

Just Act Mostly Natural

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Now that *Wordplay* has been so well received, the filmmakers are already working on the sequel, *Wordplay II: This Time It's Cryptic*. In particular, they are secretly filming cryptic solvers participating in various entertaining activities at this year's tournament:

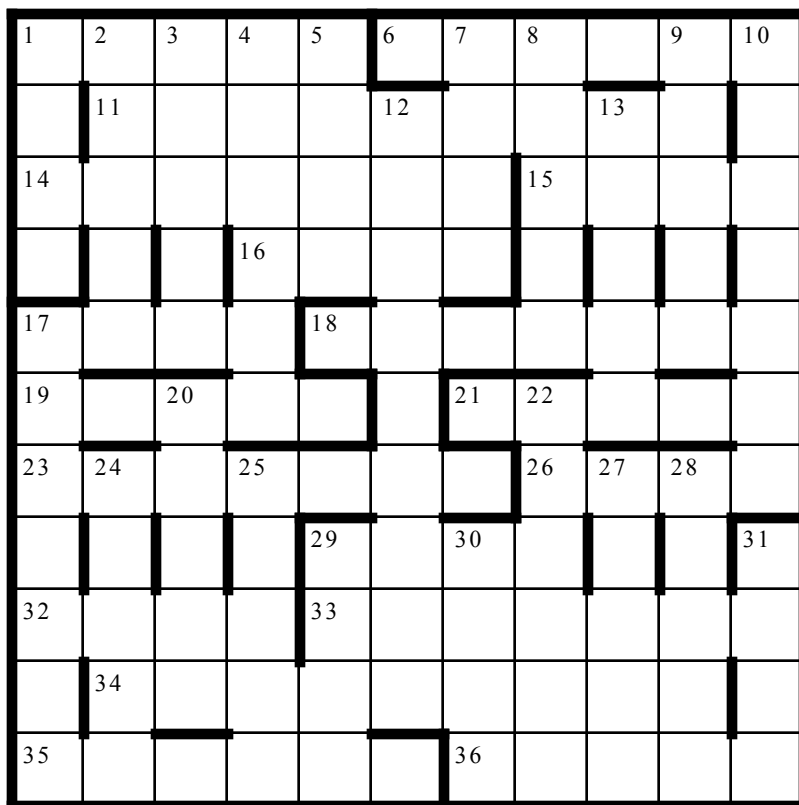
Sudoku: Carefully arranging symbols while avoiding repetitions.

Jeopardy: Phrasing answers in the form of questions

Speed solving: Shaving seconds off while entering answers.

Fortunately, you can do all of these while solving this puzzle. Down answers are entered normally, but for each of the above three activities, four Across answers must be appropriately modified before being entered into the grid.

Of course, now that you know you are being filmed, these three activities can be joined by a fourth, *Wall Breaking*. There are four marks on this page that each would ordinarily be considered an impenetrable barrier; to solve the remaining four Across clues (whose answers will be entered normally), you must breach these barriers. When the grid is complete, you will then be able to locate where you are being filmed from, which will be the only unique letter in the grid; when you have done so, recopy the four marks you found so as to obey the instruction given by 11 and 34 Across.



ACROSS

1. Emperor overthrown by follower of Haile Selassie
6. In the heart of Eugene O'Neill's colleague
11. *See instructions*
14. Hora perhaps includes everybody at one affair
15. One who sets up congressman to be entrapped by stripper
16. Cut small and large diamonds
17. Made fun of free sports act
18. Number eight disheartened that woman
19. Guard dispatched right away to the east
21. At least in some contexts wildly laud Tesla
23. Tiles repaired with fiber
26. Things like "Aust. Rib Slabs" will be lacking (*abbr.*)
29. Quiet expressions of pleasure by Persian kings
32. Pummel a bunch of politicians
33. And a half dozen years after 394 BC bears finally isolate a component of DNA
34. *See instructions*
35. The Spanish king's fraternal order
36. Fool left high king Ashurbanipal's country

DOWN

1. Destroy headless bear (4)
2. Scheme that encodes letters as numbers like 102 (5, *abbr.*)
3. Cast aspersions on *Shazam's* fringe audience (5)
4. It can steer a boat, but ultimately not that well (6)
5. Mountain range outside of Calais vanishes (4)
7. Don't show skin (4)
8. Bungling pervert shut up inside that thing (5)
9. Washington eschews English feast (5)
10. They know something applies crushing pressure (7)
12. A dish Taco Bell serves cold almost fills a Scandinavian up (9)
13. A hut I rebuilt by a lake in Jiangsu (3 2)
17. Rex's leggy hanger-on from south of the border can act (7)
20. Land that is cultivated, in part, until Thursday (5)
22. Desires I had would upset a cartoonist (6)
24. Police horse is a plant (5)
25. Said to grab a knife-sharpener (5)
27. Flee from risk, irrationally (5)
28. McKellen and Roker erected a veranda (5)
29. Break up with a cabbie (4)
30. Borders exhibits her unfinished manuscript (4)
31. Cattle beheaded by a Warrior Princess (4)