

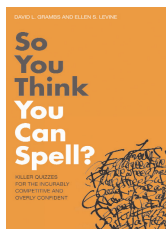
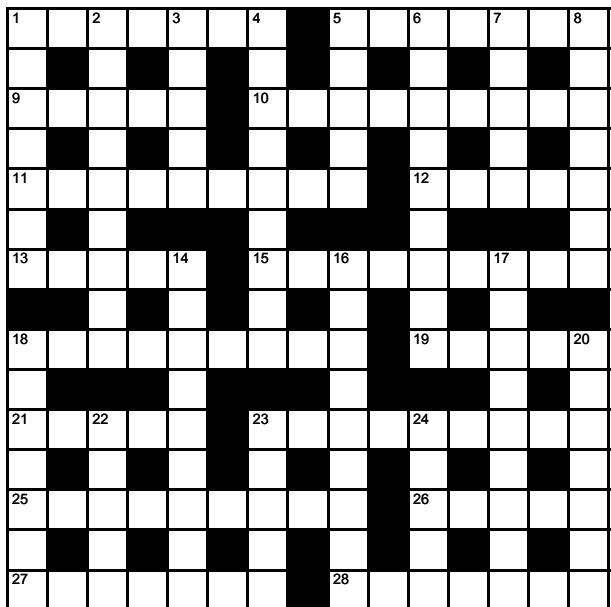
Crossword 13,843 Set by Cincinnati

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- 1 Unsigned reference books, in a manner of speaking (7)
- 5 Workers accepting origin of Holy Bible is good (7)
- 9 Choir members coming into cathedral to sing (5)
- 10 Succeeding as a boarder though no longer young (7,2)
- 11 Country property has displaced one in this (3,6)
- 12 An explorer in conversation, say (5)
- 13 Conservative member's ascent (5)
- 15 Near Quito, resort with too few people (9)
- 18 Where many Egyptians are ignoring one old queen (9)
- 19 Bicycle cleaned half-heartedly (5)
- 21 Carry on and take part in heightened drama? (3,2)
- 23 Indistinct speech, say, in China (9)
- 25 Commiseration not quite right for resolute advocate (9)
- 26 Guard criminal (5)
- 27 Calls to be a reformed character? (5,2)
- 28 City in 11 taking a long time to accept British leading lady (7)

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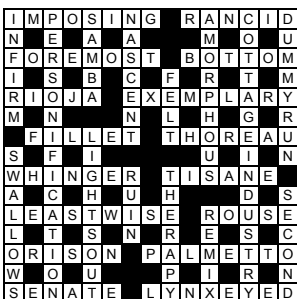
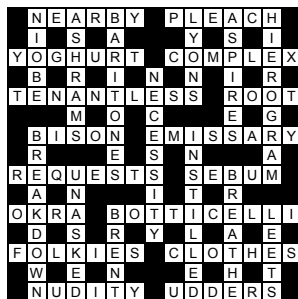
- 1 Last of summer wine in president's place? Such measures required? (7)
- 2 Female teacher in form (9)
- 3 Piece introduced by popular group (5)
- 4 Almost the first time one is up late (9)
- 5 End of knife held by crazy motel owner (5)
- 6 Cold shower may reveal his mortal wound (9)
- 7 Woolly vest's beginning to fit (5)
- 8 True as true, ignoring the odds (7)
- 14 Plan to mingle with obese or skinny people (9)
- 16 Lodge only half visible every few months (9)
- 17 One can spin in fruit machine (9)
- 18 Disconcerted by a hit (7)
- 20 Stray serving man held up by groom (7)
- 22 More or less attached to top of tree trunk (5)
- 23 German novelist penning old opera (5)
- 24 Small and delicate female in river standing up (5)



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