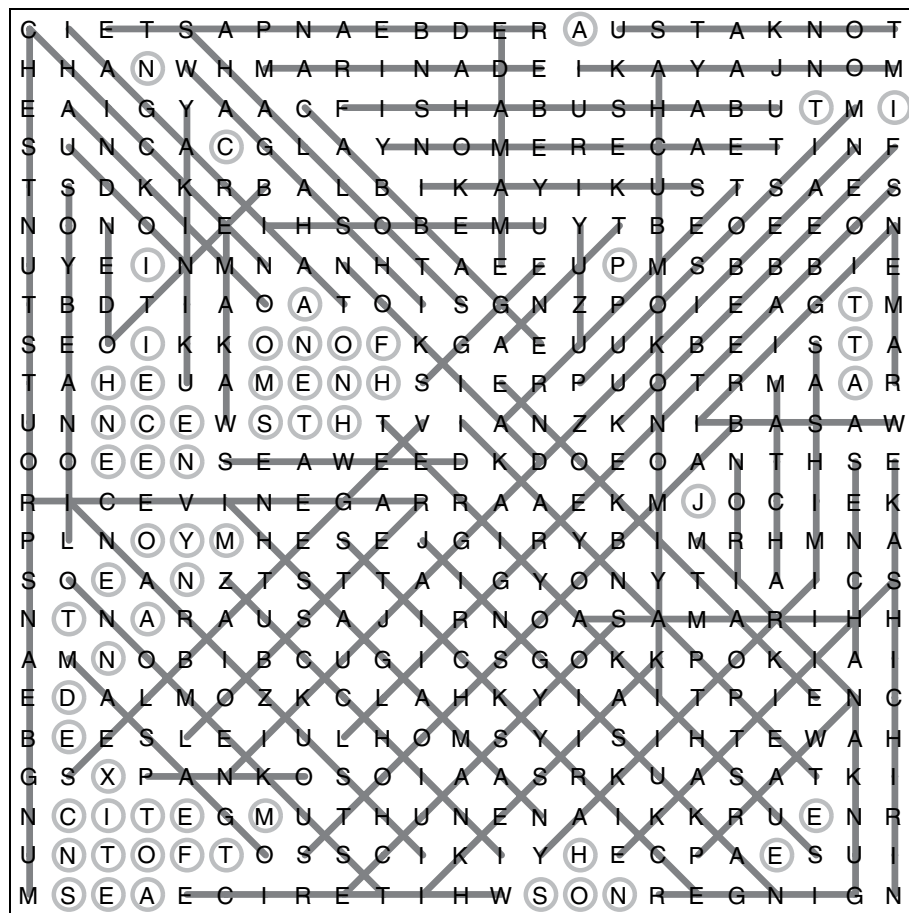


MONSTER FIND-A-WORD

WASHOKU

Shun, or in-season ingredients at their peak, are ever-changing period markers in Japan's food culture, as are the dishes created around them and the occasions and festivals in which they are celebrated. Source each of these elements hidden in the box of letters and the leftover letters will spell out how the long-awaited fare captivates the national psyche.



SOLUTION

ANTICIPATION OF THEM ENHANCES THE ENJOYMENT AND EXCITEMENT OF THE SEASON.

LATERAL THINKING: CRYPTIC

Use the cryptic clues to solve this crossword with a twist.

