

AZED CROSSWORD 2668

DEFINIENDA

1 R. C. Teuton: I find last ones in puzzle recondite and struggling I may look them up in Chambers (*anag. incl. e, e*).

2 W. Drever: They could be listed in C, and in D, E, F ... i.e. all over the place (*anag.; C = Chambers*).

3 J. & A. Price: Fed up, I Nadine concocted words to be explained by Johnson perhaps (*fed (rev.) + anag.; Samuel & Boris J.*).

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M. Barker: Particular words – find them in an OED possibly, with tortured month to go (*anag. less anag.; ref AZ comp.*).

M. Barley: Find headings for entries in dictionary – nouns, adjectives, etc. – rendered here (*anag. incl. first letters, & lit.*).

T. C. Borland: Translating *Aeneid*, find words listed in Latin dictionary? (*anag.*).

A. Brash: They are often emboldened and unaligned, indeed naif (*anag.*).

T. Clement: Below these beginnings of dictionary entries, I find each noun variant (*d, e + anag. incl. ea n*).

R. J. Heald: ——— lexically arranged can be all nicely indexed if alphabetized initially (*comp. anag. incl. a, & lit.*).

B. Jones: Headings in dictionary (English, for instance), numerous individual entries neatly displayed alphabetically? (*first letters & lit.*).

J. C. Leyland: Eg ‘deign’ and ‘deify’ (in wrong order)? You’d see good dictionary gutted missing such! (*anag. less g, dy, & lit.*).

D. F. Manley: OED’s AI, one finds – containing assembly of ——— so so exceptional (*comp. anag. & lit.*).

P. W. Marlow: I find entries in an established English dictionary normally in order as such? (*anag. incl. first letters, & lit.*).

T. Rudd: ‘Bolder’ entries, typically denied lead in Azed slip – including Rudd’s self-advancing device? (*fin in anag. incl. A; rudd, fish*).

P. Sant: Chambers’ occupants say dodgy defendant is wasting time (*anag. incl. i, i less t*).

Dr S. J. Shaw: Headings in dictionaries each followed informatively by meaning essentially set out with word’s root (*initial letters + anag. less m, g, incl. d, & lit.*).

D. P. Shenkin: ———? Bloc, arranged, findable in C, OED (*comp. anag. & lit.; C = Chambers*).

A. J. Wardrop: Chambers might be where you see these fine dandies endlessly (*anag. less s*).

K. & J. Wolff: Broken inside, primarily desiring ennoblement, egregious no-show Dorries asks for things to be explained (*fini in first letters; ref. ND’s continued absence from constituency and parliament*).

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Comments

131 entries, no noticeable mistakes. By common consent, one of the easiest puzzles but the toughest clue word for some time. As a one-time lexicographer I was attracted to the idea of giving you a word from the vocabulary of dictionary-making, and still have no regrets about doing so. Good clue writers will always find a way of tackling such specialisms, as the creations quoted above surely demonstrate. Rather too many, though, failed to get beyond the ‘I find a need’ anagram. I was a bit surprised that so few had the idea of exploiting the ineffable Ms Dorries,

Favourite clue of the month, of twelve mentioned at least once, was ‘Saucy ex not appearing in buff’ for PERT, just ahead of ‘A straw for Scotch? That’s funny, and foreign’ for HAET. It seems that EMOJI *has* made it into *Chambers* though it does not appear in my pretty recent edition. One regular ticked me off gently for not mentioning that SOCOTRA is a proper name, though as I’ve often pointed out *Chambers* is only ‘recommended’ and I don’t see the need to highlight such names unless I regard them as very obscure, which this one is surely not.

No more for now – this slip is late enough already.