

# FACTIONS

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Solvers must determine the location of answers to sixteen "Factions" clues, which consist of wordplay only. Half read across, and are all part of the same faction; the rest read down, and make up a second faction. When these groups meet, they inevitably clash: in squares where faction members intersect, two different letters will be entered.

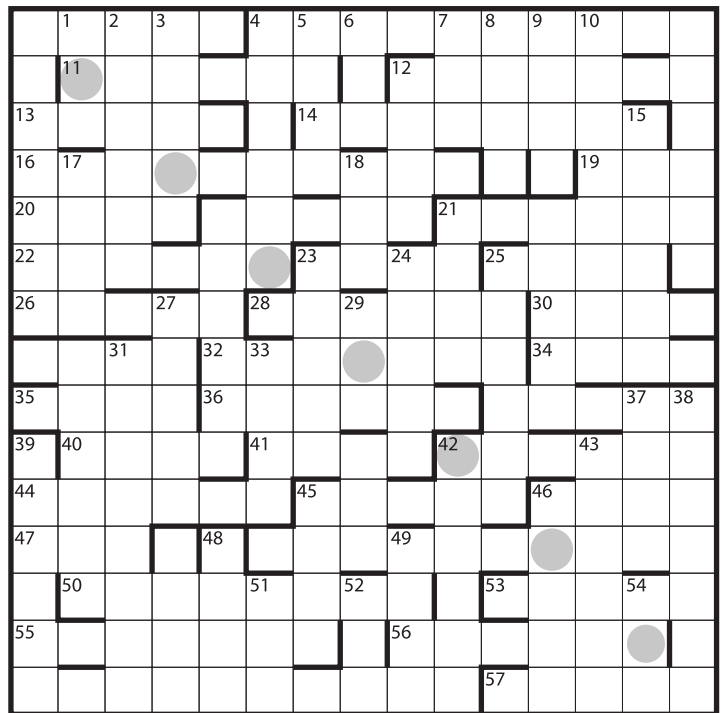
Reading the letters in these squares from the top of the grid down (the order of the letters within each pair to be determined by the solver) will reveal the location of one confrontation between the factions. Letters in the shaded squares will indicate when this may occur.

## ACROSS

4. Bum trusts a mismanaged foundation (10)
11. Eliot describing Moabite woman in Gospels (6)
13. Yells "Right!" at coxswain's crew (5)
14. Street on torn up site is most full of rocks (8)
16. Sharp blades almost demolish herald's gold pot (5 5)
19. West of Hollywood, leaderless crew turns back (3)
20. Lies around Corsica, Normandy, etc. (4)
21. Group of top academics reviewed musical from the beginning (2 4)
22. I see an eccentric enter gradually (4 2)
25. The finest quality abounded, oddly (1-3)
26. Rod from the construction site to stop over? (5)
28. Covertly build navy in coastal capital (6)
30. Slow down pair of descending notes (4)
32. It's inherent in Sonny and Cher: they're fishy (7)
34. Sumptuous meal not begun where it's sunrise (4)
35. Physicist is one who's monotonous in lecture (4)
36. Army sergeant and Republican in Britain open some bubbly (6)
40. Wrecked mast in tangles (4)
41. Torpor in western and eastern states (4)
42. Auto insurance mascot and kin check in Metros and Prizms (6)
44. Reckless capers leading to big trouble (6)
45. Texan president in bedroom with Hell's Angel (5)
46. More than one cross at us, unfortunately (4)
47. Contrived to touch amiably (3)
50. One thug's violent tempers (8)
53. Native of Italy or Spain, informally (5)
55. Stimulated kittens finally showed pleasure (7)
56. Sailor to attain objective (6)
57. Trey and Henry eminently featured in genealogical chart (5)

## DOWN

1. Jurist with solicitorship at heart(3)
2. Best part of Viagra: zesty kisses (6)
3. No-good rogue's spurious currency (5)
4. Warrior with rifle ignoring trigger at first (6)
5. Discuss replacing bridge in defunct nation (4)
6. Club's bar fee being raised (3)
7. Catch up with a flawless woman, maybe (3)
8. Disturb Queen Elizabeth, for one, during audience (4)
9. Take off cross and crown (4)
10. "I am Satan!!!" snarled in devil's home? (8)
12. Finish, but not first! (4)
15. Sources of candlelight for those sticking together? (6)
17. Ballgame alternates Orioles' and Blue Jays' parts (4)
18. Silent communication has lovely components (3, abbr.)



23. Swindle bread company (5)
24. Extreme division of deceitful traitors (5)
25. Are complicated directions included for what you're pondering? (6)
27. Large vessel's a bit awkward originally (5)
29. Most prominent characters in book illustrate one's life story (3)
31. Desert city reportedly where vehicle is excavated? (8)
33. Sort of cone, formerly (4)
37. Cad left, no longer popular (4)
38. Perfume from German city: mediocre, quality-wise? Excellent? (7)
39. Venomous, like an expression of contempt (6)
42. Taking time, Madge ordered stew (3 3)
43. Reformed rake is German leader (6)
45. Race brought up (endlessly brought up) (4)
46. Dark meat is not, ultimately, full of drugs (5)
48. Monster hence rearing up (4)
49. Hollywood mutt is a celebrity, almost (4)
51. That lady helped eleven regal maidens (3)
52. Originally called five, forsaking Miss Campbell (3)
54. Ingested a small cube orally (3)

## FACTIONS

Articulate, containing richer food for thought  
 Cook hanging around univerty  
 Crow's last sound  
 Frame for Escher is exactly right  
 Go south for the winter, no charge  
 I gather wet bananas  
 Leader introduced by MC  
 Much more fuzzy on the radio  
 Not bad for kids in class  
 Old lady a knockout?  
 Penny wears tights, no shirt  
 Played a trombone fortissimo  
 Poorly transcribed runes  
 Recall element of heroic drama  
 Regain consciousness without oxygen  
 Yours truly captured by famous photographer