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Puzzle it out

The Witness

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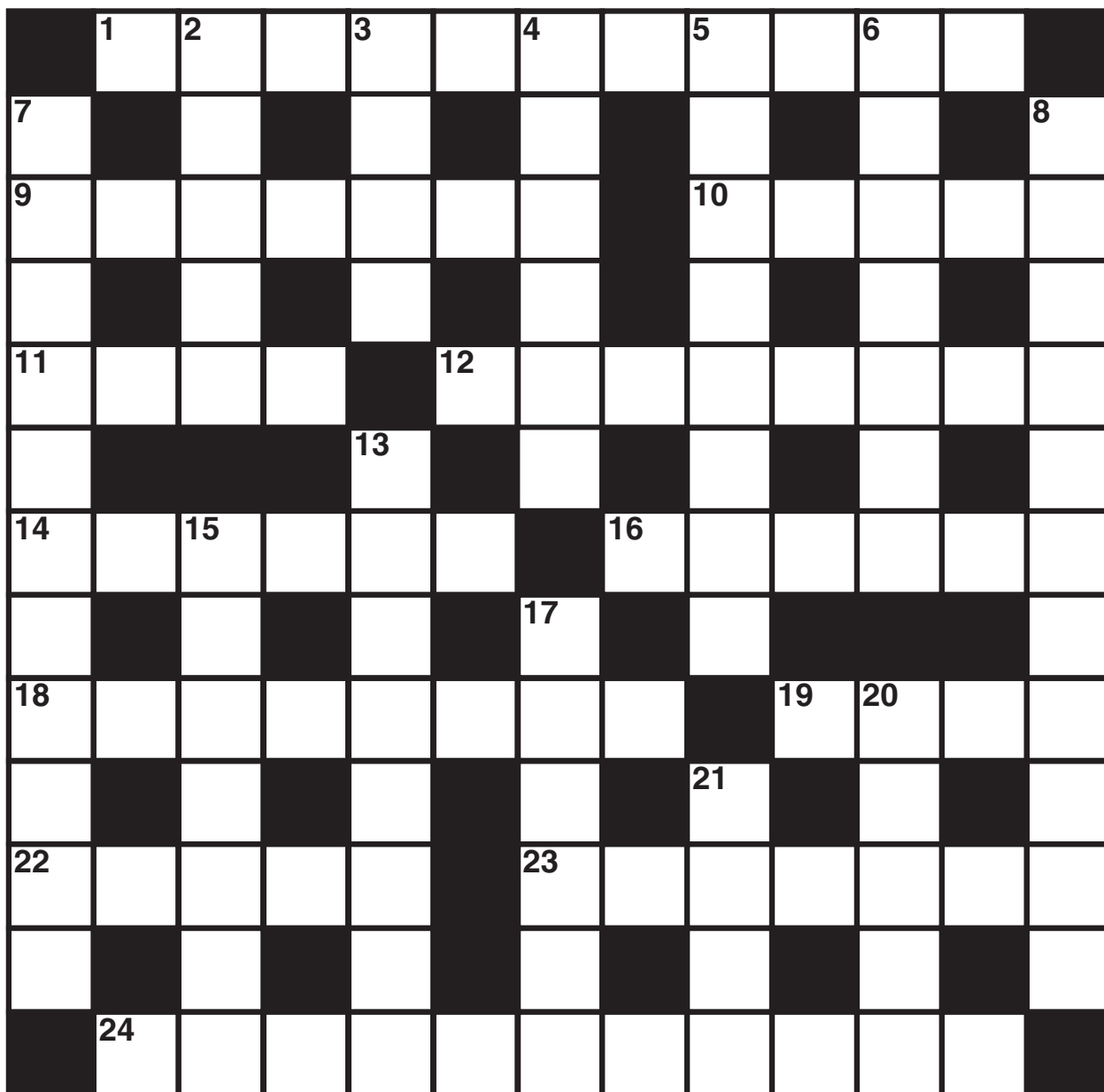
Across