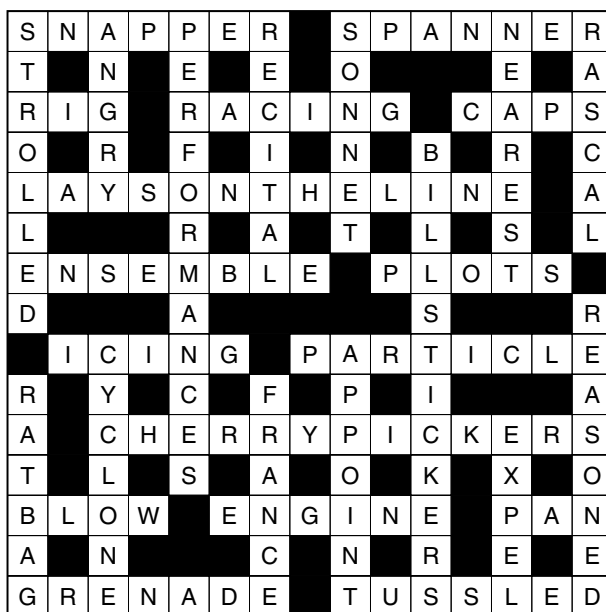
ACROSS

- 1. Crocodile or large fish? (7)
- 5. Tool used when pens ran out (7)
- 8. Tamper with race to oil platform (3)
- 9. Rushing to hear Ray sing (6)
- 10. Puts limit on number of hats (4)
- 12. Speaks frankly of places on the railway track (4,2,3,4)
- 13. Queen's emblem covering dress outfit (8)
- 14. Afterthought takes in fate of secret plans (5)
- 16. Keeping frosting cool? (5)
- 18. Pigheaded news story is just a tiny speck (8)
- 22. Cranes for those harvesting Morello crops? (6,7)
- 24. Bellow for the Spanish to leave, causing sudden setback (4)
- 25. Nine, for example, managed to get motor (6)
- 26. Criticise skillet (3)

- 27. Angered about bomb (7)
- 28. Struggled with the leading US snow vehicle (7)

DOWN

- 1. Saint tumbled and ambled (8)
- 2. Any with ogre's heart is cross (5)
- 3. Acts in proper form, ancestral in part (12)
- 4. Public reading article on reform (7)
- 5. Poem of boy and snare (6)
- 6. Closest tip of grain in nest (7)
- 7. Rogue mentioned in Senora's calendar (6)
- 11. Spooner still bickers about placard posters (12)
- 15. Thought logically about a son, Edward? (8)
- 17. Cycle around on wild windstorm (7)
- 19. Assign primary posts or initially



- nominate tenders (7)
- 20. Creep like a sack of rodents (6)
- 21. Where the sea is lamer and the golden undergarment is labrador? (6)
- 23. Kick out of complex PE lesson (5)

LATERAL THINKING: CRYPTIC

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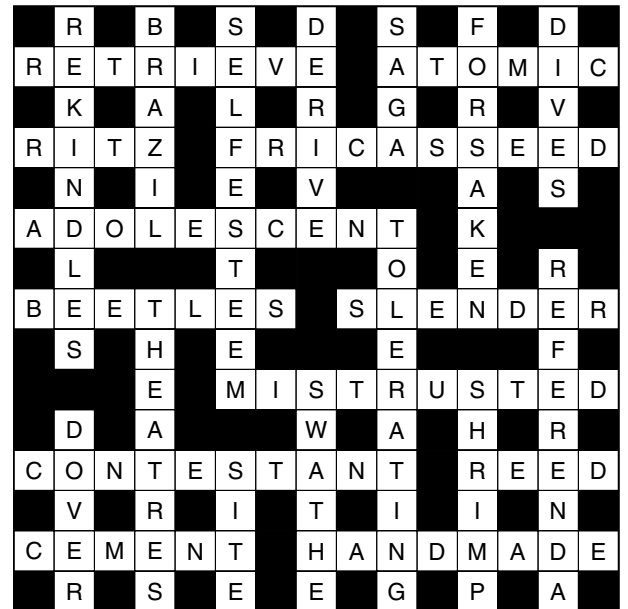
ACROSS

8. Reprive with tea instead of English money? Bring it back! (8)
9. A male cat, I see, can be like a bomb! (6)
10. Court orders called in London hotel? They're putting it on! (4)
11. Some of Africa's seeds stewed in sauce (10)
12. A hand-out fragrance for teenager (10)
15. Bee lets out other insects (7)
17. Narrow red lens can be refocused (7)
18. Suspected the fog caused corrosion (10)
22. Competitor sat around in content (10)
24. Deer turned to find marsh plant (4)
25. Bonding agent made half an announcement (6)

26. Damn head smashed what was individually crafted (8)

DOWN

1. Revives accidentally, like nerds! (9)
2. Brother has A-Z of the Italian nation (6)
3. Sell for steam, mentioning ego (4-6)
4. Come from rough drive to the front entrance (6)
5. Long-winded tale in the news again (4)
6. Abandoned force achin' to be heard (8)
7. Plunges into dingy nightclubs (5)
13. To the French, classification bearing (10)
14. Some prefer end, after public votes on important issues (9)
16. Where surgeons play the lead roles? (8)

