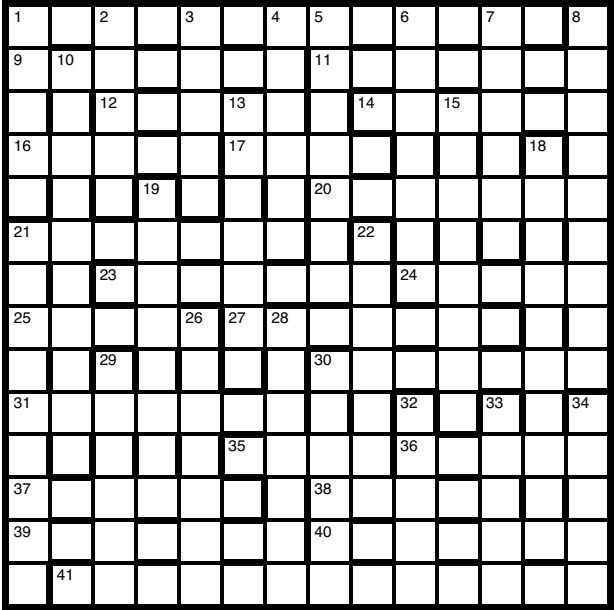


Alphabetical  
Jigsaw by Doc

The set of 26 clues leads to solutions beginning with A to Z, one per letter, which then have to be fitted into the grid wherever they will fit. The numbered clues are normal.

- A Like carrier, off course (6)
- B Instrument from Juliet at ferry port, cycling (5)
- C Court case condemned Glitter (9)
- D Overdid a little drink – date is off (10)
- E Bird at 36 lough (4)
- F Loud isn’t very soft (5)
- G Cricketer Joel’s stores (7)
- H Worker lost diamonds alone in *Star Wars* (3,4)
- I Flag girl’s husband from Cork, say (5)
- J Port and orange (5)
- K King missing Queen at German monastery (7)
- L Resounding soccer win repulsed singer (6)
- M Spread you love or hate! (7)
- N Immigrant’s child in Boston is eight (5)
- O Truly sorry, empty, to make return journey (7)
- P Singer in church introduced by priest (6)
- Q Queen’s radio broadcast, for example, at French FO (4,6)
- R Fashion items thugs picked up (5)
- S One holding hot stones (7)
- T Loo for hire – I entered (6)
- U One holding adult Christian (5)
- V Feud over 500 gatecrashing ground at event (8)
- W A question of property (5)
- X French boy, cross, with a German quartet (6)
- Y Shetland isle’s calls (5)



- Z Nick losing head following unknown love (5)
- 26 Innocence troubled Venetia (7)
- 28 Coppers in Yemeni capital cut composer (7)
- 30 Buffy’s small bed (6)

Across

- 1 Absurd mothers tailored beachwear (7,6)
- 9 A child of 5 as friar (7)
- 24 Sole card game in part (5)
- 25 Essentially fervent SA plots (5)
- 27 Grass to spare, maybe (7)
- 30 Law in French ‘Thou art in public’ (7)
- 35 Amid beta, lambda and others (2,2)
- 39 French language clubs in action abroad (7)
- 40 Is superior to former favourites, we hear (7)
- 41 Hellfire caver swapped stationery item (5-4,4)

Down

- 6 Away, using LSD (2,1,4)
- 13 Sworn enemies – with 1 worn out, maybe (7)
- 19 Church ushers, say, from Unst? (8)
- 21 Fruit – lemon gone off (4,5)
- 22 Priest and maestro talk idly (7)

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