

Adventures of Sherlock Holmes.
ADVENTURE IV.—THE BOSCOMBE VALLEY MYSTERY.
By A. CONAN DOYLE.

ME were seated at breakfast one morning, my wife and I, when the maid brought in a telegram. It was from Sherlock Holmes, and ran in this way: "Have you a couple of days to spare? I have just been wired for from the West of England in connection with Boscombe Valley tragedy. Shall be glad if you will come with me. Air and scenery perfect. Leave Paddington by the 11.15."

"What do you say, dear?" said my wife, looking across at me. "Will you go?"

"I really don't know what to say. I have a fairly long list at present."

"Oh, Alexander would do your work for you. You have been looking a little pale lately. I think that the change would do you good, and you are always so interested in Mr. Sherlock Holmes' cases."

"I should be ungrateful if I were not, seeing what I gained through one of them," I answered. "But if I am to go I must pack at once, for I have only half an hour."

My experience of camp life in Afghanistan had at least had the effect of making me a prompt and ready traveller. My wants were few and simple, so that in less than the time stated I was in a cab with my valise, rattling away to Paddington Station. Sherlock Holmes was pacing up and down the platform, his tall gaunt figure made even gaunter and taller by his long grey travelling cloak, and close-fitting cloth cap.

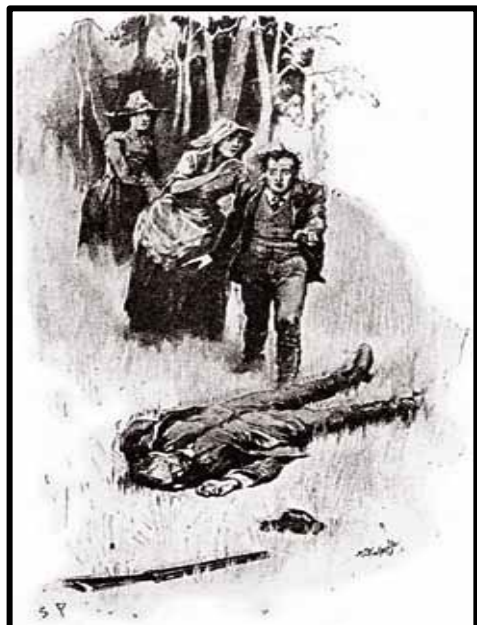
"It is really very good of you to come, Watson," said he. "It makes a considerable difference to me, having someone with me on whom I can thoroughly rely. Local aid is always either worthless or else biased. If you will keep the two corner seats I shall get the tickets."

"We had the carriage to ourselves save for an immense litter of papers which Holmes had brought with him. Among these he rummaged and read, with intervals of note-taking and of meditation, until we were past Reading. Then he suddenly rolled them all into a gigantic ball, and tossed them up on to the rack.

"Have you heard anything of the case?" he asked.

"Not a word. I have not seen a paper for some days."

"The London press has not had very full accounts. I have just been looking through all the recent papers in order to master the particulars. It seems, from what I gather, to be one of those simple cases which are so extremely difficult."



SHERLOCK HOLMES CANONPUZZLES

**Word Search, Criss Cross & Crossword Puzzle
DEVELOPED BY STEVE MASON**

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

The Boscombe Valley Mystery

**These Puzzles include specific terms related to the story.
All words and terms come directly out of the Canon.**

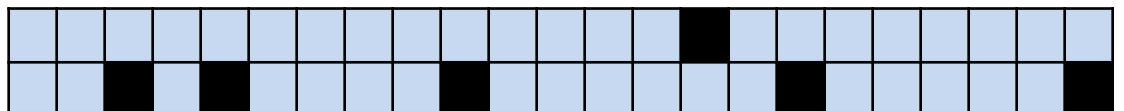
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vols. 1 and 2**

Boscombe Valley Mystery (Puzzle #1)

WORDCIRCLE: Find each of the listed words in the puzzle. Click on each letter found and circle it with a CAPITAL "O". You can tab between letters. Once all terms are found, the remaining un-circled letters should complete a quote from the story below.

