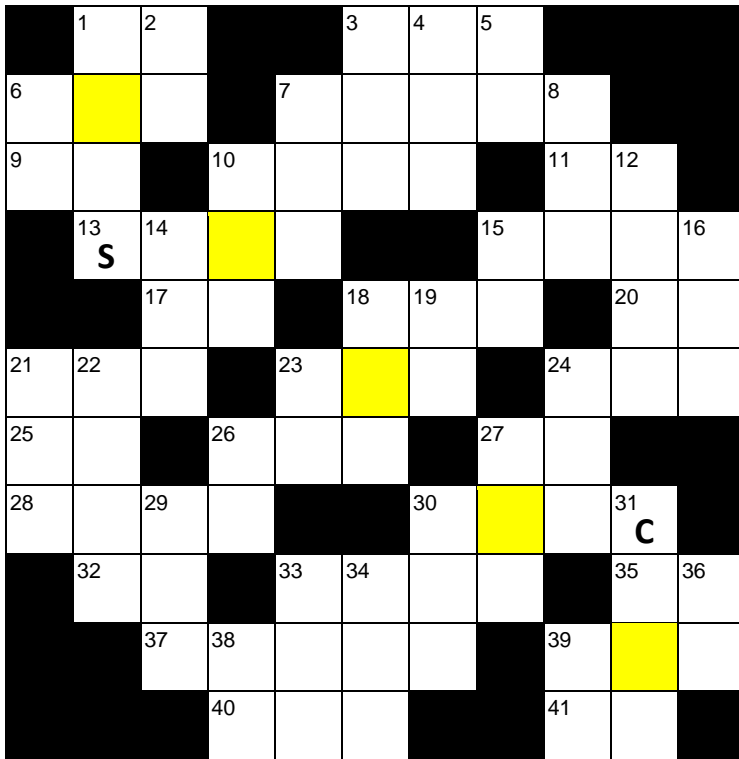


# Close-Packing

The elements in the grid are sometimes a bit crowded.



## DOWN

- 2 1990s Indian PM
- 3 Mounted on
- 4 Circle segments
- 5 Cult classic video game released in 2001
- 6 Element of change?
- 7 Filter brand
- 8 Class of enzyme that joins two molecules
- 12 Rocker Pat
- 14 Surname of two related detectives
- 15 Lab report?
- 16 Mountain range
- 19 One with will power?
- 21 Secret stash
- 22 Tell the story
- 23 Card game
- 24 Indonesian island
- 26 War god
- 29 Partner of Lois or Lewis
- 30 Red gems
- 33 Type of helmet
- 34 Hang in the air
- 36 Poetic negative
- 38 Game console
- 39 Epitome of happiness

## ACROSS

- 1 Ambience
- 3 Perilous state for a Go stone to be in
- 7 Green vegetable
- 9 Shiba \_\_\_\_ (Japanese dog)
- 10 Office holders?
- 11 Son from *Next to Normal*
- 15 Manchester United rival
- 17 Start of MGM motto
- 18 Professional cook
- 20 Energy-carrying molecule (abbr.)
- 21 It might come from Mars
- 24 One could be behind them
- 25 Ride
- 26 Highest point in Turkey
- 27 Fossil fuel
- 28 Performer of labors
- 32 Rip
- 33 Fears
- 35 Something one might do to 37-Across
- 37 See 35-Across
- 40 Actress Rolle
- 41 One of the Little Women

## UNSPECIFIED CLUES

- Brand of soda
- Buzz
- Former catcher and current manager
- Grading aid
- Indian strikers?
- Magazine
- Nine Inch Nails song
- Particular
- Word with "group"
- Word with "middle"

## HELPFUL INFORMATION

This is a variant crossword known as a **crushword** – some squares may contain more than one letter! In this particular case, each square may contain one or two letters. There's a particular limitation on which letters you can put in the grid, however...

ANSWER: \_\_\_\_\_