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Across the board crossword answer

Photo: Pixabay (Pexels) For some reason, many people believe that the ability to solve crossword puzzles is a talent doled at birth on a select few. This couldn't be further from the truth. Crossword puzzles are not an immutable test of your vocabulary or intelligence – they are learnable skills that anyone can develop. Learning new skills is one of the best ways to make yourself as negotiable and happy, but... Read more Not another word game or puzzle asks quite as much of your brain as a crossword puzzle. Experienced conundrums consider not only the literal meaning of each track, but also similar ones that I've seen before, often repeated answers, syntax jokes, puns, cultural references-and, of course, a puzzle theme. Unfortunately, this means that crossword puzzles can be downright unwelcome for newcomers. Everyone starts somewhere, and no matter what your skills look like now, here are four general strategies to help you improve. Do Puzzles Every Day The only way to improve on crossword puzzles is to do a lot of them, and the best way to do that is to work into your daily routine. For me, that means solving a few puzzles from the ancient book 365 Will Shortz crossword puzzles before bed every night. My mom pushes out Washington Post crossword puzzles and chips away at them over breakfast; my friends who commute by bus or train are diehard New York Times crossword app fans. New York Times puzzles are most peoples' crossword gate drugs for a reason: they are easy to find and have built-in difficulty sorting. Mondays are the easiest, Saturdays are the hardest, and puzzles between ramp up from day to day so you can choose the ones that work for you. That said, the New York Times is far from the only publisher out there. The Washington Post, The Los Angeles Times, and Merriam-Webster also publish daily American-style crossword puzzles; If mysterious crossword puzzles are your jam, try The Guardian. Some organizations, such as Queer Crosswords and Puzzle for Progress, will even send original themed puzzles as a reward for nonprofit donations. Just remember that each publication has its own style-mastering intricate clue formulations in Saturday's New York Times puzzle doesn't necessarily translate into one of the post, and vice versa. Use the app if you really want to do your crossword game, subscribing to an app like this from the New York Times is a great idea. As much as I love them, paper puzzles just can't touch the user friendly features you get with the app. You can easily check your work or reveal answers by letter, rather than accidentally peek at the whole solution. This demystifying tracks just enough to be feasible, which is exactly what you want. Most apps also time your work, making it easier to measure your progress. But really, the biggest advantage is availability: carrying around thousands of digital puzzles in your pocket makes it easier to do many puzzles. Knowing when-and-how-to-cheat/heating is a sensitive topic among crossword enthusiasts, there is no doubt that it has its place. Crossword puzzles should be fun, and repeatedly banging your head against the same wall, praying for a different result is not my idea of fun. In addition, frustration is a lousy teacher: If you have serious competitive puzzle aspirations, stubbornly refuses to seek answers or check your work you are going nowhere. Many games require a lot of investment-at least if you want to have the best equipment, ... Read more Obviously, you should solve every track you can possibly unattended, but you can't improve without prompting. A little strategic cheating can lead you to even the most difficult puzzles. Apps make it super simple: just check or reveal the letters one by one until you can solve a particularly nasty clue. It only gives you enough information to (mostly) hack it on your own, which makes the answer more likely to keep in mind. Paper puzzles make strategic cheating a little tougher, but thanks to the Internet, not by much. If you are stuck to print a crossword puzzle, Google the entire track in quotation marks. Framing a search around a leash rather than, say, how many letters you need to work with will help you understand what clue you wanted from you. Over time, you'll find yourself needing less and less help solving puzzles that previously would have been real stumpers. Study Up! If you're serious about crossword puzzles mastering it, the internet is full of like-for-like people who would love to help. A blog like Rex Parker is a great place to start. He solves New York Times puzzles every day, compares difficulty with other puzzles from that day of the week, and breaks down the key track/response pairs in a short post. Between posts and comments, you get a more complete picture of the solution than if you had just searched for answers. You can also specialize even more and dust off crossword puzzles — words that often appear in crossword puzzles but almost never in a conversation. The New York Times has a quiz that tests your knowledge of crossword puzzles, and there's a more general guide from Dictionary.com. Perhaps predictably, there's also a whole website dedicated to crossword puzzles, with a new word featured every day and an extensive archive. If the statistical approach is greater speed, there are crossword puzzle response databases out there. Data scientist Noah Veltman analyzed a set of crossword puzzles and New York Times answers from 1996-2012, then arranged them with a crossword puzzle and how often they appeared. You can filter lists by the minimum number of appearances or length of a word to see details about that response. Similarly, Xwordinfo.com will show you the most popular answers and clues for times puzzles by year or length of word. Heck, you can really go all-out and code out some training programs like this guy did, although it's not clear if his approach is more effective than just doing a lot of crossword puzzles. This is not to say that you need to build a robot or memorize clues to solve crossword puzzles efficiently: The best training strategy is one that makes you happy. It doesn't matter how many puzzles you solve or how quickly you can solve them— just keep them. If you can do that, you'll never stop getting better. Free On Board is a historical legal term referring to the transfer of title and liability between buyers and sellers of goods. Free on board originally referred to goods carried by ship. Since it is a legal term, and has changed meaning over the years, some countries may have a different legal definition for it, so you may want to consult with a local lawyer before using it in a contract or transaction. Free On Board is often abbreviated as a fob. Usually the location is followed by the fob label. For example, you might see a FOB sending point, also known as fob origin, or a fob target. Location is the key to how fob is used. Indication of the place is the place where ownership is transferred. It's also where responsibility for shipping costs shift from seller to buyer. This is the point at which the buyer assumes responsibility for insuring the goods, and suffers any damage in the event of an accident occurring while the goods are transported to another location. Also keep in mind that the place where the title is transferred, which means that this is where the goods become an asset in the buyer's balance sheet. This becomes really important (at least for accountants) during the cut off period. For example, say the Hawker Company in New York sold one million golf balls to Slammer, Inc., in Los Angeles. The sale price was five cents for a golf ball. The sale took place on 29 April 2004. Hawker delivered golf balls on June 30. Slammer accountants are closing the books at the end of the year, and it is necessary to determine whether golf balls should be included in their inventory. If the terms of the sale are fob shipping instead of New York, then the title on golf balls passes to Slammer on December 30 (shipping date), and the asset stock account in slammer books will be fifty thousand dollars higher. If the terms of the FOB designation (which was Los Angeles) then Slammer's year-end stock asset account won't contain fifty thousand dollars in golf balls because Slammer didn't get the title to the merchandise (and so didn't own it) until January 3 next year. My love for crossword apps on mobile devices is no secret, so I was delighted that Standalone, Inc. had its crossword app ready for iPad startup. The phrase just a great iPod Touch is still tossed around a lot this week and in some ways Crossword puzzles is the perfect microcosm of that - some of the same iPhone screens and elements are available as a pop-up and generally there's no real functionality that's available on the iPad version that you can't get on the iPhone - except for the gigantic screen. Portrait mode has enough space to display a long list of tracks, a keyboard, and in most cases the entire puzzle without Landscape is even better, which gives you both across and down tracks in separate columns, keyboards and an enlarged view of the puzzle. Of course, there are many features such as advice, the ability to tweet your time, and of course the ability to download dozens of different puzzles every day from both free and pre-pay premium sources. Video demo and gallery after the break! Break!