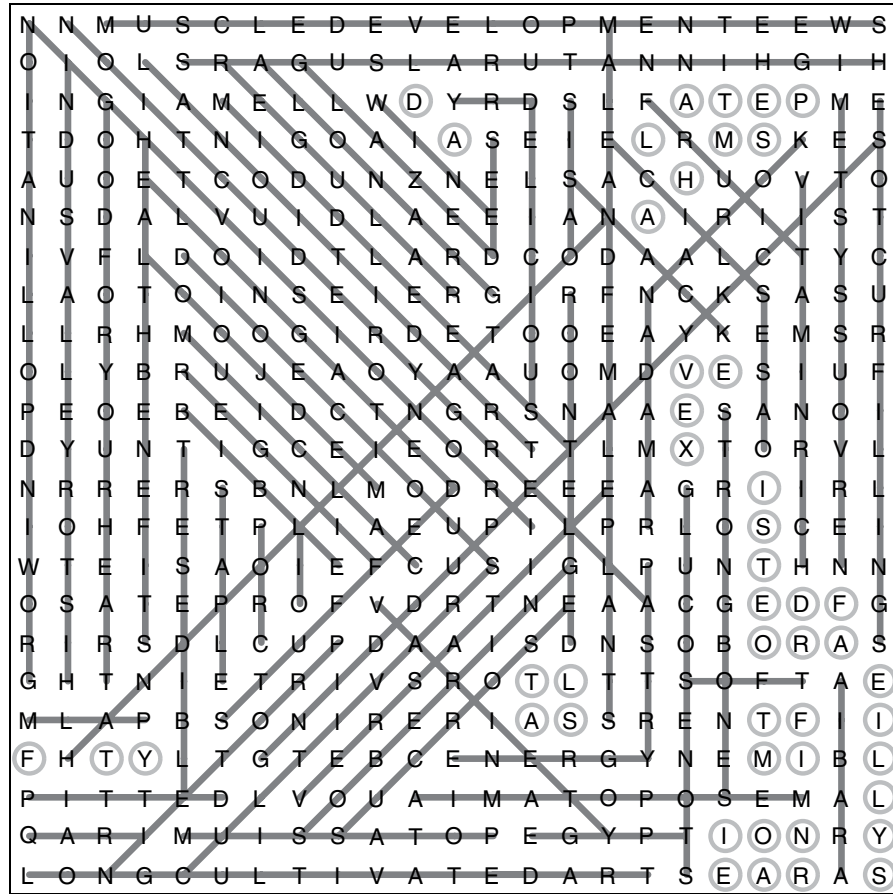


MONSTER FIND-A-WORD IT'S A DATE

Pick the listed words about this nutritious natural food from the grid. The letters left over will spell out something fossils have revealed.



SOLUTION

DATE PALMS HAVE EXISTED FOR AT LEAST FIFTY MILLION YEARS.

LATERAL THINKING: CRYPTIC

Use the cryptic clues to solve this crossword with a twist.

