

WORDPLAY CROSSWORD PUZZLE #1



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Across

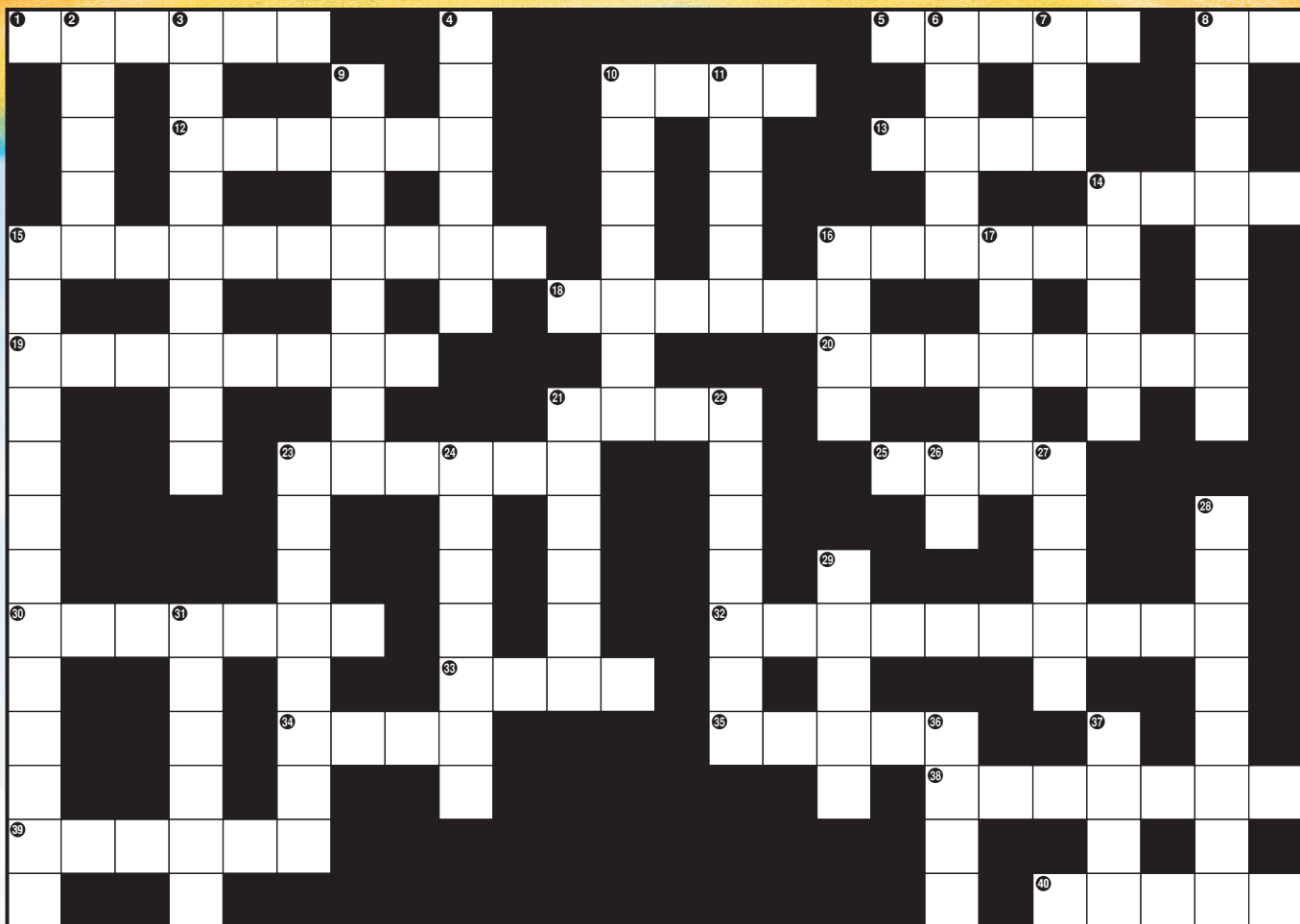
- 1 Japanese women are best at it (6)
- 3 A KK much in the news (5)
- 8 Measure (2)
- 10 Exercise (4)
- 12 Kids catch them in summer (6)
- 13 Largest region (5)
- 14 Destroy (4)
- 15 Japanese popular export (10)
- 16 Japanese teacher (6)
- 18 Mainland Japan (6)
- 19 Spirit (5,3)
- 20 Greedy game (8)

- 21 Sumo battle ground (4)
- 23 Cultivated lady (6)
- 25 Kimono material (4)
- 30 Northerners (7)
- 32 Ignoramous (10)
- 33 Bird
- 34 Japanese favorite (4)
- 35 Baby delivery method (5)
- 36 Devilish (7)
- 39 Greeting (6)
- 40 Fools (5)

Down

- 2 Teary veggie (5)
- 3 Cool veggies (9)
- 4 Smart (6)
- 6 This KK makes its money from ink (5)
- 7 Blamed for everything (3)
- 8 Famous Londoners (8)
- 9 Windy spirit (8)
- 10 John's wife (4,3)
- 11 Techies (5)
- 14 A KK that likes the sound of cheese (5)
- 15 World's largest pop group (3,10)
- 16 Sport (4)

- 17 Tokyo neighbor (5)
- 21 Japanese Lord (6)
- 22 A KK out of focus (6)
- 23 Must be an eco drink (5,3)
- 24 Warrior (7)
- 26 Freudian term (2)
- 27 Old capital (5)
- 28 Down Under capital (8)
- 29 Country named after two long thin things (5)
- 31 Tea Ceremony item (6)
- 33 This KK rings up profits (4)
- 37 Liquid providers (4)



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