

# STINKER!

**Beat the Stinker!**  
It's the world's toughest crossword.

## Across

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| 1. Chest-to-waist region                  | 47. Stomach purgative               | 97. Pen name, ... de plume            | 152. Athletic games                                       | 207. Cheshire city                     | 253. Long movie                 |
| 5. Noisy brawl                            | 49. Blacken by fire                 | 98. Medical language                  | 154. Honeycomb segment                                    | 209. Mournful                          | 255. Financial estimate         |
| 8. Uniform                                | 50. Jug                             | 99. Understanding                     | 156. <i>The Vampire Chronicles</i> writer, ... Rice       | 211. Sham                              | 257. Overseer                   |
| 11. Category                              | 52. Heavy                           | 100. Scorned                          | 157. Import duty  | 213. Smallest Swiss canton             | 260. Boiled sweet               |
| 14. Titled widow                          | 54. Crimean War commander, Lord ... | 103. Young-suckling creature          | 159. Flutter  | 215. The <i>Mona Lisa</i> (2,8)        | 264. Yucatan people             |
| 18. Surface (road)                        | 56. Spectacles                      | 105. Harem guard                      | 161. Flavouring herb                                      | 217. Immunised                         | 266. Thin covering              |
| 19. The O of IOU                          | 58. Bike-wheel part                 | 107. Traders                          | 164. Decorative enamel work                               | 220. Curved liquid surfaces            | 267. Accounts book              |
| 20. Satisfying                            | 60. Type of chutney                 | 110. Dafur is there                   | 167. Yogurt drink   | 222. Troop formation                   | 270. Phone bug                  |
| 23. Much of the time                      | 62. Pausing                         | 111. Undeveloped insect               | 169. Thick  | 224. Cancer-causing agent              | 273. Serpent on Pharaoh's crown |
| 24. Penchant                              | 64. Caress with lips                | 114. Oodles                           | 171. Designer who created shocking pink, ... Schiaparelli | 227. Crude                             | 274. Mekong Valley nation       |
| 27. Major Tuscan city                     | 66. Heredity unit                   | 116. Slender                          | 173. Articulate   | 228. Crucial decision point            | 275. Monastery church           |
| 28. Kenyan terrorist society (3,3)        | 67. Wishy-washy                     | 118. Ermine                           | 174. Sanitise (text)                                      | 232. Sharpen (appetite)                | 277. Wedge                      |
| 29. Casualty                              | 70. Heath shrub                     | 120. Clairvoyant                      | 177. Prehistoric cave-dweller                             | 234. US Civil War soldiers, Johnny ... | 279. Agave fibre                |
| 31. Salad sprout                          | 71. Successor                       | 122. City district                    | 180. Coronet  | 241. Wheat husks                       | 281. Pace                       |
| 32. Car's oil reservoir                   | 72. Brutal                          | 124. Cloth merchant                   | 183. Authorise  | 242. Incline                           | 283. Quench                     |
| 34. Deluge                                | 73. Ensuing                         | 126. Chaucerian verse style           | 187. Distinct being                                       | 244. Soft pad                          | 285. Savour                     |
| 36. Baha-ullah's religion (4'1)           | 74. West African nation, Sierra ... | 129. Bath sponge                      | 190. Cossack leader                                       | 245. Blend by melting                  | 286. Shrivel                    |
| 37. Egyptian peninsula                    | 75. Sushi seaweed                   | 132. Perspective                      | 192. Schemer  | 247. Rock-pool crustacean              | 287. Crevice                    |
| 38. Bawl                                  | 77. Oslo's river                    | 136. Receivers                        | 194. Jordan's capital                                     | 250. Down payment                      | 290. Opaline                    |
| 39. Flaubert's classic, ... <i>Bovary</i> | 79. Incentive                       | 139. Amongst                          | 196. Slight puff of air                                   | 251. Milan opera house, La ...         | 291. Ancient Athens marketplace |
| 41. Cricket garb fabric                   | 83. Scrutinise                      | 140. Egyptian snakes                  | 197. Book page  | 252. Of gold                           | 292. White building rock        |
| 44. Intelligent                           | 85. Of stamp collecting             | 142. Stagecoach firm, Wells, ... & Co | 198. Pillow stuffing                                      |  | 293. Rocky peak                 |
|   | 87. 30s crime writer, Dashiell ...  | 145. Glowing coal                     | 200. Japanese quilt/bed                                   |  | 294. Sprint                     |
|   | 89. Hypodermic device               | 146. Opulent                          | 201. Deceive  |  | 295. Warrant                    |
|   | 91. Scrooge                         | 148. Light beer                       | 203. Nicaraguan guerrilla                                 |  | 296. Short delay in proceedings |
|   | 94. Clumsy person                   | 150. Please reply (1,1,1,1)           | 205. Desolate   |  | 297. Challenged                 |

