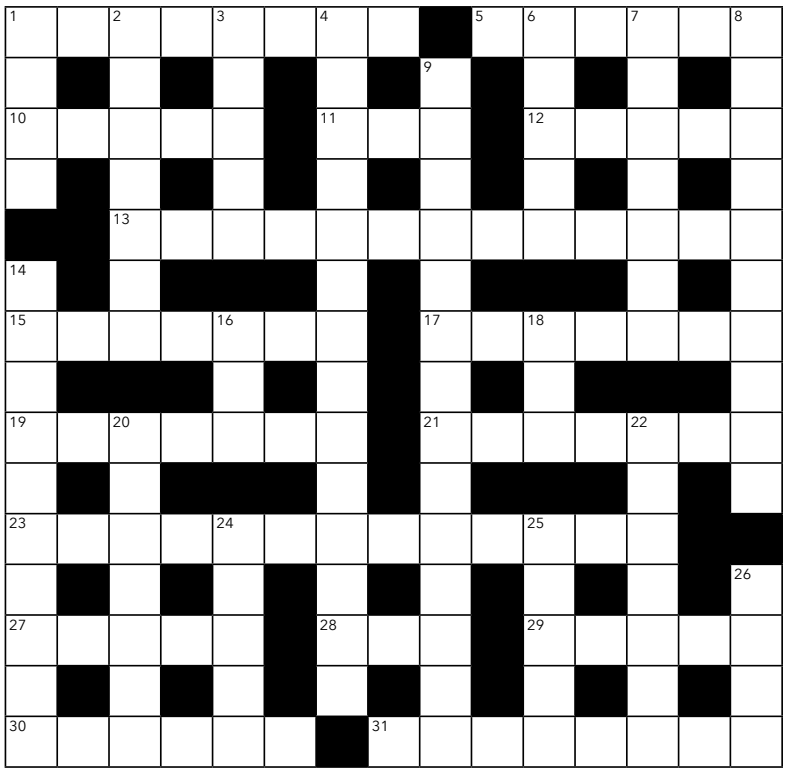
November 2026 crossword



November 2026 wordoku

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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 past chemistry Nobel laureate.

Cryptic

Across

1 Cover 18 down at speed (8)

5, 19 Across Sort of echoing you, hid the Japanese scientist (6, 7)

10 Outwardly epic day turns to rot (5)

11 Left head off newt (3)

12 Hero decides on piece to wear (5)

13 Surprisingly private verses which can keep? (13)

15 Joe's trusting only part of the cycle (7)

17 Coins I scattered around a capital (7)

19 See 5 Across (7)

21 A cheer about a certain condition (7)

23 Having a mind to move yet Chopin sick abroad (13)

27 A little swim in every compound (5)

28 Confused every odd look (3)

29 Upsetting if leaving pitiful flower (5)

30 Gene masters shorter evacuations (6)

31 I'm writing about Margot for a physicist (4, 4)

Down

1 Brief document redrafted before second hearing in secret? (4)

2 Head teacher leaves assorted receipts for instructions (7)

3 See 22 Down

4 German chemist knew nicer smell perhaps (7, 7)

6 Some plainer talk can be a gas (5)

7 Somehow with odd views, love develops (7)

8 Exaggerates above America? (10)

9 Physicist serving between doctors (6, 8)

14 American writer joked about his endless pun (4, 6)

16 Reg leaves grocer an old bird (3)

18 Not even chairs for this vehicle (3)

20 Lying about extremely corrosive substance (7)

22, 3 Down Alice arranges nice pay for the astrophysicist (7, 5)

24 Helium upsets any animal (5)

25 Teacher revised our test limits (5)

26 Reversing maps reveals unwanted messages (4)

Quick

Across

1 German polymath, naturalist and explorer, eponymized in the name of a squid and a penguin (8)

5 Rotten (6)

10 See 12 Across

11 Greek letter used to represent resistivity (3)

12, 10 Across, 29 Across German chemist and physician and proponent of the phlogiston theory (5, 5, 5)

13 Alchemist credited with inventing the bain-marie (4, 3, 6)

15 Quicksilver (7)

17 Giant wave (7)

19 Organic compounds with the structure R-C(=O)-R′ (7)

21 See 3 Down

23 US chemist whose named experiment attempted to simulate the origin of life, producing amino acids from a mixture of ammonia, hydrogen, methane and water (7, 6)

27 Burnt remains (5)

28 Another name for a quadratic mean (acronym) (3)

29 See 12 Across

30 Nucleus of a cell which contains DNA/RNA and manages growth and reproduction (6)

31 Way in (8)

Down

1 Colours (4)

2 Building block of a polymer (7)

3, 21 Across Valence Shell (5, 7)

