

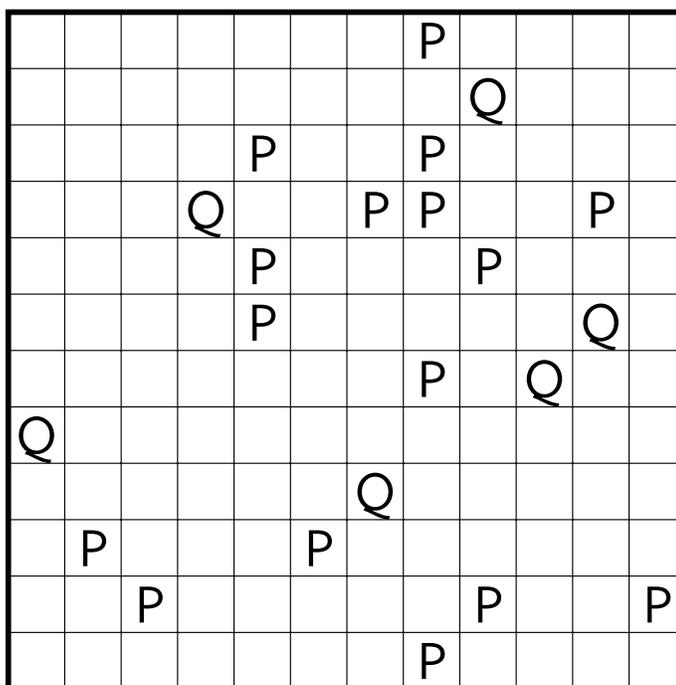
## THE PUZZLER

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### Minding Your P's and Q's

In this puzzle, answers are clued randomly. To locate these words in the diagram, solvers may be guided by the shown P's and Q's (which account for all the P's and Q's in clue answers). If heavy lines were used in the diagram, the grid would look the same if rotated 180°. A suitably cryptic prize for successful solvers is spelled by the first letters of clue answers 33 to 38. Answers include five capitalized words; those to clues 14, 18, and 35 are less than common.

*Note: The instructions above are for this month's puzzle only. An introduction to clue-solving may be found online at [www.theatlantic.com/issues/puzzclue.htm](http://www.theatlantic.com/issues/puzzclue.htm).*



### CLUES

1. Minding your P's and Q's, as James and Carson said? (9)
2. Piano songs and duets (5)
3. Listened to farm animal dig a hole (6)
4. Arab question comes before Japanese game company (6)
5. Planters of trees by the sound (7)
6. Fifty-one pound fluid (6)
7. Awfully queer dart broken into equal pieces (9)
8. Fatima's husband, Sally, and Dad in a town near Pittsburgh (9)
9. Piece of writing inside of desk, for example (5)
10. Vast waters rush back (5)
11. Notice mascot going back in lodging on the Plains (6)
12. Part-time athlete breaking promise (7)
13. Beat up *Slate* crackpot (7)
14. It is found in remedies for radioactive minerals (7)
15. Prophet receives first couple of queries in holy places (7)
16. A scheme penned by a Quebec board (9)
17. Wrong about Farrow being monkey-like (6)
18. Mineral for resident of the first garden? (7)
19. Relax with Liberal supporter of art (5)
20. Something in a bed lit up weirdly (5)
21. Fruit, as in heaps (7)
22. Excluded by keeping average (5)
23. Mentioned very wide city on the Mediterranean (7)
24. Study the Spanish in a class (7)
25. Orange peel covers Olympic sticker (4)
26. Rouse heads of state talking in Russian (4)
27. Fix football supporter's couch (6)
28. Prime number's ending in zip (4)
29. Dot, Peg, and Frodo's friend (6)
30. Those repeating a passage in traveling or quest (7)
31. Efficient TV system involves Pennsylvania (7)
32. Native American general catches forty winks (6)
33. Bee participant, with change of heart, provides stopper (7)
34. Virgin wins small cash prize (5)
35. Perform yawn for baboon (3,3)
36. Pop a question somewhat hard to grasp (6)
37. Drink for the Italian pooch (3,2)
38. Bit of slushing in speech mechanism? (4)