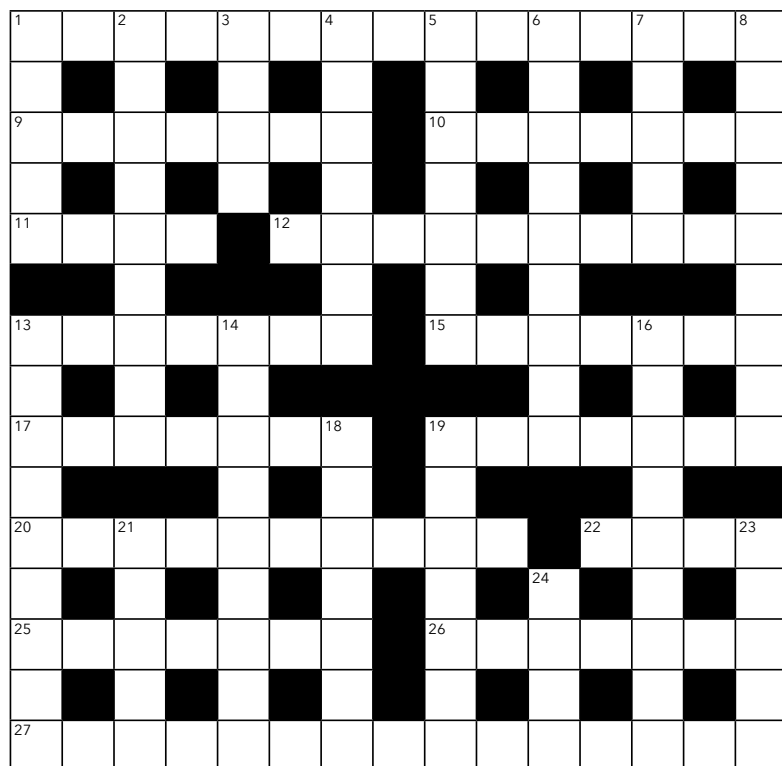
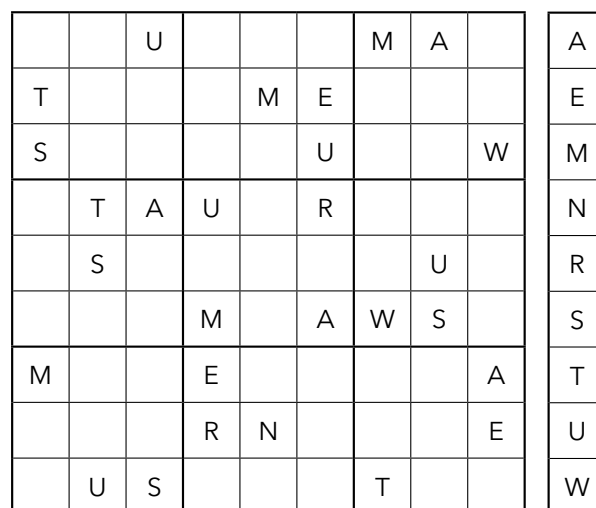


July 2026 crossword



July 2026 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 chemist focusing on proline-rich peptides.

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Cryptic

Across

- 1 Physicist lost Salvadorean abroad (10, 5)
- 9 Biochemist writing about map left in November (7)
- 10 Something I could be (7)
- 11, 12 Across Nuclear physicist using noisy area anyhow (4, 10)
- 12 See 11 Across
- 13 Drunken uncle on something particular? (7)
- 15 Endless stories about first division promoter (7)
- 17 Surprisingly lasting seasoning (7)
- 19 Splitting, I'm returning to little sister (7)
- 20 Ten abandon spy technology to create science (10)
- 22 A little makeup doll's hairstyle (4)
- 25 Greek character in select race (7)
- 26 Essence of an old plot? (7)
- 27 Scientist notices drooling doctor (15)

Down

- 1 Babes oddly leave ballboys to metal (5)
- 2 Experimental caliper I'm designing (9)
- 3 Rats turning up for celebrity (4)
- 4 Around noon, silver spoon finally takes shape (7)
- 5 Takes back Cretans on arrangement (7)
- 6 TV sincere about turning green (9)
- 7 See 24 Down
- 8 Engineer indicates metals (9)
- 13 Bridle about niece's endless poem (9)
- 14 Chip hybridised type of plant (9)
- 16 Sophie oddly along to cook food tubes (9)
- 18 Physicist (and physician) in Portugal vanished (7)
- 19 Order megaton generator (7)
- 21 Surrender earnings (5)
- 23 Leaving centre of Cannes, content to form group (5)
- 24, 7 Down Ned leaves wooden toilet reconstructed for the pharmacologist (4, 5)

