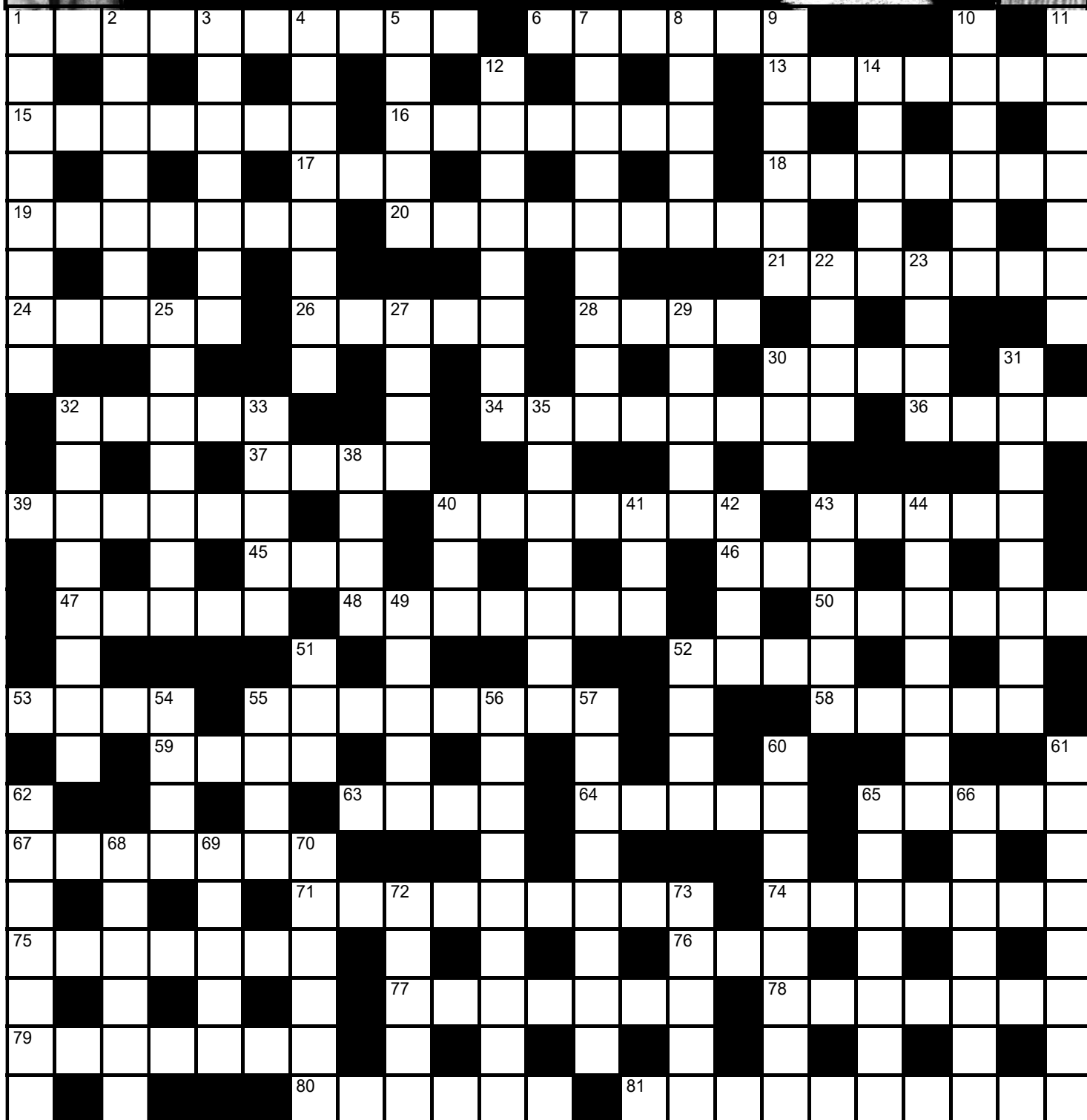


Do you know your
ABCs?