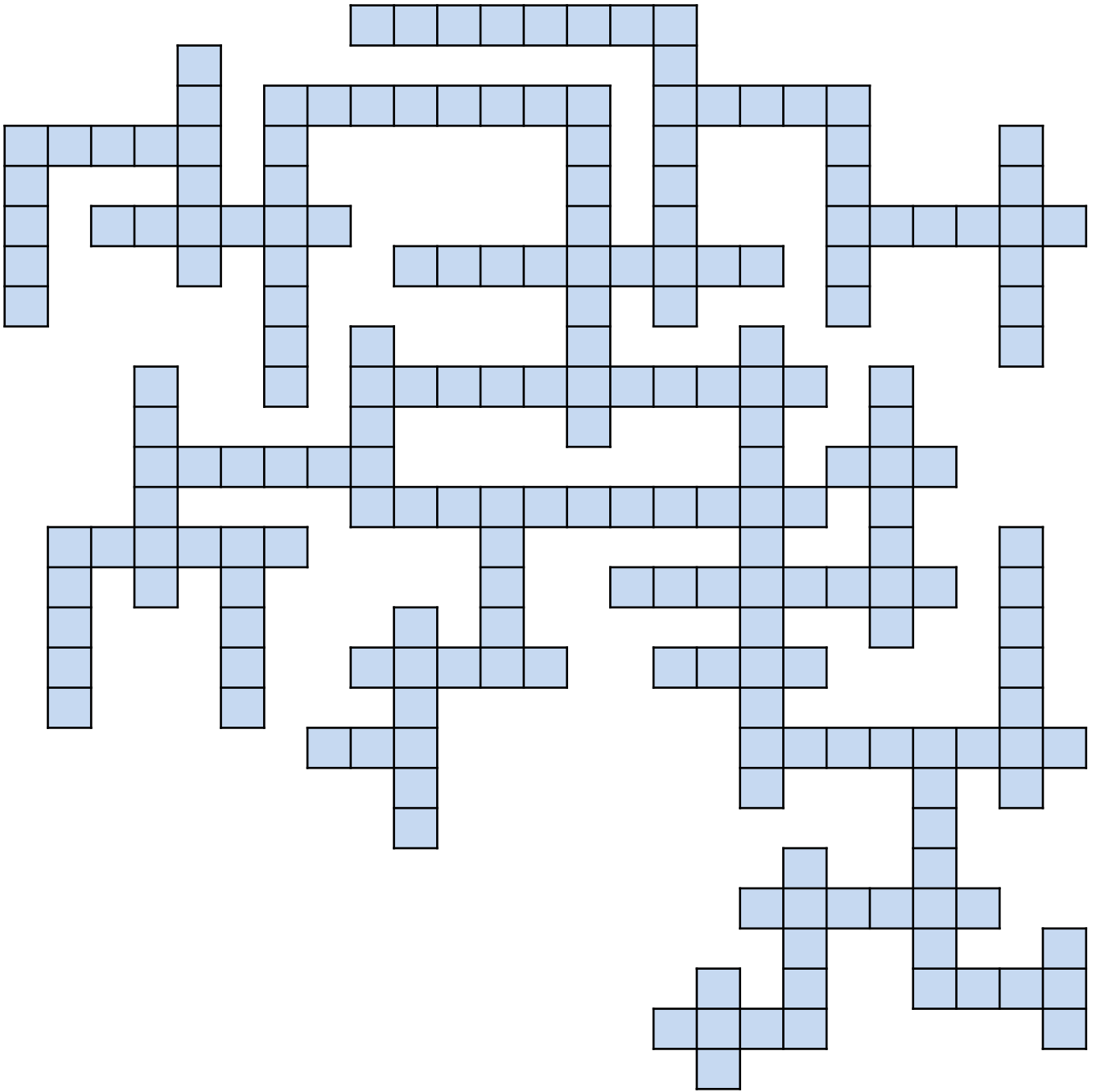
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Boscombe Valley Mystery (Puzzle #2)

CRISS-CROSS: Fit each word into their proper place in the Framework.



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| END | SELF | GAUNT | WIRED | FRINGE | TENANT | DIGGINGS | MOONSHINE |
| SLY | THIN | GLASS | COMELY | LANDED | AROUSED | HIGHROAD | PIKESTAFF |
| TUT | BANDY | GROOM | CRAGGY | LICHEN | CULPRIT | REPROACH | ABOMINATION |
| WEE | BOOTS | PAINS | FAGGED | MASTER | INQUEST | RETAINED | SINGULARITY |
| PUNY | CLOAK | WANTS | FILIAL | RUSTIC | DELIRIUM | VERBATIM | CONSTABULARY |

Boscombe Valley Mystery (Puzzle #3)