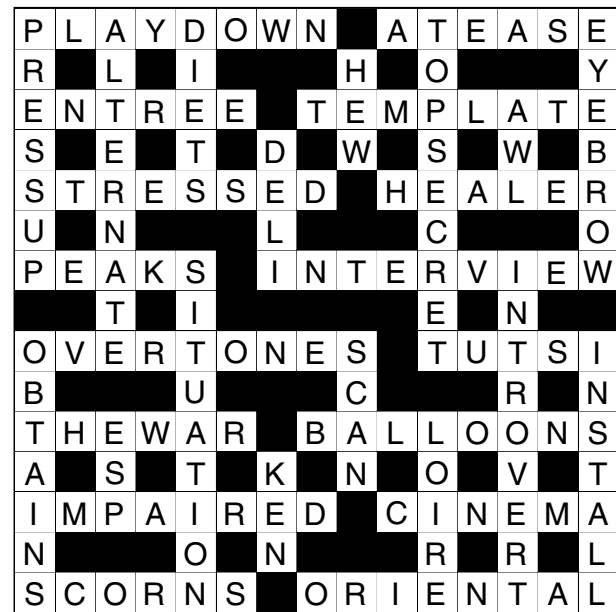
ACROSS

- 1. Minimise importance of drama? Sad! (4,4)
- 4. A joker gets military order to relax (2,4)
- 8. Course requested on tray (6)
- 9. Casual worker running behind time pattern (8)
- 12. Emphasised that desserts must be returned (8)
- 13. No teas for the alert therapist (6)
- 14. Speak about mountain summits (5)
- 16. Bury opinion at job assessment (9)
- 18. Nuances of obvious individuals (9)
- 20. Tootsie mentioned tribesman from Rwanda (5)
- 22. Wreath created world conflict (3,3)
- 24. Gasbags that hang around at parties? (8)
- 27. Flawed rascal hung out to dry (8)

- 28. Picture theatre helped to make Medicine Man (6)
- 29. Derides cereal in ship (6)
- 30. Eastern relation has relocated (8)

DOWN

- 1. Media increase gym exercise (5-2)
- 2. Rent a tale about every other one (9)
- 3. Plans like Atkins fail on back street (5)
- 5. Confidential poster, etc disguised (3-6)
- 6. Cockney highbrow raised to show scepticism (7)
- 7. Asked Hugh to use an axe (3)
- 10. Lawbreaker made holes in leather! (3)
- 11. I led comeback of food shop (4)
- 15. For this state of affairs, you'd better change into a suit (9)
- 17. Appoint Rover to hide shrinking Violet (9)
- 18. Gains possession of bastion



- 19. Search with radar in Tuscany (4)
- 21. Put into position in stable compartment (7)
- 23. How to foresee that Virginia will abandon Vespa (1,1,1)
- 25. Loitered after Ted left French flower (5)
- 26. Know Barbie's mate? (3)

LATERAL THINKING: CRYPTIC

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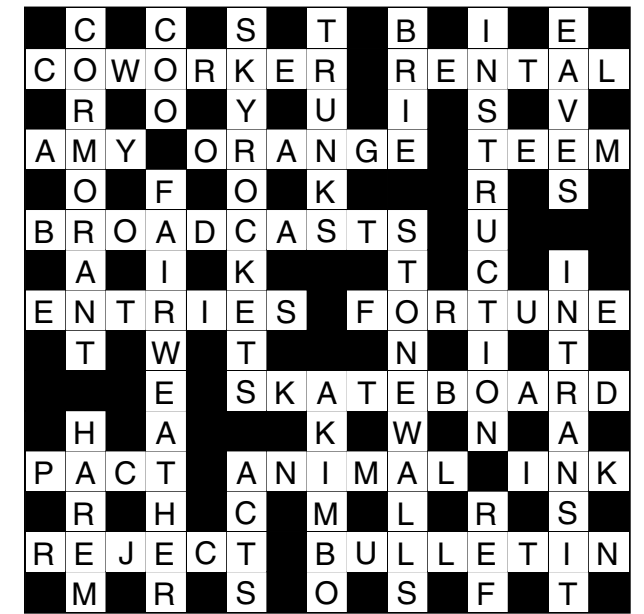
ACROSS

- 8. Colleague trapped in Moscow or Kerry (2-6)
- 9. Learnt about landlord's income (6)
- 10. Little woman half-guilty of bigamy (3)
- 11. Fruit with duck on cooker (6)
- 12. Meet back by stream (4)
- 14. Wide throws in TV transmissions (10)
- 17. Ledger records list ways to get in (7)
- 18. For melody or for luck (7)
- 19. In Paris, Kate boarded a basic mode of transport (10)
- 22. Pat wraps up copyright agreement (4)
- 23. Creature from Manila? (6)
- 24. What squid produce that writers need? (3)
- 26. Fail to accept flawed item (6)

