

A puzzle by and for Mensa members



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Commentary

I spoke at a Mensa meeting recently. Mensa was founded in England in 1946 with only one qualification for membership—a high IQ. Members of Mensa must have attained a score within the upper 2 percent of the general population on an intelligence test that has been approved by the national association. In other words, Mensans are smart.

Try this riddle that was discussed at the meeting: A man stands with a bucket of water in his hand. Provide at least three explanations of why when he turns the bucket over there is still water in the bucket.

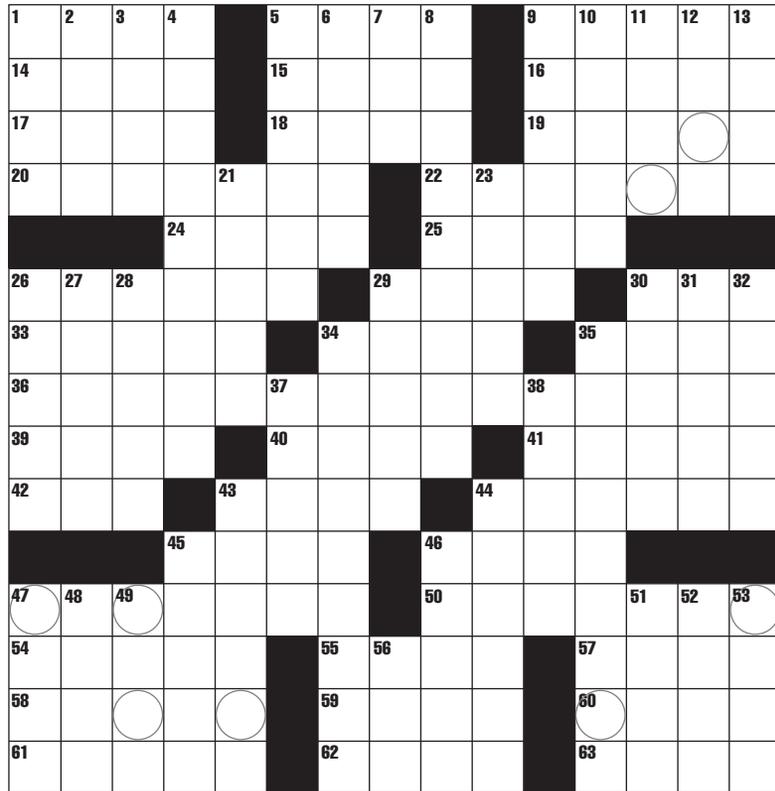
The society's limited agenda is to provide a stimulating intellectual and social environment for its members. I tried to do that. Together we created a crossword puzzle patterned after a popular children's game. See 39 across.

Match wits with Mensa by solving the

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crossword puzzle and unscrambling the circled letters in the suspects' names to reveal 36 across. •

Answers are on page 34.



Across

1. Quartet of a's and b's?
5. Boo-boo
9. Heston title role
14. Sole partner?
15. Forearm
16. Ear annoyance
17. "Fatha" Hines
18. Falls off
19. Suspect
20. Victim
22. Suspect
24. Blue dye
25. Workers' compensation
26. Disorder
29. Rich history
30. Musician's asset
33. Knick of note or J.R.
34. Apple part
35. Spanish morsel
36. See instructions

39. Puzzle theme

40. Plants
41. Cancel, as in a launch
42. Grand Canyon transport
43. Recess often seen on 5 down
44. Keys
45. Irish Rose lover
46. One chip, usually
47. Suspect
50. Suspect
54. Spotted, in a way
55. Cornhusker st.
57. Cookie with crème
58. Suspect
59. At rest
60. Suspect
61. Flies alone
62. _____ the line
63. Soaks (up)

Down

1. "Excuse me"
2. Mammal that comes in brown, black or white
3. Hook end
4. Part of RDA
5. When church bells may ring
6. "Back to the Future" co-star
7. Hoosier st.
8. Hacker's arsenal
9. Hire
10. Mr. Moto star, Peter _____
11. Paris sky
12. Words of understanding
13. Bad impression
21. Avoid
23. Rod of the Baseball Hall of Fame
26. Birthplace of Muhammad
27. Soldiers on the lam
28. Snoopy playmate

29. "Paint Your Wagon" composer
30. "The Raven" author, briefly
31. Left at sea
32. Tirades
34. Like some families and friends
35. Setting places?
37. Savory jelly
38. Bridge seats
43. Humble followers?
44. Hardened
45. Vinegar: Prefix
46. Stroll
47. Cat's feet
48. Grand Canyon return
49. Blue shade
51. Folkie Guthrie
52. Extend service
53. Titles for some monks
56. Tokyo, once