

Concentrated Consonants

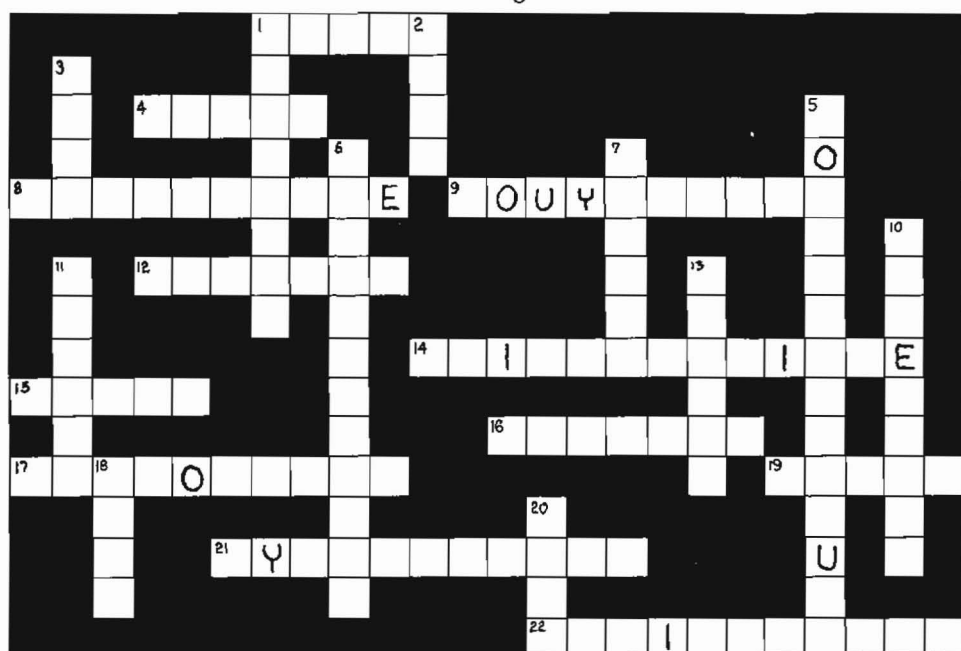
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The twenty-two words needed to complete this puzzle are composed mostly of consonants. Indeed, only eight of the words contain any vowels. In order to make the task easier for you, we have supplied all the vowels.

Some of the words are of Welsh origin, and contain one or more W's which function as vowels in the Welsh language, but are not recognized as vowels by the average user of English. Other words come from certain eastern European languages in which the liquid consonants L and R obviate the necessity for a vowel. Finally, there are deliberate coinages and slang interjections.

It would have been impossible to solve this puzzle by using any single reference book before 1965. In that year one of the best and most unusual books in logological history was published. This puzzle owes its existence to that book alone. You will find its title with the puzzle's solution.

The Diagram



Horizontal Clues

1. Ancient Celtic stringed instrument.
4. An expression of pleasure or astonishment.
8. According to the O.E.D., a 15th-century spelling of "uppermost."
9. The intelligent horses in Swift's *Gulliver's Travels*.
12. Another Welsh place name.
14. The name of an important street in London.
15. Another town in Yugoslavia.
16. A character in Al Capp's "Li'l Abner," Joe _____, the world's worst jinx.
17. Jean Georges _____, a Swiss priest and music composer who flourished about 1725.
19. Yet another town in Yugoslavia.
21. A fictional surname found in Rodale's "The Phrase Finder."
22. A 19th-century market town in the Volhynia region of Russian Poland.

Vertical Clues

1. A Welsh place name.
2. The name of a town in Yugoslavia.
3. A Slovak word for "pillar" or "post."
5. The land of flying men and women in "The Life and Adventures of Peter Wilkins, a Cornish Man," by Robert Patlock, English lawyer and author, published about 1751.
6. In *Finnegan's Wake*, James Joyce's representation of one of the various sounds of thunderclaps.
7. A slang expression for "to go to ruin."
10. The longest common one-vowel English word.
11. Another spelling of 1 ACROSS.
13. Mark Twain's coinage for the Zulu word for "pedestrian."
18. A Slovak word for "hair, shag."
20. A Welsh name for deep, steep-walled basins high on a mountain.

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Anglo-Foreign Words

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The following are five groups of English words. But they are also words from five foreign languages which have no connection with their English counterparts. What are the languages? Answers appear on page 189.

1. Aloud, angel, hark, inner, lover, room, taken, wig.
2. Alas, atlas, into, manner, pore, tie, vain, valve.
3. Ail, ballot, enter, four, lent, lit, mire, taller.
4. Banjo, chosen, hippo, pure, same, share, tempo, tendon.
5. Ago, cur, dare, fur, limes, mane, probe, undo.