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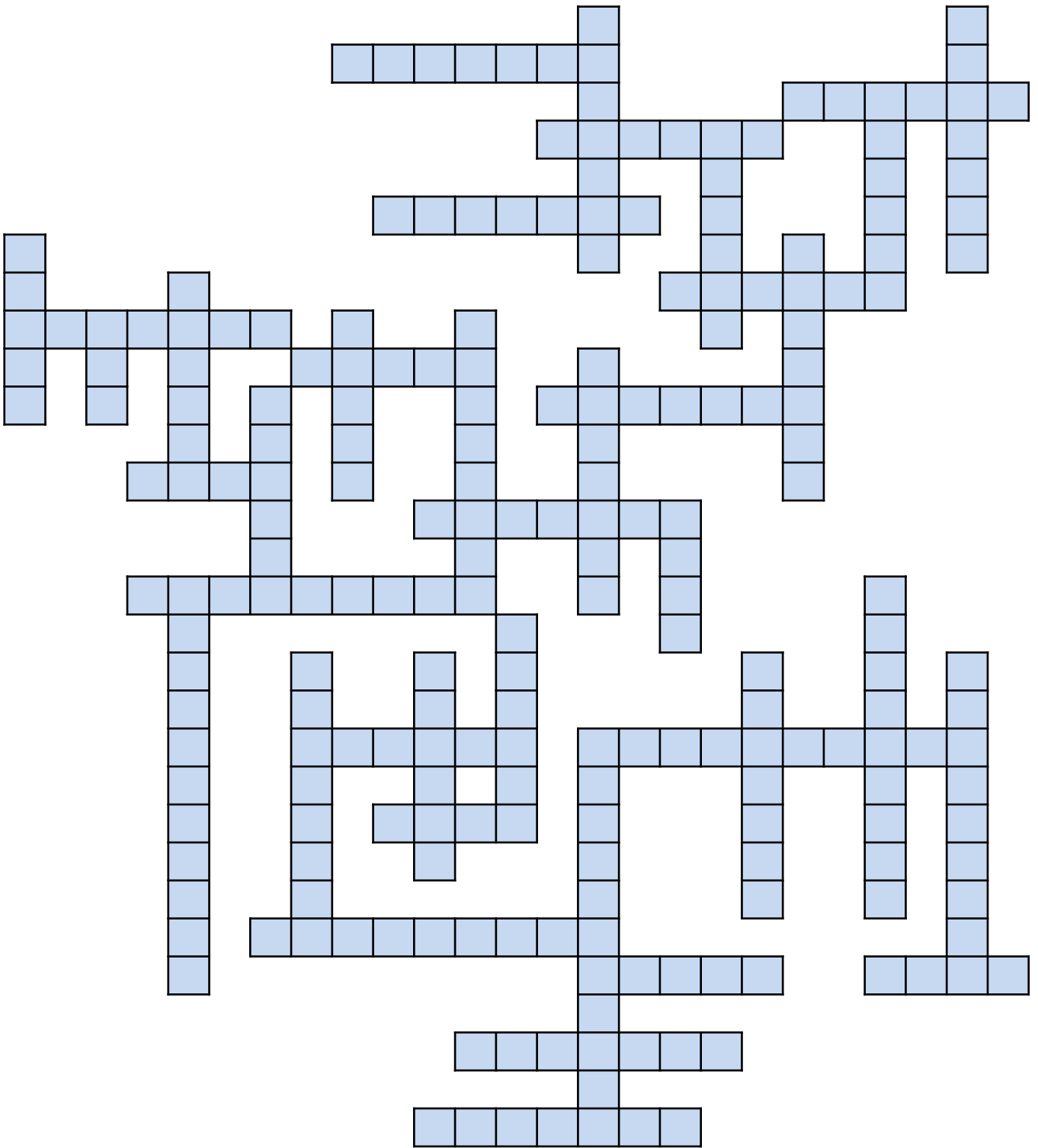
2. Person who is responsible for a crime or other misdeed
6. Perspiration
9. Very tiny
10. Wonder; reverence
11. _____ - jacket
12. Man employed to take care of horses
13. Judicial inquiry held before a jury
15. Rise or wake from sleep
18. Shapes that are round and flat in appearance
19. Is not
21. Not well
23. In addition to
24. Extremely tired; exhausted
26. Emaciated
27. Gain control of; overcome
31. Kept someone engaged in one's service
33. Kept something at the same level or rate
34. Organ for hearing
36. Main road
37. Destroy
40. Butt - _____; thicker part of something, usually a weapon
41. Concealed; covered the face
42. Careful efforts; great care or trouble
46. Short, simple song
48. Express disapproval or disappointment
50. Keyboard instrument
54. Small lodging for travelers
56. Rugged and uneven
57. Loose coat worn over outer garments
58. Proceed without effort to achieve something
59. Pleasant to look at
60. Barometer
62. Decreasing in vigor or power
65. Therapeutic resort
67. Long rod with a spike to keep the user from slipping
69. Competitor; opponent
70. Plead; ask for something to happen
72. Too weak to justify an effect
73. Annum
74. Nonsense
75. Cunning; wily

Down

1. Acutely disturbed state of mind that occurs in fever and other disorders
3. Not based on what is morally right and fair
4. Gap between hills or mountains
5. Small piece used for identification
7. Telegrammed
8. Excited or provoked a feeling or response
9. Desires for something
14. _____ - evident; not needing to be explained
16. Pastoral; bucolic
17. Fungus that grows on rocks or stones
20. Corresponding word for word
22. Owning much property, especially through inheritance
25. Relating to the Celtic language of Scotland
28. Exclamation of surprise
29. Person who occupies land rented from a landlord
30. Person's ruin or downfall
32. Tobacco residue
33. Notice or pay careful attention to
35. Very unpleasant
38. Guide someone to a specific location
39. Person of the same age, status, or ability
43. Mines
44. Something that is beyond what is ordinary
45. Armed police force
47. White or gray powder
49. Something that causes disgust
50. Swine
51. Used to refer to one or some of a thing
52. Shooting - _____; worn for hunting
53. Bend or hang downward limply
55. Border or outer edge of an area
61. Fly or rise high in the air
63. Long-shafted weapon with a pointed tip
64. Exclamation of disapproval or annoyance
66. Small and weak
68. Limbless, cold-blooded vertebrate animal
71. Light brownish colour

Boscombe Valley Mystery (Puzzle #5)

CRISS-CROSS: Fit each word into their proper place in the Framework.



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| MAN | CLOTH | CREDIT | TENDER | DAMNING | PUZZLED | VERDICT | UPBRAIDED |
| BUSH | FLUSH | DEPOSE | TISSUE | FEIGNED | RESERVE | IMBECILE | CONTRITION |
| GIRT | ORDER | DILATE | WARREN | FURTIVE | RETIRED | WHIPCORD | MEDITATION |
| KEEN | SLATE | ENSUED | WITTED | GOADING | SCEPTIC | ACQUITTED | COMPUNCTION |
| LEFT | BIASED | SINEWY | ASSIZES | HELLISH | SOCIETY | PINNACLES | PARADOXICAL |

Boscombe Valley Mystery (Puzzle #6)

CROSSWORD: Each clue is a term from the Canon. Highlighted clues on the next page are from this Story.