## Down

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| 1. Hand warmers                              | 45. English resort town, ... Regis | 95. Rapidly, in ... and bounds      | 141. Montevideo's river              | 188. Consequently               | 238. Liquid units, fluid ...             |
| 2. Plight                                    | 46. Windmill arm                   | 96. Cry of discovery                | 143. Defence force                   | 189. Purloin                    | 243. Acid-test paper                     |
| 3. Wading bird                               | 48. Military rank, field ...       | 101. Grating sound                  | 144. Thin porridge                   | 191. Wanderer                   | 245. Saudi ruler, King ...               |
| 4. Dossier                                   | 49. Turnip-like root vegetable     | 102. Bring to bear                  | 147. Harmful solar radiation (1,1,1) | 193. Hovering menacingly        | 246. Harmless                            |
| 5. Last-minute                               | 51. Large hound                    | 103. Extinct elephant-like beast    | 149. Courage                         | 195. Genial                     | 248. Indian queen                        |
| 6. Droning insect                            | 53. Bow to altar                   | 104. Lowest female voice            | 151. Parish incumbent                | 196. Boatswain                  | 249. Runny cheese                        |
| 7. Pollen-producing part                     | 55. Sudden hitch                   | 106. Frenzied                       | 153. Large wine cask                 | 199. Of childbirth              | 254. Teeth                               |
| 8. Difficulty                                | 57. Gun muffler                    | 108. Gloat                          | 155. Ring bun                        | 202. Feelings                   | 255. Chimes                              |
| 9. V-shaped cut                              | 59. Unit of weight                 | 109. Timber wolf                    | 157. Himalayan region                | 204. Wormwood-based liqueur     | 256. Explorer, Sir Francis ...           |
| 10. Prisoner                                 | 61. The A of AM                    | 110. Flabbergast                    | 158. Squabble                        | 206. Affluent                   | 258. Chekhov play, <i>The Cherry ...</i> |
| 11. Save (from danger)                       | 62. Large coarse sieve             | 112. Knock                          | 160. Prominent locals                | 208. Submerged marine plant     | 259. Ungraceful                          |
| 12. Contusion                                | 63. Cooking pot                    | 113. Primate                        | 162. Chopped down                    | 209. Warm & cosy                | 261. ... & downs                         |
| 13. Roughly (that date)                      | 65. Minute amount                  | 115. Certain                        | 163. Large butte                     | 210. Condemn                    | 262. Papal seal                          |
| 14. Hoodwink                                 | 66. Translucent book-jacket paper  | 117. Waistcoats                     | 165. No                              | 212. Spinning device            | 263. Blunder                             |
| 15. Finishes first                           | 68. Surfeit                        | 119. Performs                       | 166. Black hole's ... horizon        | 213. Galvanising metal          | 265. Straddling                          |
| 16. Facial contortion                        | 69. Serving (of cream)             | 121. Agitate                        | 168. ... of Capricorn                | 214. Microphone noise screen    | 268. Small embroidery hole               |
| 17. The R of RSPCA                           | 76. Plague rodent                  | 123. Romantic flowers               | 170. Greek government division       | 215. Hockey-like game           | 269. Gleams                              |
| 21. Mauve shrub                              | 78. Essential                      | 124. Living permanently (in)        | 172. Stanch                          | 216. Aioli flavouring           | 271. Plump                               |
| 22. Surmise                                  | 80. Verve                          | 125. Seville's region               | 175. Allies' Normandy beach          | 218. Beverage server            | 272. Sleeping sickness fly               |
| 25. Bay window                               | 81. Those things                   | 127. Constellation, ... Major       | 176. Unhearing                       | 219. Word blindness             | 274. Scottish landlord                   |
| 26. Ruhr valley city                         | 82. Surgical insert                | 128. Vigour                         | 178. Patch (sock)                    | 221. Reminder                   | 276. Park seat                           |
| 28. Cotton trouser material                  | 84. Pasta dumpling dish            | 130. Famous sequence, ... numbers   | 179. Educate                         | 223. Revolutionary, ... Guevara | 278. Stench                              |
| 30. Reflected                                | 85. Hen's bite                     | 131. High jinks                     | 181. Nehru's daughter, ... Gandhi    | 225. Obscure                    | 280. Bitter (taste)                      |
| 33. Stellar distance unit                    | 86. Cultural symbol                | 133. Intention                      | 182. Writer, Roald ...               | 226. Egg/spice/brandy drink     | 282. Devotion to God                     |
| 35. On & ...                                 | 88. Candidates' assessment         | 134. Obedient                       | 184. Noah's boat                     | 229. Haphazard                  | 283. Soothsayer                          |
| 38. <i>The Moonstone</i> author, ... Collins | 90. One-horned animal              | 135. Of the nose                    | 185. Immerse                         | 230. Brimstone                  | 284. Adolescent rash                     |
| 40. Upper limit                              | 92. Grain storage bin              | 137. Artist's thick-paint technique | 186. Confiscate                      | 231. Sumo fighter               | 288. Satanic                             |
| 42. Cranny                                   | 93. Chef's hat                     | 138. And not                        |                                      | 233. Robber's booty             | 289. Jog                                 |
| 43. Togo natives                             |                                    |                                     |                                      | 235. Suitor                     |  |
|  |                                    |                                     |                                      | 236. Lounge seat                |  |