- 1 Philanthropists throwing coins in the water? (4-7)
 9 A support thus returned is appropriate (7)
 10 A moss-strewn island of Greece (5)
 11 Misfortunes we keep well away from (4)
 12 Agreeable countryman about fifty (8)
 14 Take some back to quarters (6)
 16 Very much the opposite (6)
 18 Agree to fight the case (8)
 19 Prune spruce (4)
 22 Find answer to love's torment (5)
 23 Little Sarah always gets in a few (7)
 24 Giveaway merchants who don't want custom? (4,7)

Down

- 2 Record membership (5)
 3 They may part with a smile (4)
 4 Offence committed in sunlit setting (6)
 5 I can ship out from Spain (8)
 6 Fierce sheep starts to breathe heavily (7)
 7 For him it's mostly filling in time at work (11)
 8 Mother sails out in signs of similar weather (11)
 13 Fabric obtained for ready money only (8)
 15 In France you change later for protection (7)
 17 Cat lands us in more trouble (6)
 20 Two kings embracing are not seen so often (5)
 21 Keen to upset a singer (4)

Cryptic Crossword 17728



Cryptic Solution 17727

Across: 1 Action, 4 Idle talk, 9 Claire, 10 Ramparts, 12 Lips, 13 Cache, 14 Knee, 17 Disagreeable, 20 Mother tongue, 23 Ewer, 24 Amend, 25 Spur, 28 Tea chest, 29 Senior, 30 Radiance, 31 Stance.

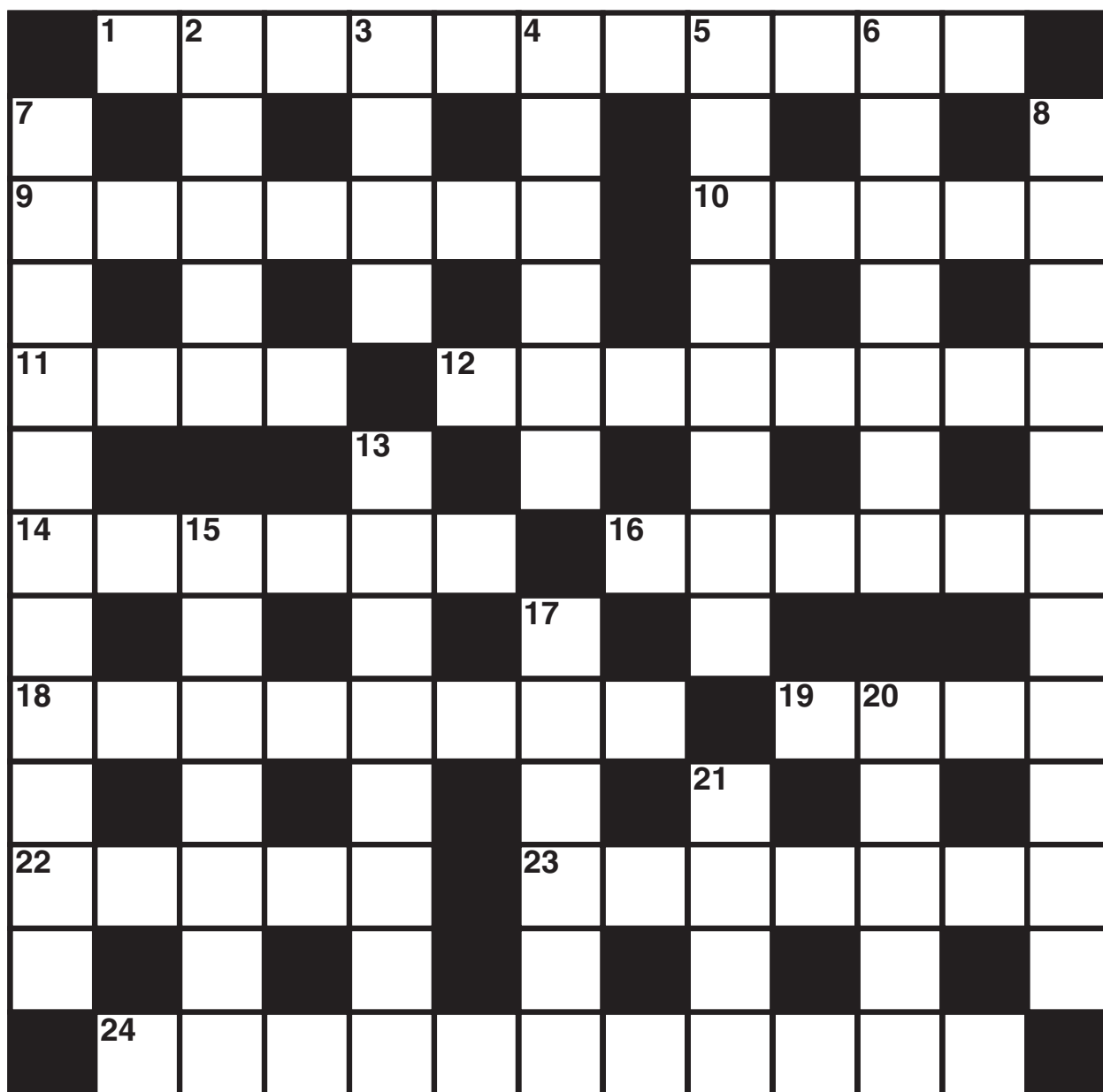
Down: 1 Accolade, 2 Trappist, 3 Oars, 5 Death warrant, 6 Espy, 7 Airing, 8 Kismet, 11 Face the music, 15 Igloo, 16 Allot, 18 Egyptian, 19 Pear tree, 21 Neuter, 22 Relaid, 26 Thea, 27 Next.

