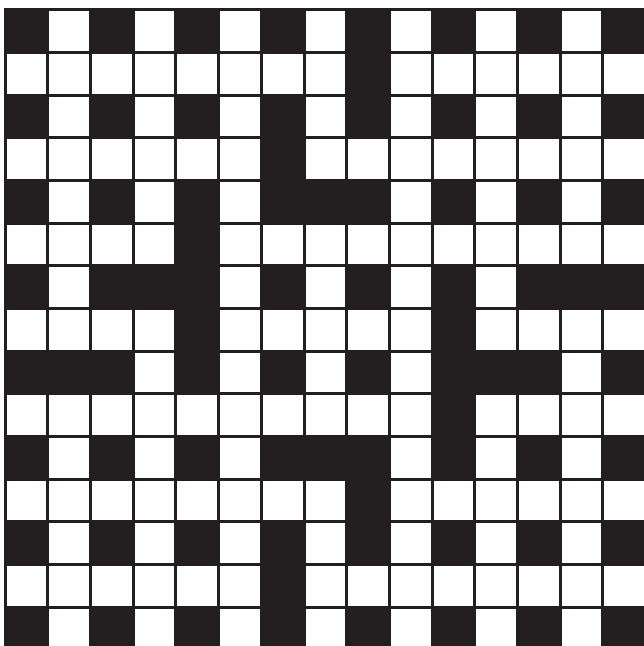


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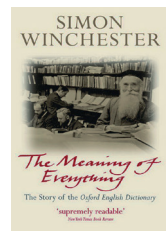
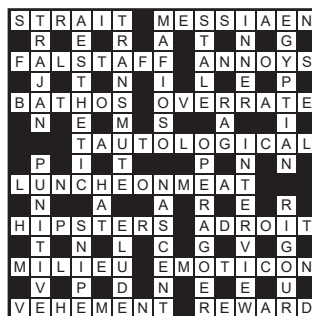
ALPHABETICAL JIGSAW: The clues are presented in alphabetical order of their solutions. The completed grid will reveal a topical phrase reading clockwise around the perimeter, starting in the right-hand column.

- A** Poor Luigi in the drink at his peak! (8)
Call up during match on opponents' ground where Tom might be (8)
Hails singletons out throughout the dark? (3-5,7)
Aspiring starlet losing her head about model in poem (7,3)
- C** Party leader at new New Town first (6)
- D** Weaken the spirit? (6)
Composer brakes suddenly a little, on the way back (6)
- E** A setter's problematical check-ups (3,5)
Stays home for a meal, pouring tisane (4,2)
Do well on borders of Essex – three of the first four at Chelmsford (5)
- G** Commando short of experience with engineers in punt (5,5)
- L** Releases -- so we'll set off! (4,2)
- N** German flower you once sent back to capital (6)
- O** Hot cakes ruined substantial wooden container (3,5)
- P** Not having been in the sun in the Dublin area? (4)
Rush to purchase a nice pub (not English), before start of year (5-3)
The very worst place for theatre bands? (4)
Die-hard gentleman is back in place (6)
- R** It varies resistance about those in desert (8)
Pasta from capital not prepared before one (8)
- S** Being so brainy, I left the sugar-coated confections with teacher first (8)
Upset love, irritated (4)
- T** Bound by discretion, one is silent (5)
What about the sign of approaching spring? (4)
Exacting payment when assembling a cabinet? (7,3,5)
- U** Film removed from unfamiliar worried muse (6)
- Y** What you expect little puppies to do, at first? (4)
Dismiss royal house (4)



Solution 16,412

Solution 16,401



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