Boscombe Valley Mystery (Puzzle #6)

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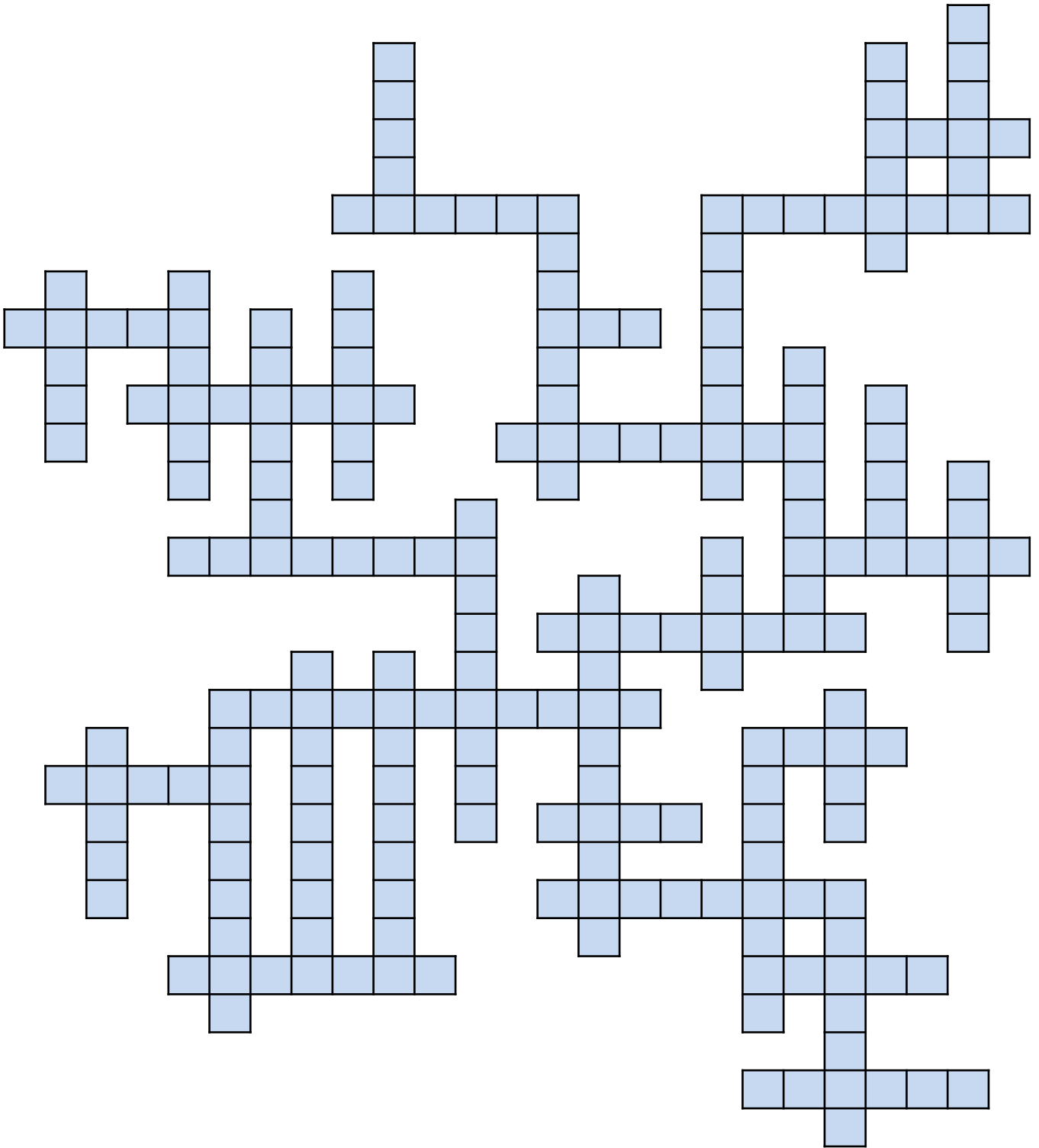
1. **Stupid person; idiotic**
4. Tender; not cooked
6. Laborer who works on water and waste systems
8. **Area of warm colour or light**
11. Feeling of listlessness arising from a lack of excitement
13. Protective garment worn over clothes
14. Lacking strong features or characteristics
15. _____ - **roofed; fine grained rock split into flat pieces**
16. Property or money brought by a bride to her husband on their marriage
17. **Person inclined to question or doubt accepted opinions**
20. Concealed
21. **Apparently contradictory**
23. Called by a specified name
25. More secure
26. **Lean and muscular**
27. Pound note
29. **Covering for a table**
30. In addition to
31. ____ - **abiding; legal authority; statute**
35. Layer or dirt or froth on the surface of a liquid
36. **Quiet and secluded**
37. **Highly developed; having great insight**
38. **Serving - ____; servant**
40. Piece of metal used as money
41. Coniferous tree with red fruits
43. **Sincere remorse for wrongdoing**
45. **Reed - ____; encircled with a growth of reeds**
46. **Freed from a criminal charge by a verdict of not guilty**
47. **Shifty**
51. Pull something behind
53. **Accompanied by another person or thing**
55. **Unearthly; infernal; devilish**
56. **Salutation to a man**
57. Expression of grief, pity or concern
58. Generally believed to exist, but not definitely the case
59. **Employ**
60. **Decision on a disputed issue in a civil or criminal case**
61. Expected at or planned for at a certain time
62. **Authoritative command or direction**

