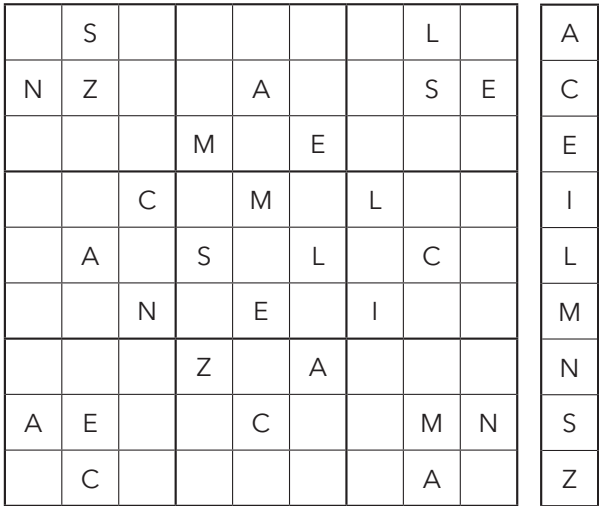
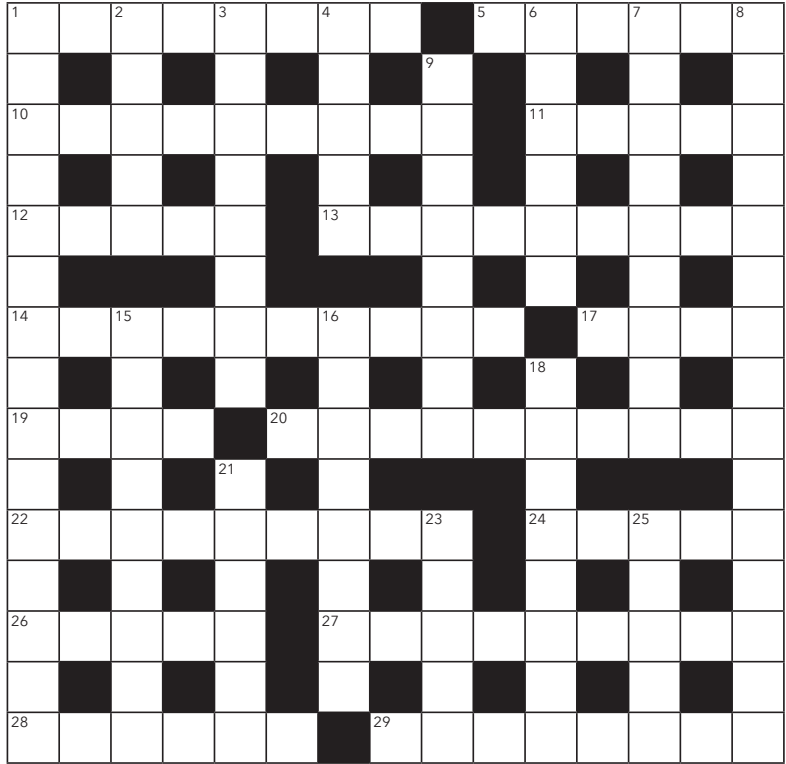


August 2026 wordoku



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 an antihistamine drug.

Well done to everyone who found *Shlenk lines* hidden throughout the January-June cryptic crosswords, and congratulations to our winners who each receive a £50 book token! Find a full list of the winners at rsc.li/puzzles-aug-2026

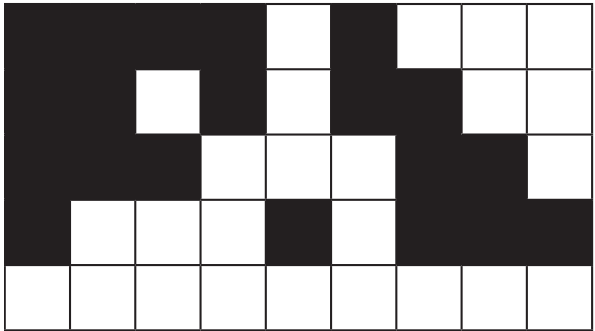
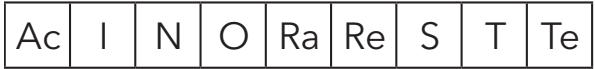
- 1 Mario sad about prospects (8)
- 5 Take on shorter lads or boys (6)
- 10 Part of a quite rational mathematical procedure (9)
- 11 A little recipe's tomato sauce? (5)
- 12 Some bread yet to be prepared (5)
- 13 Train steely steed? (4, 5)
- 14 Looked after Indian team abroad (10)
- 17 **See 26 Across**
- 19 Beginning novel experiment on noble gas (4)
- 20 Wildly totter into Italian artist (10)
- 22 Gran given fancy picture (9)
- 24 Clergy oddly OK about this creature (5)
- 26, 17 **Across** Merchant corrupted the physicist (5, 4)
- 27 Engineer outwardly tests an ionic conductor (9)
- 28, 18 **Down** Car driving got right confusing for the chemist (6, 8)
- 29 Don managed smart fixers (8)

