

## How to Solve a Clueless Crossword:

Think of a Clueless Crossword as a mix between a regular crossword puzzle and a cryptogram. Unlike many crossword puzzles, this grid is filled only with common, everyday English-language words - no abbreviations or other special "crossword" spellings are allowed. Each square in the grid is numbered 1 through 26, and each number corresponds to one (and only one) letter in the alphabet. Your goal is to completely fill in the crossword grid by gradually uncovering the letter that belongs to each number. We've given you three "giveaway" combinations - fill those into the solution grid and into any corresponding boxes in the crossword grid to get started. It helps to cross out each letter in alphabet as you use it in the grid, since no letter can be used more than once. Note that not all letters of the alphabet may be used in any given puzzle. If a number isn't used in the puzzle, it is greyed out in the solution grid. Good luck!

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|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 24 | 17 | 17 |    | 14 | 1  | 11 |    | 3  | 5  | 23 |    | 20 | 3  | 14 |
| 16 | 8  | 22 |    | 4  | 14 | 24 |    | 8  | 16 | 14 |    | 1  | 6  | 20 |
| 8  | 16 | 17 |    | 3  | 21 | 17 |    | 14 | 18 | 13 |    | 14 | 11 | 17 |
| 17 | 24 | 18 | 17 |    | 16 | 25 | 18 |    |    | 17 | 16 | 4  | 5  | 12 |
|    |    |    |    | 11 | 24 | 3  | 18 | 17 |    | 4  | 6  | 2  |    |    |
|    | 14 | 11 | 5  | 17 |    |    | 17 | 24 | 14 | 15 | 18 | 17 | 18 |    |
| 14 | 24 | 24 | 3  | 12 |    | 3  | 15 | 14 | 24 |    |    | 24 | 14 | 7  |
| 21 | 16 | 17 |    | 18 | 6  | 20 |    | 7  | 14 | 18 |    | 17 | 4  | 3  |
| 3  | 14 | 25 |    |    | 2  | 3  | 17 | 18 |    | 14 | 24 | 4  | 14 | 17 |
|    | 18 | 12 | 6  | 21 | 21 | 17 | 21 |    |    | 1  | 14 | 22 | 18 |    |
|    |    |    | 15 | 1  | 3  |    | 21 | 1  | 14 | 16 | 2  |    |    |    |
| 12 | 3  | 1  | 18 | 3  |    |    | 22 | 17 | 7  |    | 17 | 15 | 16 | 11 |
| 17 | 8  | 17 |    | 2  | 3  | 1  |    | 15 | 3  | 15 |    | 14 | 2  | 22 |
| 17 | 17 | 24 |    | 17 | 1  | 14 |    | 17 | 13 | 17 |    | 16 | 12 | 18 |
| 21 | 1  | 22 |    | 21 | 17 | 2  |    | 24 | 17 | 4  |    | 1  | 3  | 12 |

### Solution Grid:

|    |          |           |    |           |    |    |
|----|----------|-----------|----|-----------|----|----|
| 1  | 2        | 3         | 4  | 5         | 6  | 7  |
| 8  | 9<br>N/A | 10<br>N/A | 11 | 12        | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16       | 17        | 18 | 19<br>N/A | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23       | 24        | 25 | 26<br>N/A |    |    |

### Giveaways:

#16 = I

#14 = A

#21 = D

A B C D E F G  
H I J K L M N  
O P Q R S T U  
V W X Y Z