



### PUNAGRAM

Lesotho, Chad, Switzerland, Bhutan, Rwanda, Liechtenstein, Nepal, South Sudan, Zimbabwe, Burundi.  
Coasta Rica.

### ANSWER MERGE

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### CRYPT-CROSS

In given order: Friday, brief, wildly, tales, oddly, peeled, oiled.

	B	O	O	T	
F	R	I	D	A	Y
W	I	L	D	L	Y
P	E	E	L	E	D
	F	D	Y	S	

### CROSS OUT

The answers to the clues are: Kipper, rouble, deluxe, signal, gallon. The leftover letters spell CALMER.

### OFF WITH THEIR HEADS

In given order: Ashes, Dover, gestate, orange, nearly, plucky, mashes, truffle, languish, lucky, abetting, uneaten, ruffle, anguish, unction, header, estate, over, cheater, theist, atheist, neaten, range, betting, junction. The answer that is not part of a pair is NEARLY, which becomes EARLY when its first letter is removed.

### THEMATIC NUMBER

The thematic number is 8, and it appears 8 times in the grid representing the letters EIGHT in relevant squares.

A	F	T	E	R	8	S		M	I	S	D	R	A	W		
T		O		E		P		I		L		E		8		
O	U	T	O	F	H	A	N	D		8	B	A	L	L		
M		A		E		R		8		O		D		E		
I	D	L	E	R		S	T	I	F	F	N	E	S	S		
C		L				E		E		H		R		S		
W	E	E	P	I	E	R		S	E	A	T					
8		D		N						N		U		O		
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A		A		E		H		R					T	P		
F	I	G	U	R	E	O	F	8		8	I	E	T	H		
G		R		E		I		C		M		R		A		
H	8	E	N	S				C	O	A	L	I	T	I	O	N
A		E		T		E		R		L		O		E		
N	U	D	I	S	T	S				S	H	E	A	R	E	D

Slight caveat - the film is '8 Mile', so 8 represents the digit 8 in that entry.  
(I know there's some pedants out amongst you!!)