

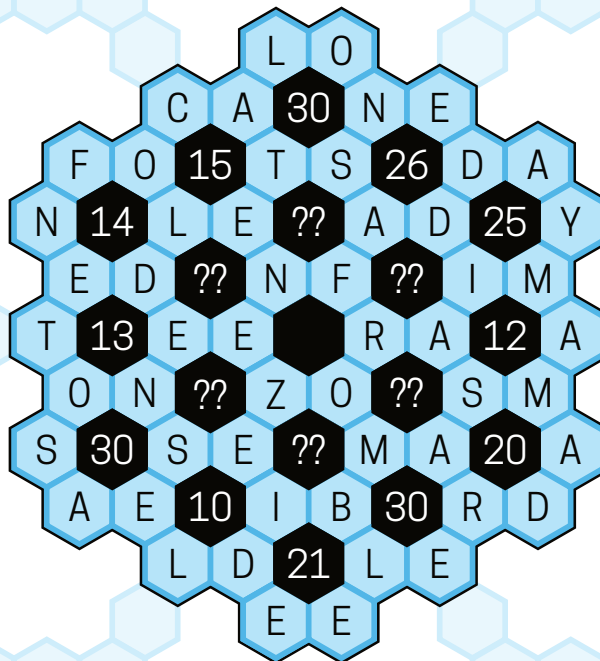


# SNOWFLAKE



## OUTER RING (clockwise)

- Story doesn't end on small claws - TALONS (17+13=30)
- Roughly sanded to make more miserable - SADDEN (14+12=26)
- Noon might include one large pair - MIDDAY (11+14=25)
- Mama is disturbed by an unpleasant atmosphere - MIASMA (10+2=12)
- Mother and doctor like curry - MADRAS (9+11=20)
- Go on and on about a country walk - RAMBLE (13+17=30)
- Overjoyed, I blessed some food that can be eaten - EDIBLE (5+16=21)
- The Spanish follow disoriented side for fuel - DIESEL (4+6=10)
- Add salt to oceans or not, initially - SEASON (15+15=30)



- Mark's lair with books and ecstasy! - DENOTE (3+10=13)
- Dangermouse's friend doesn't begin to hug - ENFOLD (6+8=14)
- Find an unhappy Duchess, we hear - LOCATE (8+7=15)

## INNER RING (clockwise)

- Secure a saint in a bog - FASTEN (7+9)
- Scared of central café attack (1+5)
- Oarswoman drifted without own smells - AROMAS (2+18)
- Undead and unknown biome destroyed - ZOMBIE (18+3)
- Something blessed? - SNEEZE (16+4)
- Irritate a sewer - NEEDLE (12+1)

In this puzzle, cryptic clues are split into two parts. When combined so that they make cryptic and some surface sense, each clue solves to a six letter word. The answers each fit around a black hexagon, with the numbers representing the sum of the two halves of the clues. Answers fit in either clockwise or anticlockwise, and can be uniquely placed by considering the answers either side of them. Only the outer ring of numbers was given to make the puzzle more challenging. When the grid is filled, one further word is created around the centre hexagon - **FROZEN**, a fitting word for a grid resembling a snowflake.

Paired up clues are given above. An additional aid was that, for the left hand side, answers were given in alphabetical order. (I.e. left-hand side 1 = AFRAID, left-hand side 18 = ZOMBIE)

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