

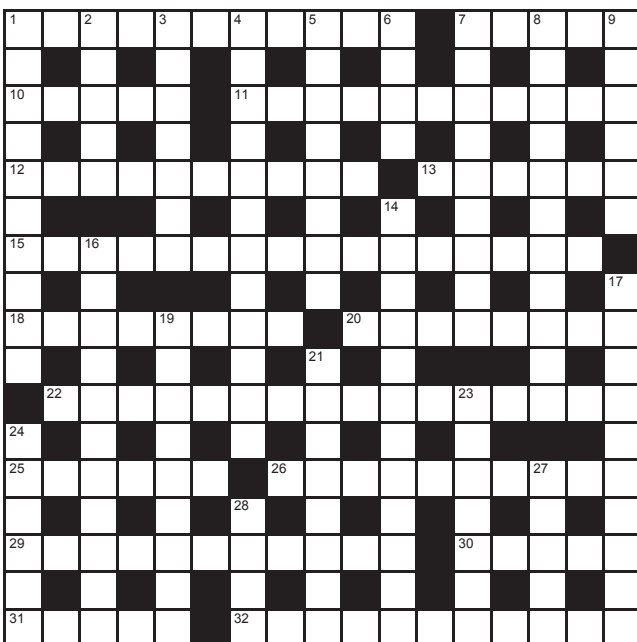
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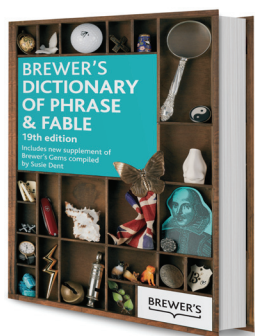
- 1 Membrane enveloping the skull (11)
- 7 A high-quality black tea made from young leaves (5)
- 10 In botany, inertia in conditions unfavourable to growth (5)
- 11 A small insectivorous bat with jerky, erratic flight (11)
- 12 Glassmaking technique using fused glass rods (10)
- 13 Lack of social or ethical standards in an individual or group (6)
- 15 Star of the 1922 silent film *Blood and Sand* (7,9)
- 18 The only British prime minister to have been born outside the British Isles (5,3)
- 20 Mixture of hard wax and lampblack used in brass rubbing (8)
- 22 Author of *Memoirs of a Fox-Hunting Man*, first published in 1928 (9,7)
- 25 Roman Catholic devotion consisting of prayers on nine consecutive days (6)
- 26 Gloucestershire racecourse (10)
- 29 A pink-flowered garden saxifrage, *Saxifraga urbium* (6,5)
- 30 Lion in Narnia (5)
- 31 District of south-east London, birthplace of the poet Wendy Cope (5)
- 32 Historic building near Maidstone in Kent, a former royal residence (5,6)

DOWN

- 1 The capital of Suriname (10)
- 2 A first-magnitude star in the constellation Orion (5)
- 3 In architecture, a carved representation of a basket of flowers (7)
- 4 An oval or circular building with seats rising in tiers around a central open space (12)
- 5 A small pointed beard growing below the lower lip (8)
- 6 In photography, a screen used to exclude part of an image (4)
- 7 Relating to the time immediately before and after birth (9)
- 8 Extinct volcano in northern Tanzania with twin peaks (11)
- 9 Oxford college founded in 1314 (6)
- 14 Star of the 1964 comedy film *Dr. Strangelove* (5,7)
- 16 An opera by Mozart first performed in Prague in 1787 (3,8)
- 17 A gelatinous dessert made with flavoured cornflour and milk (10)
- 19 An Indian dish of curried meat in a tomato-based sauce (5,4)
- 21 One of the two different minerals called jade (8)
- 23 Composer of the opera *The Bartered Bride* (7)
- 24 Taiwanese film director whose films include *Brokeback Mountain* (3,3)
- 27 One of a class of serfs among the ancient Spartans (5)
- 28 German subsidiary of General Motors Corporation (4)

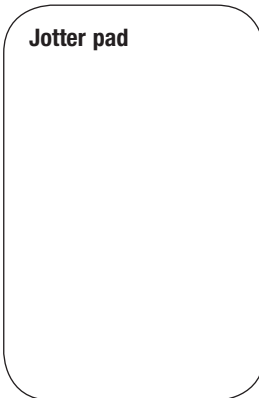


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