4 Crime writer and author of *Strong Poison* (7, 1, 6)

6 Aquatic microscopic organisms (5)

7 Acute infectious disease which features in the title of a novel by Gabriel García Márquez (7)

8 Easy to process (10)

9 British organic chemist and Nobel laureate (6, 8)

14 Chimney (10)

16 Vessel, often used to store 27 Across (3)

18 Standard industry interface for computer and peripheral connections (acronym) (3)

20 Tutor (7)

22 Landscape (7)

24 Lariat (5)

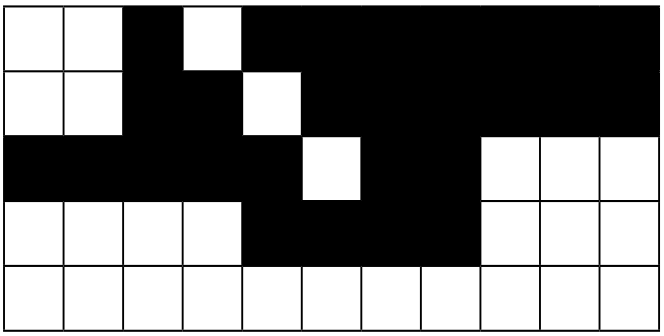
25 Device that produces highly coherent, collimated and monochromatic light (5)

26 Cobalt _ _ _ _, $CoAl_2O_4$ (4)

November 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 11 symbols.

Al	Er	Ge	I	La	N	Re	T	Ti	V	Y



Clues:

1 Relating to the cheeks (5)
2 Type (5)
3 Not the clergy (5)
4 Vague notion (10)
5 Theory of physics (7, 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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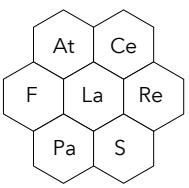
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November 2026 coronene puzzle

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 name of a hydrocarbon.

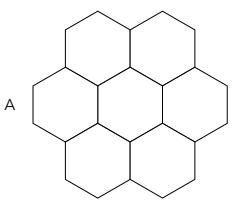
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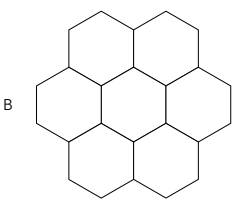
Answers:
Atlas
Flare
Palace

Elements:

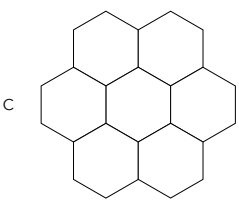
A. Cr, Ds, Ho, I, N, O, P



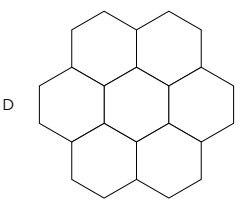
B. C, Es, H, In, K, Mo, Ra

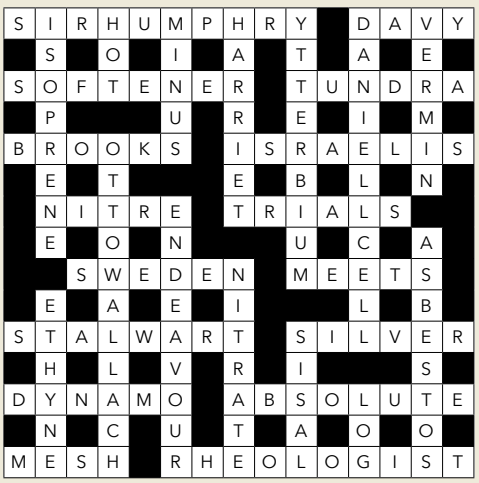


C. At, Es, Ge, In, S, Ta, Te



D. Ar, Ge, Li, Mo, Ne, S, Y





October 2026 solutions and winners

Coronene puzzle

A. Cramp, Names, Yams
B. Agora, Moody, Prods
C. Cosine, Nosier, Resin
D. Cetene, Intern, Steer

The fibrous mineral running across is Amosite

Elements grid

				D			Am			S
					Y		Am			S
	H	Er		D						S
T	H								I	S
T	H	Er	Mo	D	Y	N	Am	I	C	S

Wordoku

The synthetic chemical element is moscovium

October winners

Coronene
Derek Chadwick, Oxford, UK

Wordoku
John Sloman, Murcia, Spain

Crosswords
Quick:
Graeme McArdle-Capon, Durham, UK
Cryptic:
Alan Tucker, Bristol, UK