Across

- 1 Wishes for future exams to include only the early bits of *The Alchemist*, *Middlemarch*, *Emma* and *Nostromo* (10)
- 6 Question terms of restrictive pub lease rhetoric - it's said to represent letter (6)
- 13 Tory protected by legislation screening 81 money store (7)
- 15 Officially concerning Church leader in Scotland and Monarch (2,5)
- 16 Mother-in-law, beast, intimidating figure? (7)
- 17 United nil, first two for Newcastle (3)
- 18 American soldiers in prison area (7)
- 19 Spy caught Baron, dope swimmer (3,4)
- 20 Pulled it off, doctor deduces, with the involvement of church (9)
- 21 Partner, you are faced with a layperson (7)
- 24 They don't count missing 17 (2,3)
- 26 Close to a round! (5)
- 28 Craft 'special' joint (4)
- 30 Lead in Othello, introduced by key part (usually female) (4)
- 32 Fruit goes past its prime (5)
- 34 Union a lie, clan disintegrating (8)
- 36 Reversing beer truck some distance (4)
- 37 Some time in the past you saw Fry naked (4)
- 39 Admitting centre of Blackpool colder and more offputting (6)
- 40 Public transport was busy, running in the wrong order (7)
- 43 Reveals what's behind low points (5)
- 45 Shooter, origin of incident on outskirts of ULEZ (3)
- 46 Eggs VAR, obscuring referee going after

Down

- 1 Large number distributing handouts (8)
- 2 Tony, eponymous gangster soak, controlled 25 (7)
- 3 Quiet monkey eating green veg (7)
- 4 Train tours are rearranged (8)
- 5 *Paper Towns* is my essay subject, principally (5)
- 7 Sun viral article finally translated for everyone (9)
- 8 Secret agent concealed tip of épée - made corset stiffer (5)
- 9 John, a district attorney, somewhere in North America (6)
- 10 Bet a ruction's masking rampant cleric (6)
- 11 Spooner's millinery is in his true character? (2,5)
- 12 One opposing white gang snubbed English breakfast? (5,3)
- 14 More or less archaic dancing - no laugh! (5)
- 22 Measure beams, but only on the inside (4)
- 23 System of weights regularly lifted at Brno gym (4)
- 25 Making record of hard-hearted lack of substance? (7)
- 27 On top of topless fan (4)
- 29 Computer department, a lonely hollow place (5)
- 30 One afternoon, in recent times (3)
- 31 Publicity expectations exhausted reliable force (8)
- 32 Ant's mate covering bit of hot wood when Santa comes? (8)
- 33 Empty sycophancy burst unbounded - it's sickly sweet (5)
- 35 Supply all Brie free (7)

- ball (3)
- 47 Con foreign character returning dog (3,2)
- 48 Dance exceptionally, without limits - cracking bottom! (7)
- 50 Starts off royal artwork detailing intricate unicorn symbolism that's found in arms (6)
- 52 Sudden increase in business, getting one 1 down for another publication (4)
- 53 Encourage and help with cycling test (in realistic circumstances) (4)
- 55 Go, it's on green?! (4,4)
- 58 Report personal artwork seized by someone on vacation (5)
- 59 24 forgets the last of the Twelve (4)
- 63 Name dropping in theatre district (4)
- 64 Some assassin in Japan (5)
- 65 Whirlwind blowing on round (5)
- 67 Nigel's husband butchered language (7)
- 71 Practices, removes evil energy forcing out ghost, essentially (9)
- 74 Ripped notice first we see of oncoming storm (7)
- 75 Model craves 67 designer (7)
- 76 Sexy snap uncovered (3)
- 77 They are conveyers of very fine missing heroin (7)
- 78 Starting comeback of French milk in Italy (7)
- 79 Drug king? (7)
- 80 Toy cars unwrapped, ready (6)
- 81 Finishing school for them, perhaps, lesson on the top floor? (5-5)
- 38 Top marks - International No 1 in Forensics - no way! (2,2)
- 40 Spades - nine? Wrong way up! (3)
- 41 Principal characters from Antony and Cleopatra close to finest performance (3)
- 42 On your own, thus pronounced 'unhappy' (4)
- 43 Old brass money chests (5)
- 44 Harry odd ally for Mum? (3,4)
- 49 Present treasure chest unopened (5)
- 51 Tiger who eats cereal with Yankee lost weight (3)
- 52 Delivered second-class or first for next-day? (4)
- 54 Trivial, without beginning like a pedant (4)
- 55 Provokes heartless deities (4)
- 56 Cryptic guru without limits - a head for anagrams, infinite ace, revolutionary voice (9)
- 57 The Reverend's serenade, perhaps - plucky thing - best quality! (4,4)
- 60 Throw out net, capsizing less than five days per week (4-4)
- 61 Modifies complicated mod rules (8)
- 62 Half-cut address preceding evil worship (7)
- 65 Hearty? (7)
- 66 Indiana Ambassador's source follows vehicle collecting unknown eastern ruler (7)
- 68 European feeding trough rolls around (6)
- 69 Totally sick ingesting sodium (2,3)
- 70 Given shoes, restored, reportedly (6)
- 72 Correspondence writer is on the up, welcomed by the Spanish (5)
- 73 Mindless followers go hard in revolt, supporting extreme character in riots (5)