Down

2. **Followed as a consequence**
3. **Acknowledgment given for a person's actions or idea**
4. **Pay someone for the use of property or land**
5. **Catgut**
6. **High points**
7. **Unfairly prejudiced for or against someone**
9. Idler; someone who does not work
10. **Find fault with someone**
12. **Break free from confinement or control**
14. **Land remote from any settlements**
18. Secret or disguised way of writing; code
19. **Uneasiness caused by a sense of guilt**
22. Moved at a rapid rate of speed
23. Child's plaything
24. **Being in the company of other people**
28. **Strongly suggesting guilt or error**
29. Have difficulty in breathing because of obstructed throat or lack of air
32. Using dry, especially mocking, humour
33. Overweight; large
34. **Intervention in a dispute in order to resolve it**
39. **Trial sessions held in specific locations by a judge or court**
40. Man
42. Means of egress
44. _____ - **parietal bone; bone forming the back of the base of the cranium**
48. **Keep feelings and thoughts to oneself**
49. Suggested, but not directly expressed
50. **Unable to understand; perplexed**
51. **Intricate structure made from connected items**
52. **Area where rabbits live in burrows**
53. **Quick - ____; showing an ability to think quickly and effectively**
54. _____ - **hearted; having a kind or gentle nature**

Boscombe Valley Mystery (Puzzle #8)

CRISS-CROSS: Fit each word into their proper place in the Framework.



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| LAD | TRAP | GRAVE | FERRET | YELLOW | CALAMITY | SCHEMING | DECEPTIVE |
| GAME | AMPLE | HENCE | MESHES | CORONER | COCKSURE | SINGULAR | INCARNATE |
| RACE | BLUNT | MARKS | OUTCRY | DESERTS | DUSTCOAT | SLOVENLY | RESTRAINT |
| RIFT | FRANK | PLAID | VALISE | EXPIRED | LEGGINGS | WALLOWED | WATERPROOF |
| SWAG | GLADE | AVERSE | WILFUL | THEREIN | PERCEIVE | CUDGELLED | CONJECTURED |

Boscombe Valley Mystery (Puzzle #9)

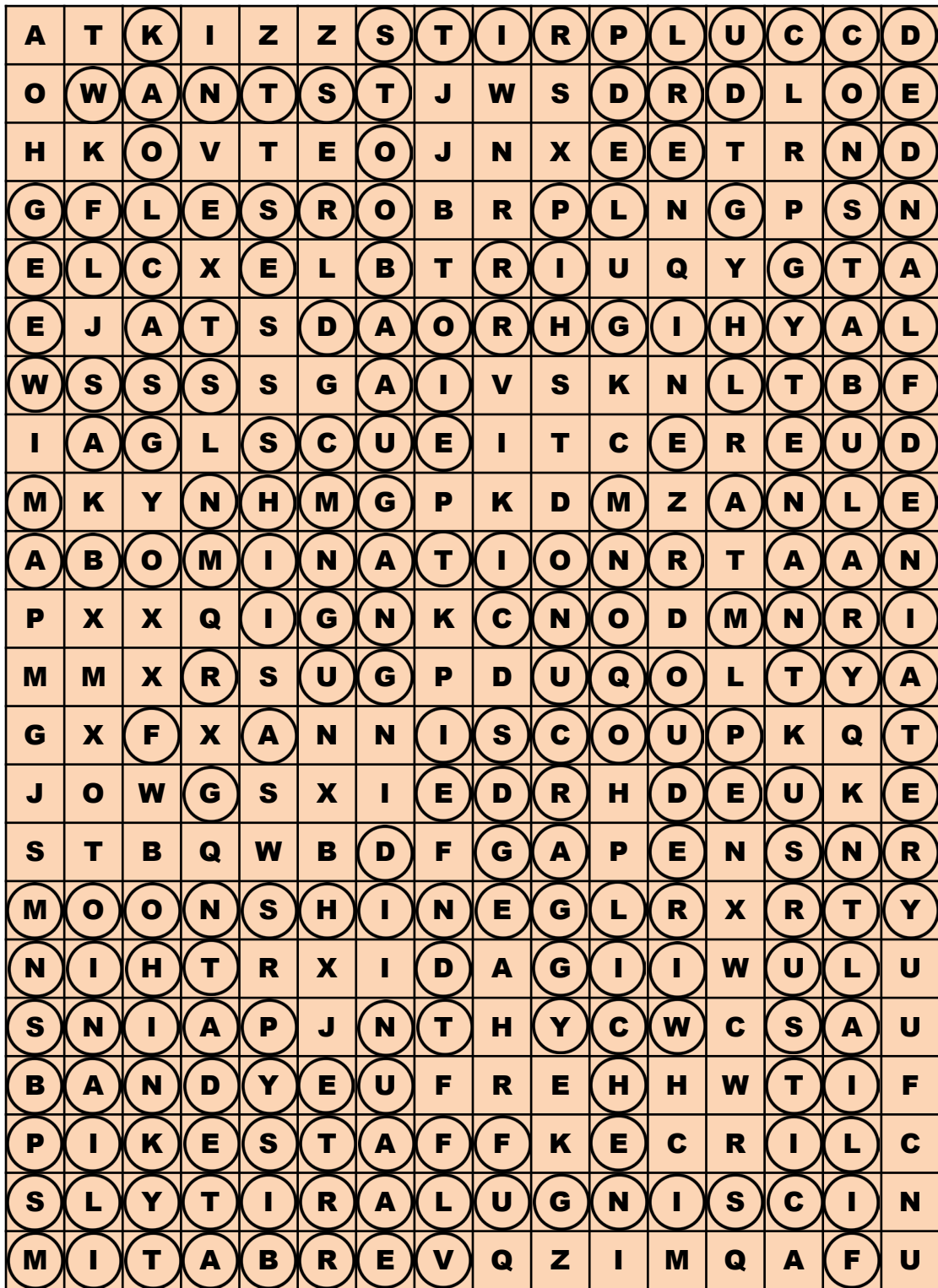
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2. **Untidy in dress or appearance**
7. Charge for professional services
8. Part of a town or county
11. Toward the water or sea
13. **Overconfident**
15. **More than enough; plentiful**
16. Travel aimlessly over a wide area
18. **Light knee-length coat**
20. Makes less difficult; relieves pressure
21. Use something to bad effort or for a bad purpose
23. Capture someone
25. Prohibit from happening
28. **Laced lower leg wrappings**
29. **Deliberate; intentional**
30. **Employ**
31. **Existed**
34. **Young man**
35. **Be of a noteworthy quality or feature of**
36. **Elder; older**
38. _____ - lamp
39. Lasted
42. **Official who investigates sudden or suspicious deaths**
44. **Serious break in friendly relations**
46. **Become aware or conscious of something**
47. Carbonated water
48. Pull something behind
50. Particular level of quality or value
52. Instrument used for cutting wood
53. Small lodging for travelers
54. **Large rodent**
56. Exclamation of surprise
58. **Complex or constricting situation**
60. **One-horse open carriage**
62. Large boat, usually elegant
63. By way of
64. **Plotting; connivance**
66. Limit beyond which something specified will happen
67. Aptitude
70. **Open, honest and direct in speech or writing**
71. **Also**
72. **Strong expression of public disapproval; exclamation**
73. _____ - shop; place to buy alcohol
74. **No longer valid; died**