Across

- 11 As a result (11)
 9 Never appearing old (7)
 10 Barren region (5)
 11 Stare with open mouth (4)
 12 Settler (8)
 14 Discover (4,2)
 16 Pestilence (6)
 18 Writer of fiction (8)
 19 Encourage in wrongdoing (4)
 22 Incline (5)
 23 A suspicion (7)
 24 Reciprocity in concessions (4,3,4)

Down

- 2 Of inferior quality (5)
 3 In excess (4)
 4 Oppressor (6)
 5 Western hemisphere (3,5)
 6 Enduring (7)
 7 Arrogance (11)
 8 Most prominent position (6,5)
 13 Centre of target (5-3)
 15 Small filled cases of pasta (7)
 17 Allot as share (6)
 20 Invigorating (5)
 21 Satirical sketch (4)

**10-Minute Solution 17727**

Across: 1 Muscle, 4 As good as, 9 Jackal, 10 Homespun, 12 Suit, 13 Stain, 14 Stir, 17 Incapacitate, 20 Strike a chord, 23 Ally, 24 Stare, 25 Peel, 28 Giveaway, 29 Map out, 30 Parallel, 31 Freely.

Down: 1 Majestic, 2 Succinct, 3 Loaf, 5 Shot in the arm, 6 Open, 7 Deputy, 8 Sundry, 11 Stock-in-trade, 15 Spate, 16 Stuck, 18 Forebode, 19 Idolatry, 21 Hang-up, 22 Clever, 26 Hail, 27 Lair.

SUDOKU

				9	1		5	3
	7			3		2		
5			7		2	9		
							3	
		9	2		4	1		
	5							
		5	8		7			1
		2		6			7	
7	6		4	5				

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This is the world's most addictive numbers game. The aim is to fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9. You need to reason out where to place the missing numbers by using the numbers given in the grid and a process of elimination. This is a game of logic not mathematical ability.

Yesterday's solution:

2	6	8	9	4	5	1	7	3
7	4	3	1	2	8	9	5	6
1	5	9	3	6	7	8	2	4
5	8	7	6	1	4	3	9	2
9	3	1	5	7	2	6	4	8
4	2	6	8	9	3	7	1	5
8	9	2	4	3	1	5	6	7
3	1	4	7	5	6	2	8	9
6	7	5	2	8	9	4	3	1