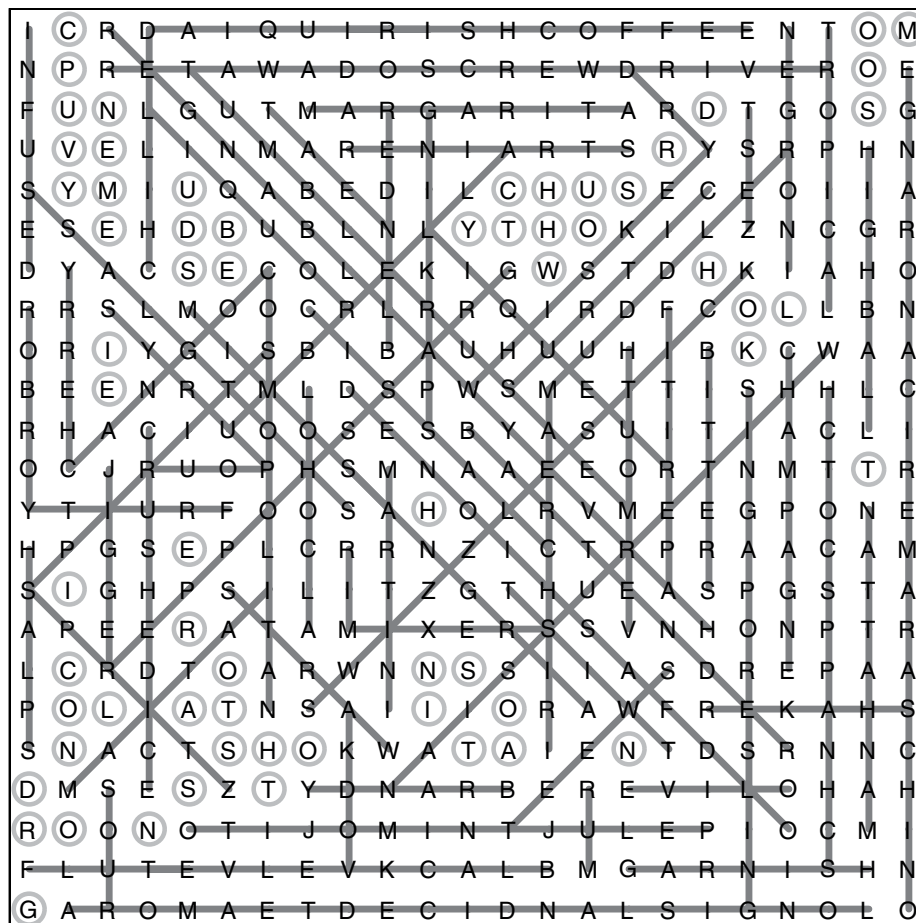


19. Was confused before the wrap (6)
20. Ingredient for cocktail called a pipsqueak (6)
21. Roved about UK port (5)
23. Spot sounds like a vision (4)

MONSTER FIND-A-WORD

CIN! CIN!

Hidden in the mix of letters are each of these words to do with cocktails and the tricky art of mixology. Get the combinations just right, knock them off the table, and the leftover letters will reveal William Terrington's description of cocktails as detailed in his 1869 book of recipes, *Cooling Cups and Dainty Drinks*.

