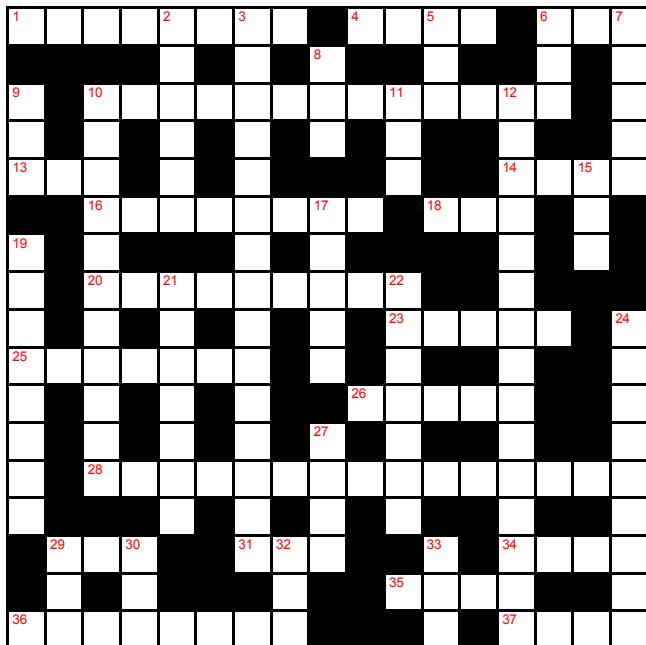


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Across

- An imaginary line around the Earth parallel to the equator (8)
- Social insects living in organized colonies (4)
- Under, lower (3)
- From 310 million to 280 million years ago; warm climate; swampy land (13)
- A coral reef off the southern coast of Florida (3)
- A submerged ridge of rock or coral near the surface of the water (4)
- A geological landform consisting of columns of rock in the sea near a coast. (3,5)
- Involving biology, biological (3)
- The front of an advancing mass of colder air (4,5)
- Principal part of the hydrosphere (5)
- Relating to or occurring or living in or frequenting the open ocean (7)
- An Asian river that rises in Tibet and flows through northern India and then southwest through Kashmir and Pakistan to the Arabian Sea (5)
- 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)
- An area that is approximately central within some larger region (3)
- Negation of a word or group of words (3)
- A caustic substance produced by heating limestone (4)
- 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

- A vast treeless plain in the Arctic regions where the subsoil is permanently frozen (6)
- The gradual transformation of habitable land into desert (15)
- A silvery malleable metallic element that resists corrosion (3)
- The star that is the source of light and heat for the planets in the solar system (3)
- A high steep bank (usually formed by river erosion) (5)
- Angular distance above the horizon (3)
- A deciduous tree of the genus Quercus; has acorns and lobed leaves (3)
- A map showing identifiable landmarks such as mountains, rivers, lakes, oceans, and other permanent geographic features (8,3)
- The stuff that the wind consists of (3)
- The aurora of the southern hemisphere (6,9)
- A cgs unit of work or energy (3)
- A visible mass of water or ice particles suspended at a considerable altitude (5)
- A less than average tide occurring at the first and third quarters of the moon (4,4)
- Intermediate between peat and bituminous coal (7)
- Localized and violently destructive windstorm occurring over land characterized by a funnel-shaped cloud extending toward the ground (7)
- A high-speed high-altitude airstream blowing from west to east near the top of the troposphere (3,6)
- 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)
- A major division of geological time (3)
- The longest division of geological time (3)
- Slippery or viscous liquid or liquefiable substance not miscible with water (3)
- A unit of pressure equal to a million dynes per square centimetre (3)