May 2022 crossword



May 2022 wordoku



Solve this wordoku in the same way as a sudoku with letters instead of numbers (each of the nine letters in each row, column and nine-square cell). Once solved, one of the overall diagonals can be rearranged to give the name of a Dutch atmospheric chemist.

Cryptic

Across

- 1 Missing the ducks, cow moos in the valleys (4)
- 3 U2 turn odd phrase into takeover (5)
- 6 I left a nice preparation for the skin complaint (4)
- 9 Somehow a smellier city (9)
- 11 Zip some Zoom photos (5)
- 13 A little sloe wine for the pharmacologist (5)
- 14 Accelerated acts delay engineer (9)
- 15 Perhaps hotel kip weakens the chemist (9, 6)
- 17 Rocket scientist maybe braver when on run (7, 3, 5)
- 18 Care about albino left out without oxygen (9)
- 20, 24 Across I play aces wild for this type of compound (5, 4)
- 22 Orate about muse (5)
- 23 Photos shook up poseur's ex (9)
- 24 See 20 Across
- 25 Tree forms a safe place but not all of it (5)
- **26** See a portion of the mine's pyrites (4)

Down

- 1 Animal lame around head coach (5)
- 2 Rat about meeker promoter (9)
- 4 Risible bouncers recycled the polymers (8, 7)
- 5 Poster about oncogenes displaying old equipment (15)
- 7 Partial scam used by the philosopher (5)
- 8 Dithers playing wobbly cellos (12)
- 10 Dawn hitherto stirred US writer (5, 7)
- 12 D'oh! King upset the crystallographer (7)
- 15 Plant base now transformed (7)
- 16 Lads wrote about these plants (9)
- 19 Arranged a cab I could count on? (5)
- 21 Bold bit of Sousa's symphony (5)

Quick Across

- Chemical ____, a compound used to detect unstable compounds (4)
- 3 Type of brick made with earth, water and organic matter (5)
- 6 Proton donor (4)
- 9 Scene (9)
- 11 Describing a gas that complies with PV = nRT (5)
- 13 Fragrance (5)
- 14 Yearning for times gone by (9)
- 15 Winner of the 1990 Nobel prize in chemistry (5, 5, 5)
- **17** Two-time winner of the Nobel prize in chemistry (9, 6)
- 18 Ring caused by sunlight interacting with ice crystals (5, 4)
- 20 Preface (5) 22 Nerve agent (5)
- 23 Unrefined (9)
- 24 August _ _ _ , German chemist, physicist and mathematician (4)
- 25 Nuclease which catalyses the breakdown of RNA (abbrev.) (5)
- 26 Superstar (4)

Down

- 1 Serbian-US inventor and engineer (5)
- 2 One of the four building blocks of RNA (9)
- 4 Removal of dangerous substances (15)
- 5 Fungi that resemble brains (9, 6)
- 7 Former deputy prime minister of the UK (5)
- 8 Double sugar (12)
- 10 Glycoproteins that bind iron in blood plasma (12)
- 12 Co-discoveror of helium and founder of the journal *Nature* (7)
- **15** Gushes (7)
- 16 Dexter (5, 4)19 Hadron Collider, the
- world's highest energy particle collider (5)
- 21 Alkyl radical - C_8H_{17} (5)

С

Н

La

Si

U

May 2022 science scramble

Similar to a word ladder, each answer provides letters that must appear including duplicates - in the answer immediately following it. The puzzle's final answer is a scientist or someone who contributed to science. For example:

1 sail, 2 snail, 3 saline, 4 minerals, 5 Neil Armstrong

1	Symbol of the element Mendeleev called 'eka-silicon' (2)
2	Donated (4)
3	Serious (5)
4	Destroy (6)
5	Mean (7)
6	Italian chemist after whom a chemical constant is named (6, 8)

Quick quiz:

- 1. Which German radiochemist has the formula for uranium fission on their tombstone?
- 2. Which Austrian physicist has the formula for entropy S = k log W on their grave?
- 3. Which English analytical chemist and archaeologist, part of Carter's team to excavate Tutankhamun's tomb, was a pioneer of artifact preservation and forensic science?
- 4. Which co-discoverer of nuclear fission, who refused to work on the Manhattan Project, has the following epitaph on their gravestone:

'A physicist who never lost her humanity.'

5. Which pioneer of the medicinal use of digitalis has foxgloves engraved on their memorial plaque?

Solutions: 1. Otto Hahn (1879-1968) 2. Ludwig Boltzmann (1844-1906) 3. Alfred Lucas (1867-1945) 4. Lise Meitner (1878-1968) 5. William Withering (1741-1799)

Entry form

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May 2022 Word grid

Use the element symbols from the panel on the right to complete the word grid below.



April 2022 solutions and winners

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Wordoku

The pharmaceutical company was ACCELERON

Science scramble

1 Act; 2 Tact*; 3 Tract*; 4 Carter; 5 Retrace; 6 Carpenter; 7 Emmanuelle Charpentier. *See corrections (p 4)

Word grid

Wor	d gr	ld		
Ar	Se	Ν	Т	С
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April winners

Cryptic crossword Rebecca Bird Leamington Spa, UK

Quick crossword Declan Fleming Newton Longville, UK

Wordoku Christine Murray Cumbernauld, UK

Science scramble John Hudson Cockermouth, UK