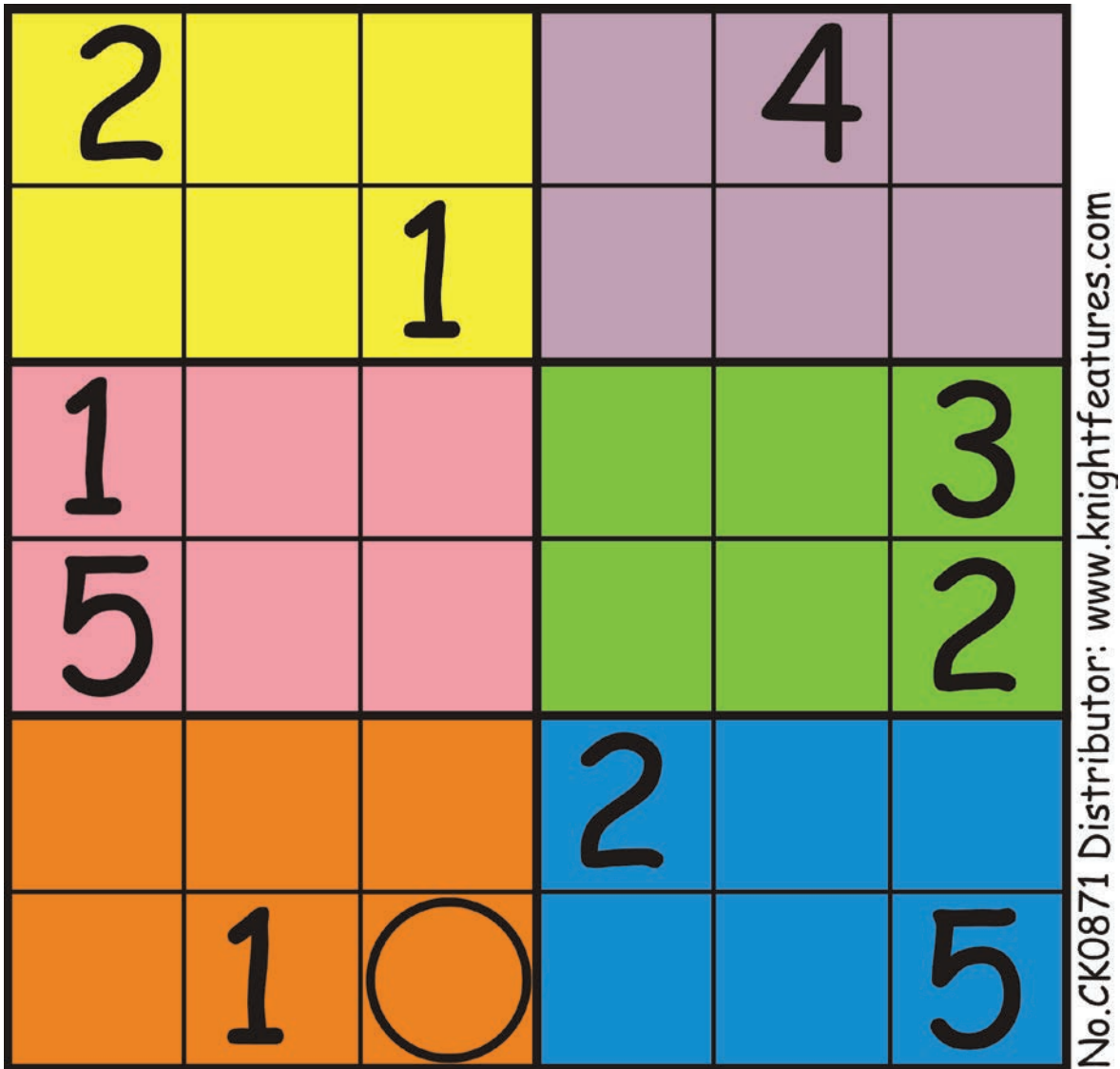
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Using the letter L somewhere in every word, can you make at least 41 words of four letters or more out of these letters? At least one word will have all the letters.
No proper names.

L	H	O	T	W
I	S	I	C	

Yesterday's answer: Holism, Holm, Locksmith, Mick, Milch, Milk, Milt, Mist, Mock, Moil, Moist, Most, Moth, Ohmic, Omit, Omits, Shim, Skim, Slim, Smith, Smock, Smolt

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Last weeks solution:

3	2	5	6	1	4
6	1	4	5	3	2
4	6	2	1	5	3
5	3	1	4	2	6
2	5	6	3	4	1
1	4	3	2	6	5

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