- 1 Chemist Melvin met Deidre on arrangement (6, 9)
- 2 Greek character found in some gardens (5)
- 3 Short lass antsy around shrinks (8)
- 4 Reason I bail doctor (5)
- 6 Fathoms small department has nothing inside (6)
- 7 Mindful Mike leaves tavern mobs shaken up (9)
- 8 CEO boiling over those applications of science (15)
- 9 Impertinent Victor leaves insolvent (8)
- 15 This type of chemistry can recreate origin (9)
- 16 That is Titian about to start (8)
- 18 See 28 Across
- 21 Cosmic astronomer involves Cuban leader (6)
- 23 Thingamajig ran away from organism confused (5)
- 25 Can incorporate iridium for stony construction (5)

- 1, 23 Down
(CH_3CH_2)₂OH (8, 5)
- 5 Type of analgesic (6)
- 10 But of course! (9)
- 11 Plant again (5)
- 12 Main artery (5)
- 13 Soft drinks brand named after a German watchmaker who first bottled carbonated mineral water in 1783 (9)
- 14 Inventor of the barometer (10)
- 17 Hypothesis about self-regulating systems formulated by the chemist James Lovelock (4)
- 19 Greek letter from which the English word 'jot' is derived (4)
- 20 Cutting up (10)
- 22 Clay mineral (9)
- 24 Enzyme also known as *angiotensinogenase* (5)
- 26 Banded variety of chalcodony (5)
- 27 Disconnects (9)
- 28 Type of engine named after its German inventor (6)
- 29 American writer and author of *Fahrenheit 451* (8)

- 1 Canadian optical physicist who shared the Nobel Prize for the application of chirped pulse amplification (5, 10)
- 2 Measuring instrument (5)
- 3 Natural fruit acid which exhibits chirality (8)
- 4 Parts of eggs which contain xanthophylls (5)
- 6 Astronomical length (6)
- 7 Food tubes (9)
- 8 American radiochemist involved in the discovery of five superheavy elements (4, 11)
- 9 Disease for which Paul Ehrlich's so-called 'magic bullet' (an arsenic compound) was developed (8)
- 15 Educated guess (9)
- 16 Greek philosopher who, like Democritus, promoted the theory of atoms (8)
- 18 Grew together (8)
- 21 Polyaromatic hydrocarbon with five conjoined benzene rings (6)
- 23 See 1 Across
- 25 _____ Science Centre, the largest in India, is named after the country's first prime minister (5)

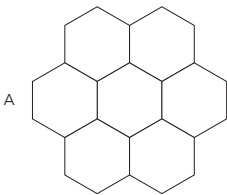
For this puzzle, use the clues to assign each column of the grid a unique element symbol (with T standing for tritium), so that each row spells out a solution to its own clue, and the final row includes all nine symbols.



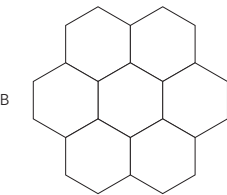
- 1 Makes a speech (6)
- 2 Bags (5)
- 3 Charged particles (4)
- 4 Protein (5)
- 5 Speeds of chemical transformations (8, 5)

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 name of an igneous rock

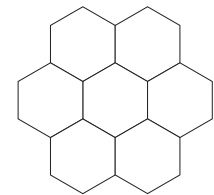
A. Ga, In, Li, Ne, Re, Se, Te



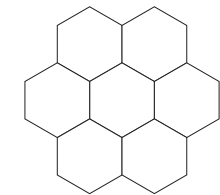
B, Ba, Ho, Mo, Os, S, Y



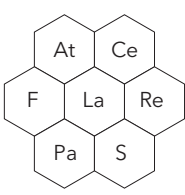
C, Al, Am, As, Br, Co, Li, Y



D. C, Cl, Fl, No, O, Se, Ts



For example:



Answers:
Atlas
Flare
Palace

July 2026 solutions and winners

A	L	E	S	S	A	N	D	R	O	V	O	L	T	A
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