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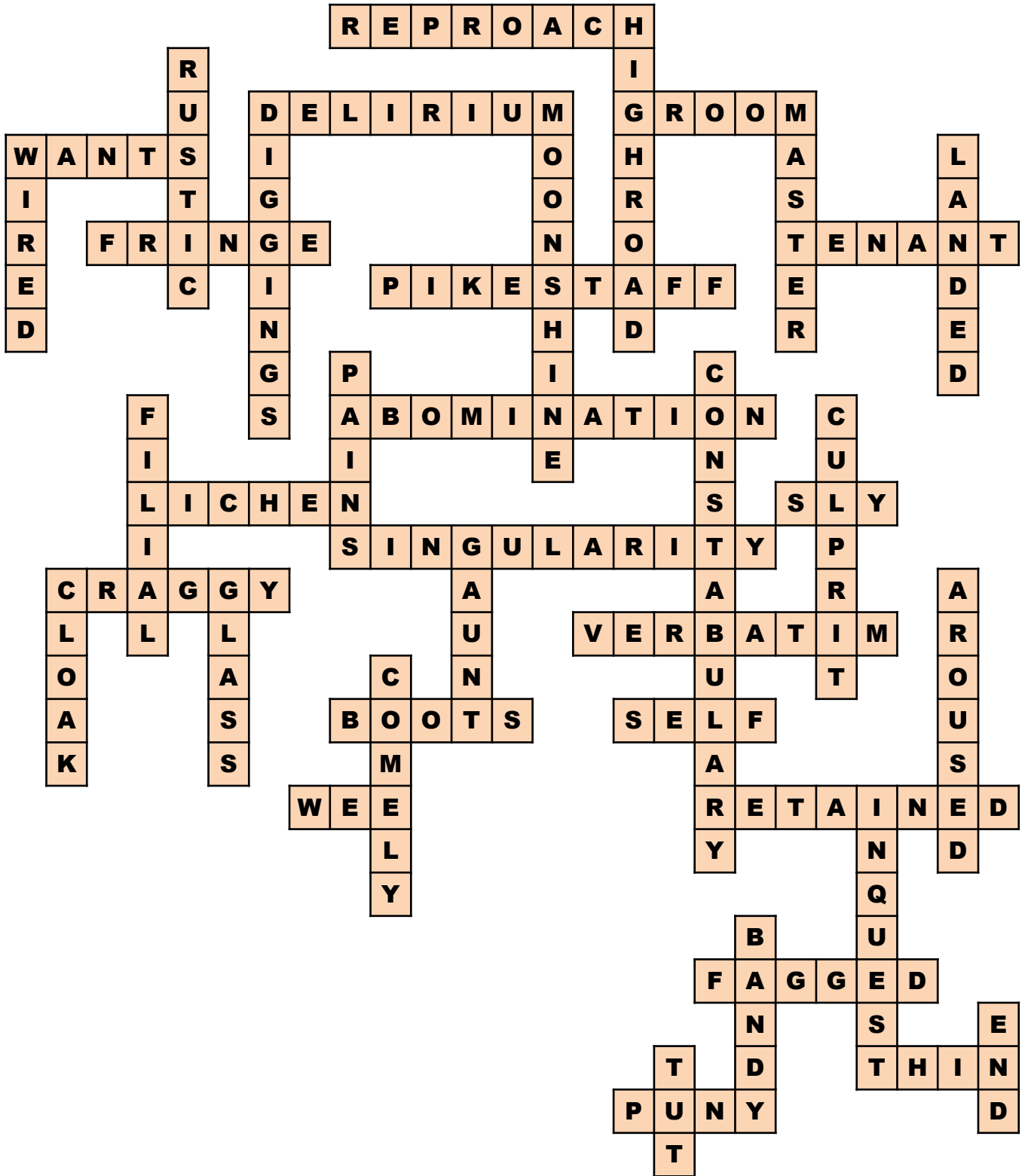
1. Alcoholic drink with spirits mixed with other ingredients
3. **Very large pond**
4. Make a mistake
5. _____ - backed novel; cheap, popular novel
6. **In a brusque way**
7. _____ - like; looking like a weasel
9. Lariats
10. **Opposed**
12. _____ - keeper; person who protects and maintains birds and animals on an estate
14. Consume
17. **Beat**
18. Openly resisted or refused to obey
19. **Out of the ordinary**
22. **Case for clothes or toilet articles**
24. Idiot
26. From a distance
27. **Checkered or tartan twilled cloth**
31. **Moved in a clumsy or rolling manner**
32. **Atmosphere**
33. **Made a judgment based on inconclusive or incomplete evidence**
37. **Self - _____; control; discipline**
40. Regard something as likely to happen
41. **Something that is deserved or merited**
43. In debt to someone
44. Awaken; get up
45. **Giving an appearance or impression different from the true one**
49. **Raincoat**
51. **Pass away**
55. **Event causing great and often sudden damage or distress; a disaster**
57. **As a consequence; for this reason**
58. Human body preserved by wrapping in bandages and treated
59. **Loot; stolen property**
61. **In that place, document, or respect**
65. **Austere and somber**
66. Choose between two or more options
68. Attempt
69. Cause distress to