- 27. Slug in official report (8)

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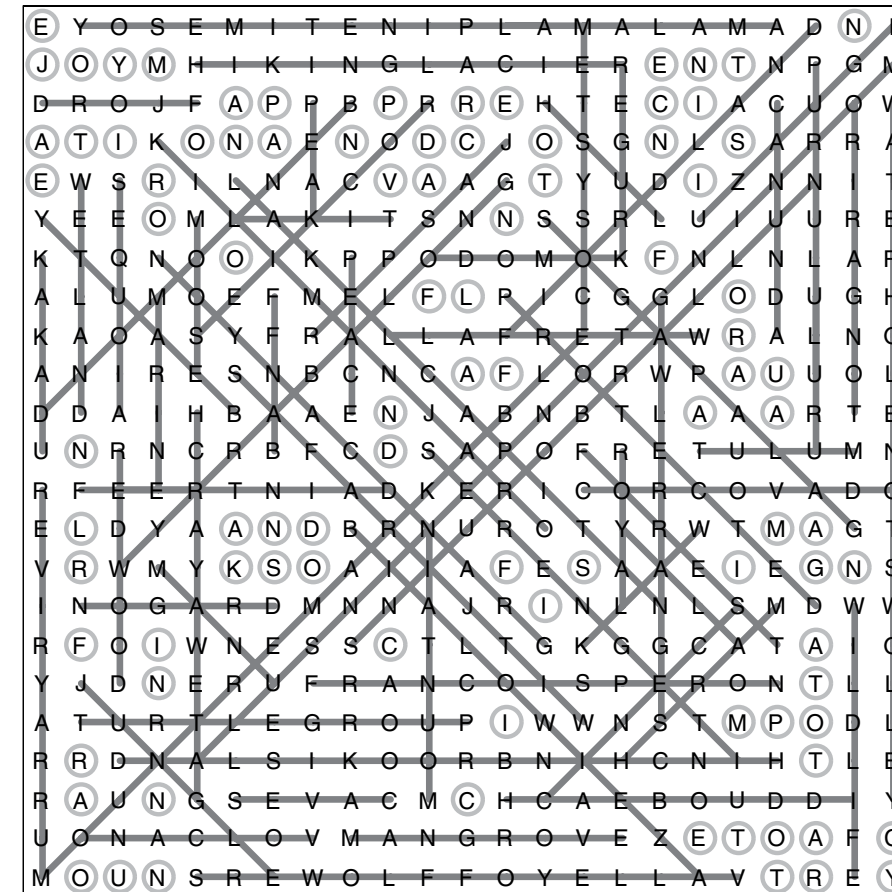
- 1. Aquatic bird, underground stem or tiny insect? (9)
- 2. Coup announced by carrier pigeon? (3)
- 3. Despite being crackers they will reach great heights (10)
- 4. Swimmers, torsos or chests? (6)
- 5. Fly off briefly to get French dairy food (4)
- 6. Direction given in court isn't overturned (11)
- 7. Leaves learner behind overhang (5)
- 13. Good climate for Spooner to wear feather? (4,7)
- 15. Obstructs investigation of ramparts (10)
- 16. Internally, Clint ran situation en route (2,7)



- 20. In anorak, I'm bound to have hands on hips (6)
- 21. Sheik's wives in Omaha remarry (5)
- 23. Performs revamp of Cats (4)
- 25. Umpire bereft without wager (3)

MONSTER FIND-A-WORD NATIONAL PARKS

Explore this grid to track down the listed attractions. When you've crossed them off where you find them, the letters left over will spell out what these valuable reserves facilitate.



SOLUTION

ENJOYMENT, APPRECIATION AND CONSERVATION OF FLORA, FAUNA AND LANDMARKS OF SIGNIFICANT IMPORTANCE TO A COUNTRY.