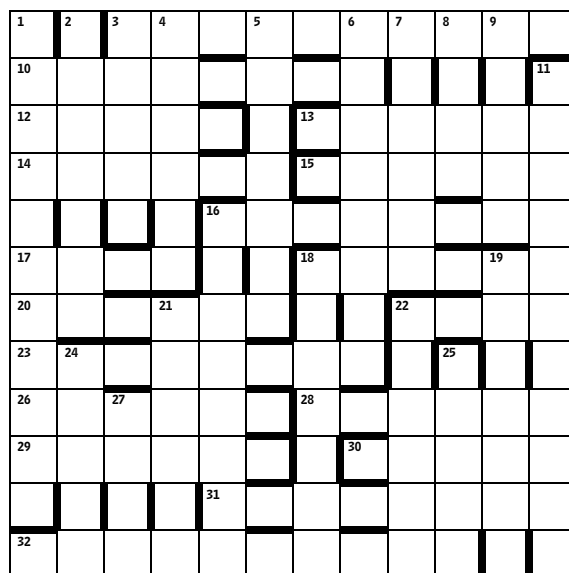


## Azed No. 2,556 Plain - Competition Puzzle



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### Across

- 3 In pash being thwarted by female, showing cunning about that aid to better sex (10, 2 words)
- 10 Strong wind battered range – bitter? (8, 2 words)
- 12 It lurks in the everglades from Georgia to heart of Florida (5)
- 13 Fellow managed prison (all names withheld) – it maintains a lively rhythm (6)
- 14 Site that is missing a prisoner? Not one for that kind (6)
- 15 Narcotic, one featuring in dailies (6)
- 16 Face mostly disfigured with boils? They can change the way one looks (8)
- 17 Slating material, furious in being written out (4)
- 18 Choirboy to quiver missing mass (6)
- 20 Former disgrace, portent (not the first) – goodness me! (6)
- 22 Aids this barge being refitted – lakeside possibly (4)
- 23 Whisky liquor that is taken after cocktail of bad rum (8)
- 26 Can't stand to let off e.g. MOT? (6)
- \*28 A despicable person (6)
- 29 Former PM in charge of ideal state (before fall) (6)
- 30 Noah's beginning to leave pens at being prepared for flood (5)
- 31 Ex-president (English not American) has installed Chinese interpreters (8)
- 32 Permit (one assumes) required before start of excavating Turkish borate (10)

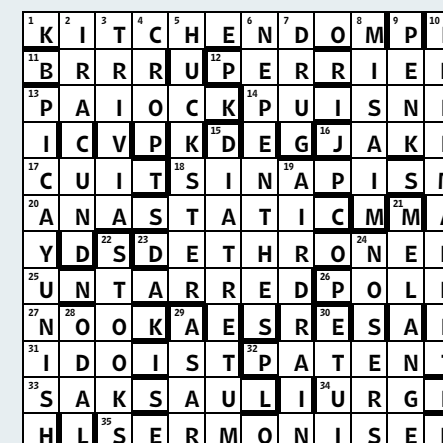
### Down

- 1 Isn't beginning to discount danger, trembling and deeply worried (11)

- 2 Heat varies in lofted space, less squelchy part of bog (7)
- 3 Never stood for spicy meat en brochette (5)
- 4 Bit of immature creature, part replacing one in farm animal (6)
- 5 What's mass of clay in New York, producing a sort of 'bong'? (7)
- 6 Water running into shore's rotten – could be 'dead' hippo (8)
- 7 Chorale may be translated from this odist, Latin (6)
- 8 I'll escape from a fire that's activated alarm (4)
- 9 Recommended by dieticians – unlike much of what it serves? (5)
- 11 Falconer's bird? Deal in the latest, cracking experience mostly (11)
- 16 Awful mess – double-headed besom's wielded with it (8)
- 18 Isotope: it's discovered in notable achievement, independent of pH (7)
- 19 Beneficiary set up a limit for trust maybe (7)
- 21 Chaps engaged in major book of words, portentous? (6)
- 22 King set out for audience, one resisting conquerors from abroad (6)
- 24 Assistant brought up young parasitic worm (5)
- 25 Jock's stall – is this his den ransacked for merchandise? (5)
- 27 Sherry's medium in tradename large schooner (4)

**The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.**

## Azed No. 2,553 solution & notes



**Across** 1, ref. US celebrity chef; 13, muster = company of peacocks; 14, Poona former name of Indian city Pune; 25, a in anag. + red; 26, James K. P., former US president (1845-1849); 32, pat(l)ent; 33, 'sacks awl'.

**Down** 2, see lose it; 5, see duffer; 9, bomber = drug; 8, is in main (n); 13, I cay in punish; 19, Airdr(ie) + ain.

### Rules and requests

Send correct solution (one only) and clue to replace definition asterisked (on separate sheet also bearing name and address, securely attached) to Azed No. 2,556, PO Box 518, Oxford, OX2 6WX. Entries should be postmarked no later than Saturday. Please add a brief explanation of your clue (one entry only). Emailed entries from overseas will be accepted, addressed to jcrowther2000@hotmail.com