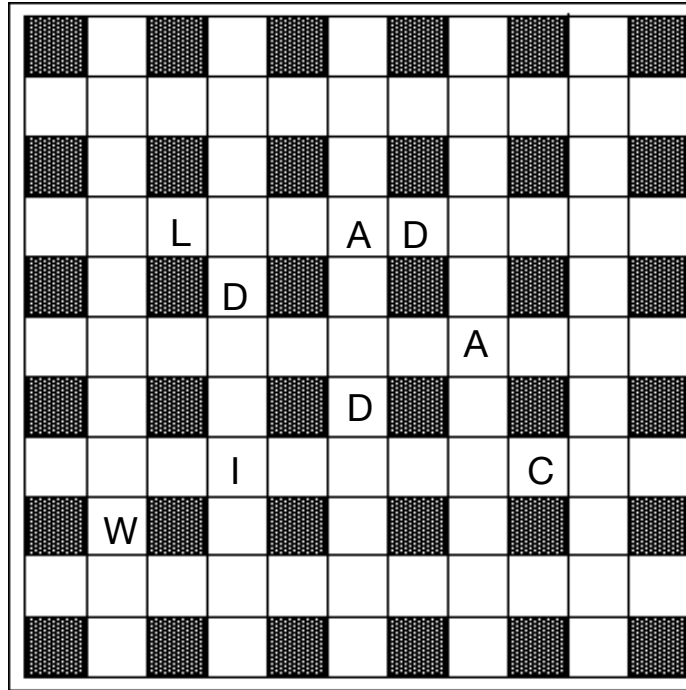


# Crisscross Crunch

# 209

This puzzle suffers a tight squeeze. The answer words read straight across or straight down, but they overlap by one, two, three, or four letters. For example, the answer "battLE" might overlap the answer "LEgs" by two letters and be entered as "BATTLEGS." The clues for Across and Down are in **alphabetical order** according to answers, and the word lengths are in parentheses. We've placed some letters to get you started.



## ACROSS

- Pub offerings (4)
- Excuses (6)
- Unclothed (4)
- Suffer from a gash (5)
- Empower (6)
- Lead ore (6)
- \_\_\_ and pray (4)
- Bakery employee (4)
- Moscow tomb occupant (5)
- Casaba or cantaloupe (5)
- Tennis' Rafael (5)
- Observe (6)
- Type of colony (5)
- Way to get more TIME (7)
- Home to Swansea and Mumbles (5)

## DOWN

- Wine container (6)
- Yens (7)
- Eats away (6)
- Oppenheimer topper (6)
- St. Louis arch (7)
- At no time (5)
- The last of the Greeks? (5)
- Type of exam (4)
- Very quickly (7)
- Fend off (5)
- When in \_\_\_ (4)
- Long-necked string (5)
- O'Hara's estate (4)
- Fork sticker (4)
- Nada (4)

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