

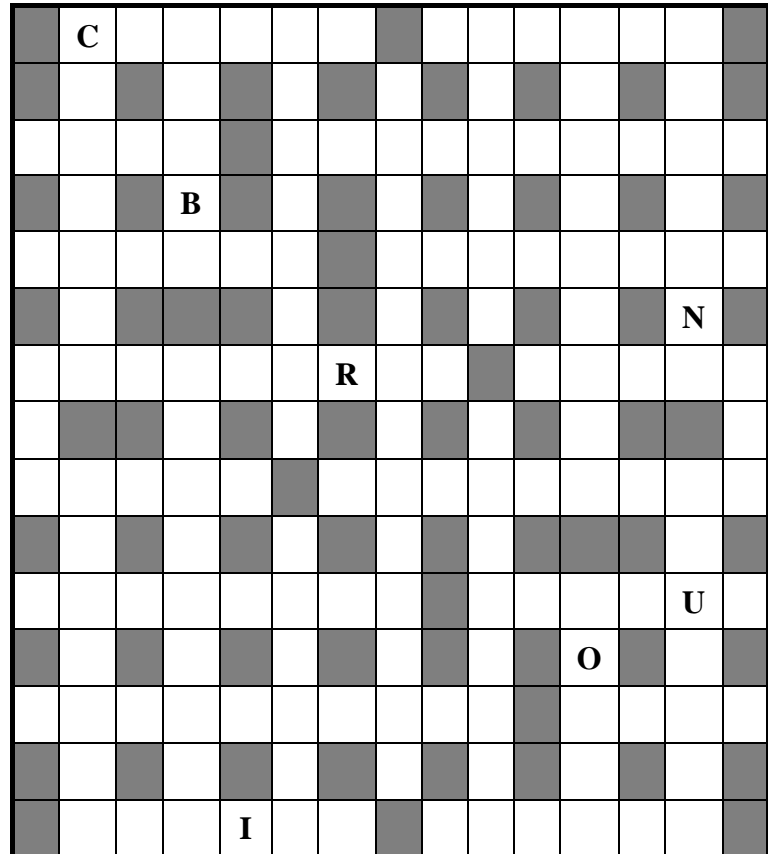


RUBICON



RUBICON, devised by David Astle, is a hybrid of crossword, jigsaw and acoustic. First, solve as many clues as you can and begin to fit the answers inside the grid. (The scattered letters of RUBICON should give you a toehold.) When the grid is completed, arrange the *clues* from the first Across to the last Down – their 31 initial letters will hint at a rare quality that only six of your solution words possess.

- Permanent marker (4-6,3)
- Gets suspicious (6,1,3)
- Typically, property or stocks (10)
- Assure (9)
- Move into an elevated state (9)
- Relax, you can talk about a Prohibition bar (9)
- Roman restaurant (9)
- Date or name entered to unlock a site (8)
- Errol Flynn's state of birth (8)
- First cousin of the elephant? (8)
- It's not true that outsiders love a high voice (8)
- Line of communication; TV station (7)
- Staying power (7)
- Tad in recipe terms (7)
- Tends to have more bats in the belfry (7)
- Emulated a boobook (6)
- Envenom (6)
- Frantic howl is boobook-like (6)
- 'Greed' for sex (6)
- Ruses; evades (6)
- Snobby (2-2-2)
- Suppress (6)
- Tropical in humidity (6)
- One's cover story (5)



- Orca's playground (5)
- Reward from the pay office (5)
- Watt's source of inventive energy, ironically (5)
- Indian dress (4)
- Ostrich's prominent feature (4)
- A tango quorum (3)
- Fifth month (3)

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