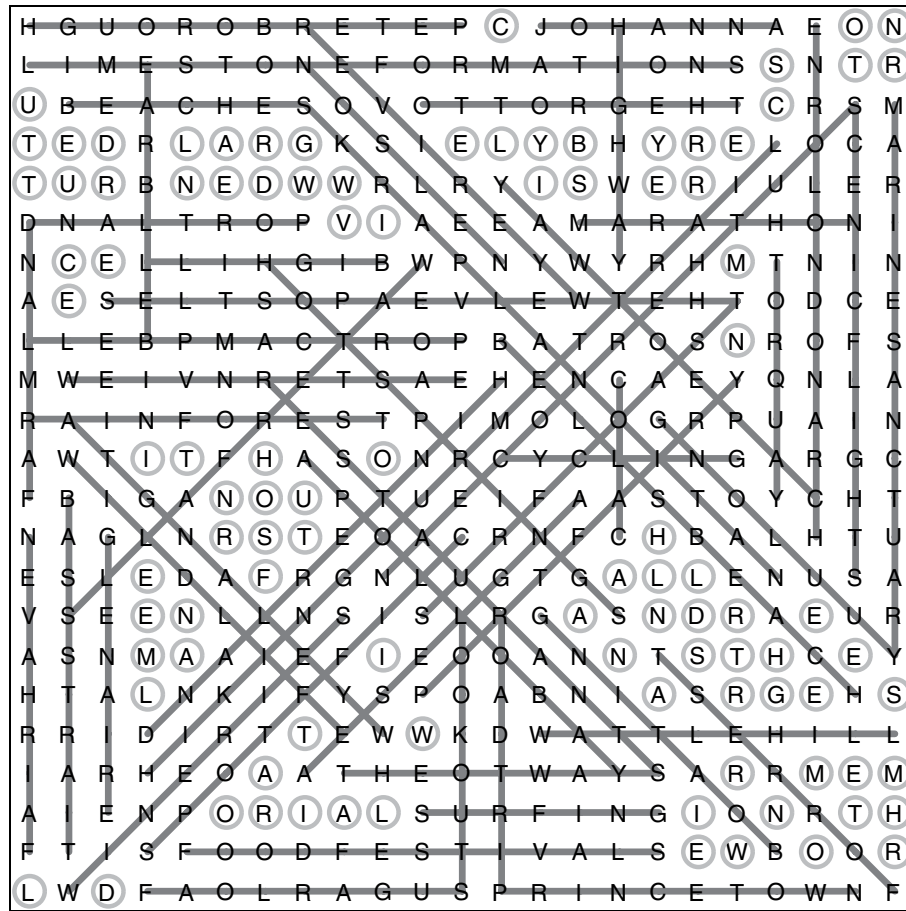


SOLUTION

...COMPOUNDS VERY MUCH USED ...BY
THOSE WHO LIKE THEIR CONSOLATIONS
HOT AND STRONG.

MONSTER FIND-A-WORD GREAT OCEAN ROAD

Wend your way around this grid keeping your eye out for the listed attractions. You never know what you'll spot around the next corner! At the end of the road, the letters left uncrossed will point to the unique history of this amazing cornice along Victoria's spectacular seaboard.



SOLUTION

CONSTRUCTED LARGELY BY RETURNED WWI SERVICEMEN, IT HONOURS THE FALLEN AND REMAINS THE LARGEST WAR MEMORIAL IN THE WORLD.

LATERAL THINKING: CRYPTIC

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ACROSS

- 8. Ghastly disguise for Meg or Sue (8)
- 9. Rave about poet Eliot turns away (6)
- 10. Urge on in harmless pursuit (4)
- 11. They take people kippers, and turn in (10)
- 12. Rainier centre for rally (5,5)
- 15. To increase width Ben included road (7)
- 17. Presenting play about saint getting old (7)
- 18. Seated around Greg, who was set apart (10)
- 22. Give up real ink? Wish aloud (10)
- 24. Wildly out of control but am all right (4)
- 25. Cuban capital in March; a van available (6)
- 26. Gall operation too much for racehorse (8)

DOWN

- 1. Secret openings catch out Jim Morrison's band (9)
- 2. Bay route requested to Lebanon capital (6)
- 3. They open wine bottles for Irish county's yachting teams (10)
- 4. More embarrassed, either way (6)
- 5. A couple of degrees for Arabian hero (4)
- 6. Paler fog camouflages vault (8)
- 7. Stalk from left to right? Looks grim! (5)
- 13. Who lent hoe out generally? (2,3,5)
- 14. Up front they tell the postman where to go (9)
- 16. Can align perhaps with Church of England (8)
- 19. Gee! Beatles drummer is a foreigner in Latin America (6)
- 20. Paragon beheaded in ancient Spanish kingdom (6)
- 21. Started at Bega North (5)
- 23. Dock asked for key (4)

