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Across

- 1 An imaginary line around the Earth parallel to the equator (8)
- 4 Social insects living in organized colonies (4)
- 6 Under, lower (3)
- 10 From 310 million to 280 million years ago; warm climate; swampy land (13)
- 13 A coral reef off the southern coast of Florida (3)
- 14 A submerged ridge of rock or coral near the surface of the water (4)
- 16 A geological landform consisting of columns of rock in the sea near a coast. (3,5)
- 18 Involving biology, biological (3)
- 20 The front of an advancing mass of colder air (4,5)
- 23 Principal part of the hydrosphere (5)
- 25 Relating to or occurring or living in or frequenting the open ocean (7)
- 26 An Asian river that rises in Tibet and flows through northern India and then southwest through Kashmir and Pakistan to the Arabian Sea (5)
- 28 A section of the Painted Desert in eastern Arizona reserved as a national park for its stonelike trees dating from the Triassic Period. (9,6)
- 29 An area that is approximately central within some larger region (3)
- 31 Negation of a word or group of words (3)
- 34 A caustic substance produced by heating limestone (4)
- 35 Gully or streambed in

- northern Africa and the Middle East that remains dry except during rainy season (4)
- 36 Water falling in drops from vapour condensed in the atmosphere (8)
- 37 A stratum of ore or coal thick enough to be mined with profit (4)

Down

- 2 A vast treeless plain in the Arctic regions where the subsoil is permanently frozen (6)
- 3 The gradual transformation of habitable land into desert (15)
- 5 A silvery malleable metallic element that resists corrosion (3)
- 6 The star that is the source of light and heat for the planets in the solar system (3)
- 7 A high steep bank (usually formed by river erosion) (5)

- 8 Angular distance above the horizon (3)
- 9 A deciduous tree of the genus Quercus; has acorns and lobed leaves (3)
- 10 A map showing identifiable landmarks such as mountains, rivers, lakes, oceans, and other permanent geographic features (8,3)
- 11 The stuff that the wind consists of (3)
- 12 The aurora of the southern hemisphere (6,9)
- 15 A cgs unit of work or energy (3)
- 17 A visible mass of water or ice particles suspended at a considerable altitude (5)
- 19 A less than average tide occurring at the first and third quarters of the moon (4,4)
- 21 Intermediate between peat and bituminous coal (7)

- 22 Localized and violently destructive windstorm occurring over land characterized by a funnel-shaped cloud extending toward the ground (7)
- 24 A high-speed high-altitude airstream blowing from west to east near the top of the troposphere (3,6)
- 27 Partially-compacted névé, a type of snow that has been left over from past seasons and has been recrystallized into a substance denser than névé. (4)
- 29 A major division of geological time (3)
- 30 The longest division of geological time (3)
- 32 Slippery or viscous liquid or liquefiable substance not miscible with water (3)
- 33 A unit of pressure equal to a million dynes per square centimetre (3)