Quick

Across

- 1 Workwear for certain scientists (10, 5)
- 9, 14 Down Pioneering chemist executed during the French revolution (7, 9)
- 10 See 13 Across
- 11, 13 Down American organic chemist and first female president of the American Chemical Society (4, 1, 8)
- 12 Device which narrows a beam of particles or waves (10)
- 13, 22 Across, 10 Across Astrophysicist who discovered pulsars (7, 4, 7)
- 15 Painters and sculptors for example (7)
- 17 Clays, silts, sands or gravels deposited by running water (7)
- 19 Extrusive igneous rocks (7)
- 20 Converting AC to DC (10)
- 22 See 13 Across
- 25 Filters (7)
- 26 Name once proposed for dubnium (7)
- 27 Adjustments of pH to 7 (15)

Down

- 1 South American quadruped (5)
- 2 Relating to plants (9)
- 3 Precipitation (4)
- 4 Secure (3, 4)
- 5 German measles (7)
- 6 Salts containing the CrO_4^{2-} ion (9)
- 7 Person who is highly skilled (5)
- 8 Stiffening of tissue or an anatomical feature (9)
- 13 See 11 Across (1, 8)
- 14 See 9 Across
- 16 Red dye named after a battle in Italy which took place the year the dye was discovered (9)
- 18 Relating to the depths of the ocean (7)
- 19 Laboratory furniture (7)
- 21 Greek island (5)
- 23 Fruit once used to protect sailors against scurvy (5)
- 24 Fired (4)

July 2026 elements grid

For this puzzle, use the clues to assign each column of the grid a unique element symbol (with T standing for tritium), so that each row spells out a solution to its own clue, and the final row includes all eight symbols.

C	I	Ne	P	Re	S	T	U
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Clues:

- 1 Indian city with a memorial to Mahatma Gandhi (4)
- 2 Tree (4)
- 3 Trigonometric function (4)
- 4 Unadulterated (4)
- 5 Compound associated with decaying flesh (10)

Entry form

There are four prize puzzles on this page: cryptic crossword, quick crossword, wordoku and coronene. For each puzzle, a winner will be selected from all the correct entries received and awarded a £25 UK book voucher.

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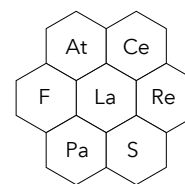
Please enter your details below and email a scan or photograph of this page with your completed entries to us by **24 July 2026**. The winners of this month's puzzles will be published online at chemistryworld.com at the beginning of August, along with the solutions.

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July 2026 coronene puzzle

Place each of the seven elemental symbols in one hexagon of coronene to spell three words, one horizontally and two diagonally. Plural words are allowed, but you may not switch the order of the letter in any two-letter symbols (eg, sodium must be Na, not aN). The four symbols in the central hexagon of each of this month's coronenes can be combined to spell out the name of a sedimentary rock.

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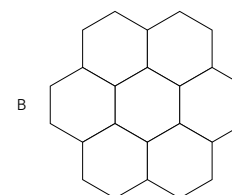
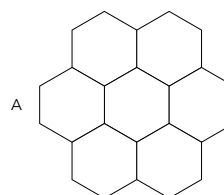


Answers:
Atlas
Flare
Palace

Elements:

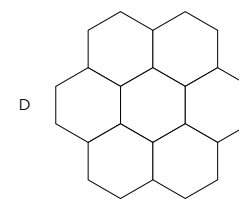
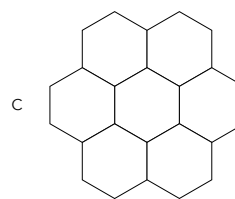
A. Ar, B, Ce, Dy, F, Ge, H

B. As, Bi, Ca, Er, Es, K, S



C. Ac, O, Rb, Re, Rn, S, Sn

D. As, Ba, Ca, In, S, Se, Ts



Name.....

Address.....

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June 2026 solutions and winners

Cryptic

I	C	E	C	A	P	S	C	H	O	L	A	R	S
U	O	I	T	A	I	E							
T	R	I	N	U	C	L	E	A	R	N	A	M	E
I	B			P	O	N	E						
T	E	T	R	A	E	T	H	Y	L	L	E	A	D
I	L	A	D	A	I								
T	H	R	O	M	B	I	N	K	A	N	S	A	S
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E	I	G	K	T	N								
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H	O	S	E	O	D	I							
F	L	Y	S	P	E	C	K	A	R	S	I	N	E

Quick

O	K	A	P	I	S	W	E	I	N	B	E	R	G	
R	L	E	I	D	L	E								
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L	O	C	I	A	S	H	F	U	R	N	A	C	E	
N	U	T	E	H	E	H								
G	E	R	M	C	E	L	L	F	E	L	L	O	W	

Wordoku

The chemistry Nobel prize winner was (David) MACMILLAN

Coronene puzzle

- Allies, Police, Slits
- Gather, Lathes, Pathos
- Park, Sarin, Tiaras
- Cagey, Ogees, Pages

The mineral and pigment running across is Litharge

Elements grid

B	Ar					T	O	K						
		Ba							C	K				
						C	I	N						
						C	I							
									O	C	K			
B	Ar	Ba	Ra	Mc	Cl	I	N	T	O	C	K			

June winners

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