

## Solution to "Alphabet Soup"

F	R	A	N	A	R	I	A	N	T	D
O	U	B	T	L	E	S	S	A	V	E
R	S	O	N	L	I	T	T	L	E	P
I	E	R	S	E	D	G	E	B	R	I
D	E	P	E	T	I	O	L	E	B	R
A	T	R	A	F	T	B	O	A	T	E
R	R	A	B	L	E	L	O	R	I	B
R	I	T	H	A	R	E	T	E	M	R
O	O	M	O	I	N	T	S	B	R	O
W	S	E	R	N	W	S	D	E	A	N
T	L	A	W	E	R	T	O	R	U	E

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) are the letters of the alphabet in random order: **K V I G S U M R J E C Y Q / B T P O L N D W H A F X Z**

### Across

- FRAN(**K**)
- (**V**)ARIANT
- DOUBTLESS
- AVERS(**I**)ON
- LITTLE
- PIER
- SEDGE
- BRIDE
- PETIOLE
- BRAT
- RAFT
- BOATER
- (**G**)RABLE
- LORI(**S**)
- BR(**U**)IT
- HARE(**M**)
- TE(**R**)M
- ROOM
- (**J**)OINTS
- BROWSER
- N(**E**)WS
- DE(**C**)ANT
- LAW(**Y**)ER
- TOR(**Q**)UE

### Down

- FOR(**B**)ID
- ARROW
- TRUS(**T**)EE
- TRI(**P**)OS
- LABOR
- PRAT
- MEANT
- N(**O**)SE
- ABHOR
- WALLET
- FLAI(**L**)
- NEREID
- I(**N**)TERN
- WRIST
- GOBLETS
- TASTE
- LOOTS
- DONAL(**D**)
- BE(**W**)ARE
- BERT(**H**)
- VERB(**A**)TIM
- (**F**)RAUD
- E(**X**)PIRE
- BRON(**Z**)E

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 100 minutes.

## "Alphabet Soup" solvers

(The first ten are listed in the order their solutions were received, the others alphabetically.)

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