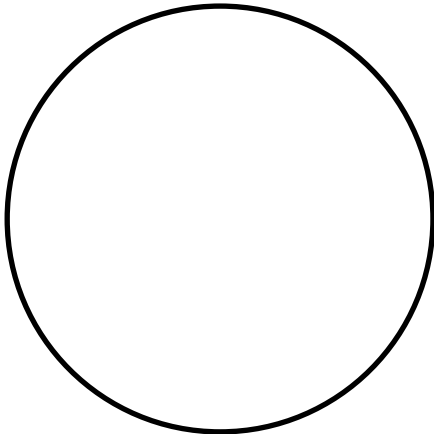
Down

1. Use lice sap for something extraordinary.
2. The clay ship makes this form of contact by touching.
4. Try its den and you'll find the study of teeth.
5. The cool cheat rearranged something nice to eat.
7. Given tea! The answer is "NO"!
10. Type of tree can be lamp. For your hand?



This is another puzzle to help you with your knowledge of some mathematical terms.

- Rule the diameter of this circle. Remember it will be the longest possible line.



Clues

ACROSS

1. An enclosed figure with many sides.
3. A figure with four equal sides and four equal angles.
6. The shortest distance from the centre of a circle to the outside edge.
7. A triangle in which all sides are different.
9. One of three equal parts.
12. The top number in a fraction.
15. An angle less than 90 degrees.
17. A four sided plane figure with four right angles and two pairs of equal sides.
19. Two sixteenths equals one _____.
20. Number system based on ten.

DOWN

2. An eight sided figure.
4. One of four equal parts.
5. The distance around the outside of any enclosed plane figure other than a circle.
7. The total of two or more numbers.
8. One of five equal parts.
10. The opposite angle.
11. The answer in a multiplication problem.
13. A four sided plane figure with only two sides parallel.
14. The longest straight line inside a circle.
16. One of two equal parts.
18. Part of a circle.

Missing Letters - Our Solar System

Put in the missing letters to complete the words. There is a clue for each word.

1.										The largest planet.
2.										Planet with no moons - closest to the sun.
3.										Moon.
4.										Another planet with no moons.
5.										One of Uranus' moons.
6.										First space craft.
7.										Moon of Pluto.
8.										Planet's path around the sun.
9.										Jupiter and Saturn are mostly composed of this gas.
10.										Largest of Saturn's moons.
11.										This gas makes up to 78% of Earth's atmosphere.
12.										Fourth planet from the sun.
13.										The cold blue planet - eighth from the sun.
14.										First man to walk on the moon.
15.										Tiny planets, mostly between Mars and Jupiter.
16.										The scientific study of space.
17.										Instrument first used in space exploration in 1610.
18.										The ringed planet.
19.										Vast cluster of stars.
20.										One of Neptune's moons (named after a fish god).

The Mystery Name

From your twenty answers above select words to fit in the spaces below. If you select the correct words you will make a great astronomer's name running down the indicated frame which relates to the seventeenth word in the puzzle.

		T							
							R		
					A				
							R		
		A							
						U			
				R					