

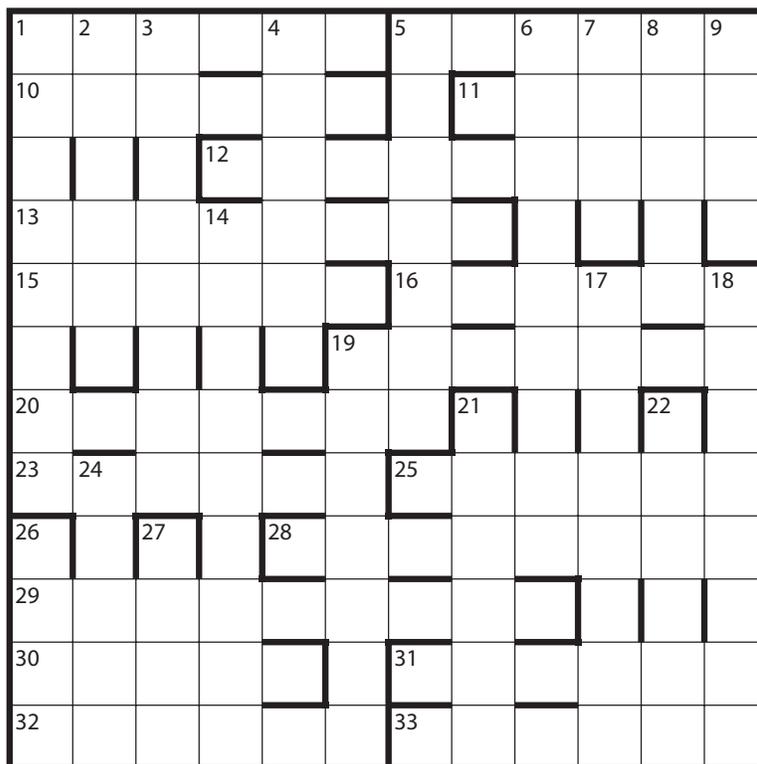
# THE PUZZLER

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## Obedience School

Answers obey one of six basic commands: **Fetch** (get a new letter, as GAIN becomes GRAIN in the grid); **Speak** (sound out a new word, as BARK becomes BARQUE); **Roll Over** (go in reverse, as STEP becomes PETS); **Shake** (form an anagram, as SETTER becomes STREET); **Jump** (relocate to a different spot in the grid); and **Stay** (remain unchanged). Each command is given six times. In the final grid, letters in squares 7, 33, 21, 14, 29, 19, 24, and 16 may describe some solvers. Two clue answers are capitalized, as is one of the new words in the grid.

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).



### ACROSS

1. Slender, tailless dog with fluff (*hyphenated*)
5. Place for rest and escape in old asylum
10. Female vampire biting neck, at first, in narrow bed
11. Sorry about wreck, general
12. Rover is going after street person you don't recognize
13. Sticking with her in a slight depression
15. Bother shortstop in fit
16. Circling head of river, arrived at cave
19. Reverend Lake's castle in Spain
20. Agent with fish strips again
23. Sermon's start worries spooks
25. Pancakes with edges of creative types

28. Lecherous and wild, like Chris
29. Slight hot poke with metal-backed fork
30. Rock-climber's challenge in fair weather, ignoring the odds
31. See about paintings turned exactly vertical or horizontal
32. Fashion snake's shape in stoop
33. Lots of canines with curly hair except for the head

### DOWN

1. Pitchmen's lines about article for pooches
2. Wrongly made Lee run spool out
3. Ultimate in a pop muralist's mixture
4. Comparatively recent material in slate roofs
5. Neighbor with less-than-first-class discipline

6. Wider grin he let spread
7. Child's toy hand truck
8. Lack of excitement is continuing, we declared
9. Hobo almost wheeled vehicle on rails
14. Taking steps with tot's first literacy skill
17. Current Capitol maneuvering?
18. Top of scalp with hair disturbed
19. Checked for bugs in deer
21. Dorothy and Theodore like Seurat's canvases
22. Skilled worker in an office breaking the ice
24. Storied plantation adopting one regal symbol
26. Heard of gorse coats
27. Thor's chief love: thunder