Boscombe Valley Mystery (Puzzle #1)

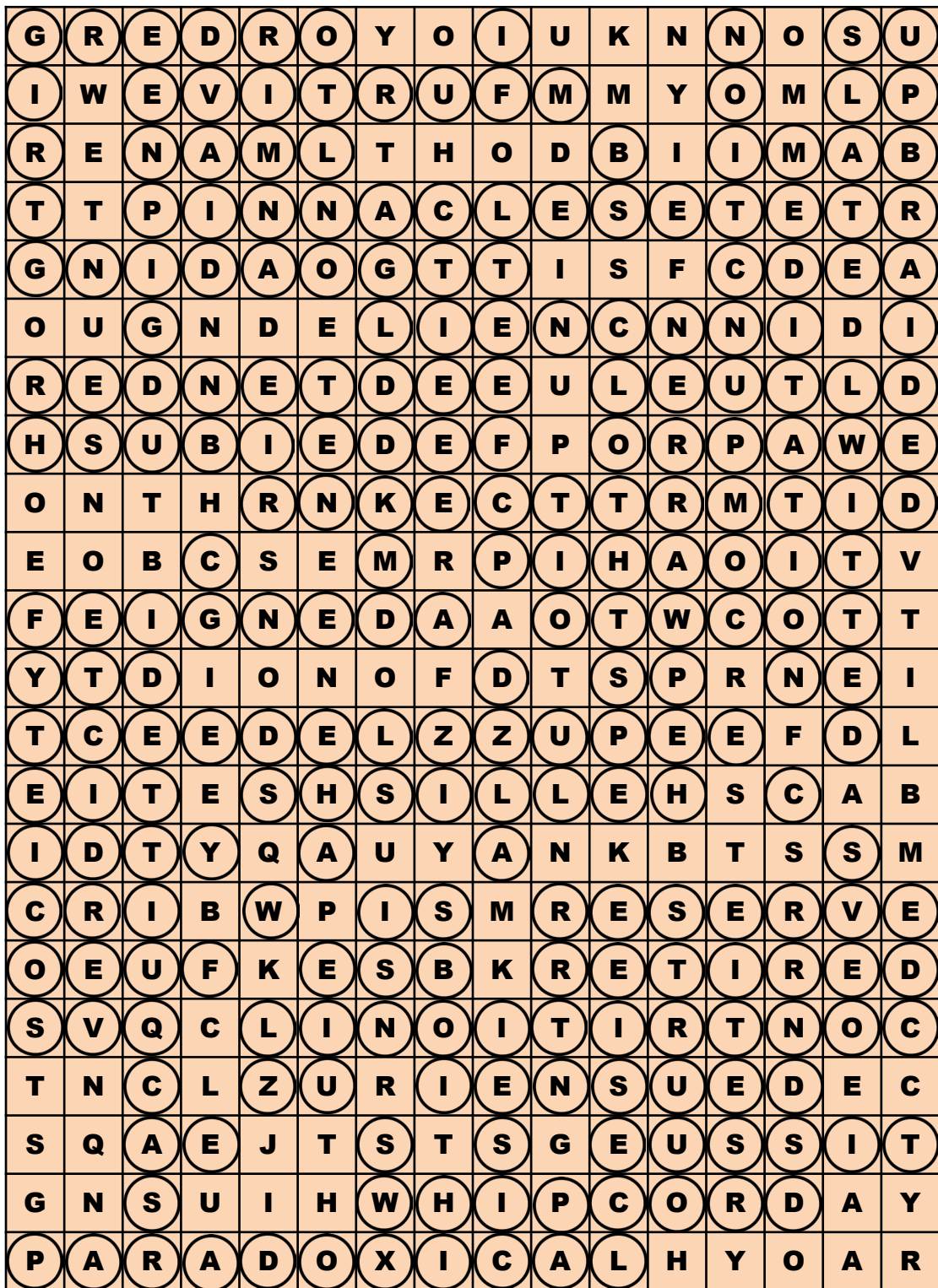


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Boscombe Valley Mystery (Puzzle #2)



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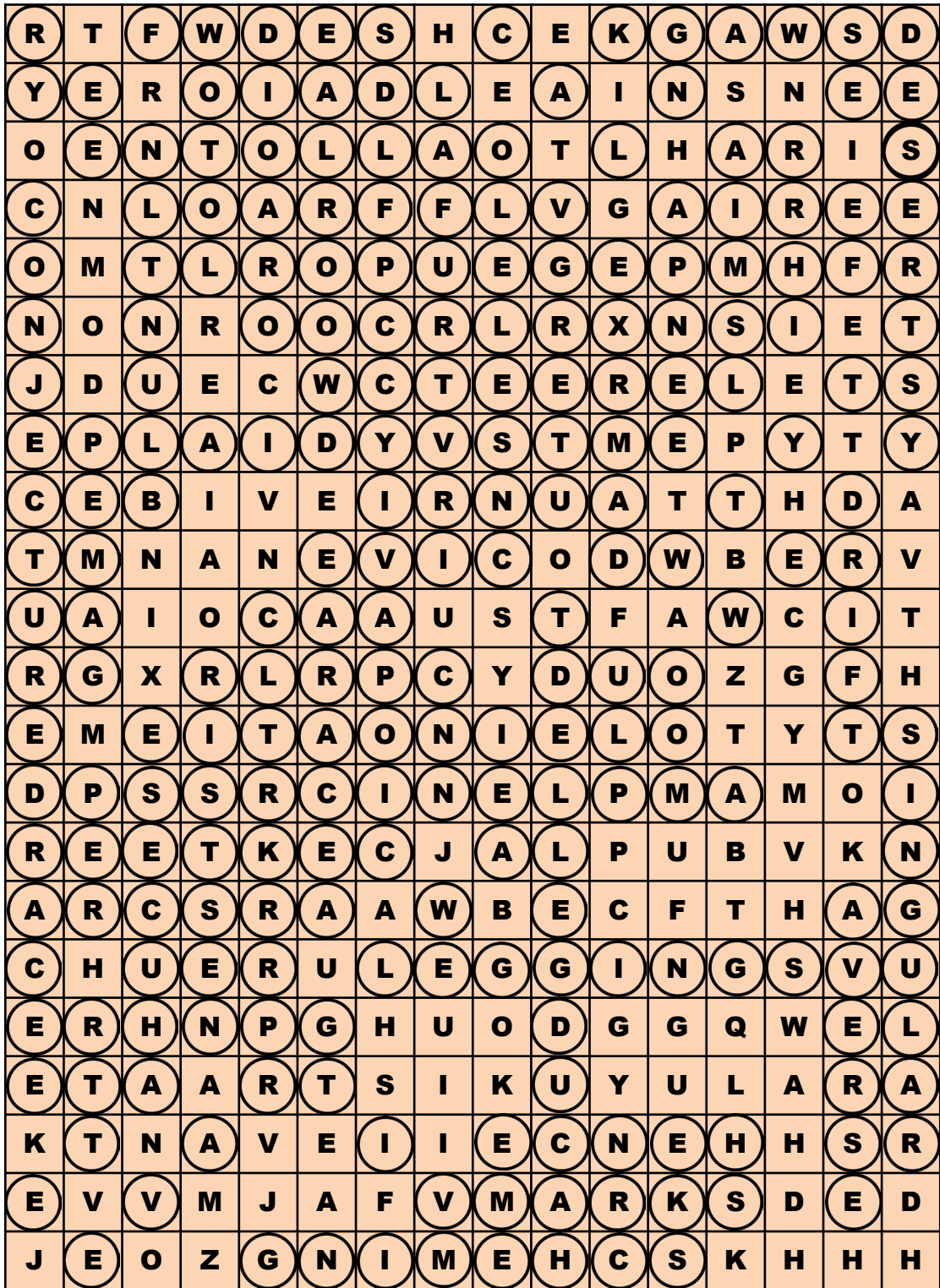


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Boscombe Valley Mystery (Puzzle #6)

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Boscombe Valley Mystery (Puzzle #7)



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Boscombe Valley Mystery (Puzzle #8)

