

*Chan loved Acrostic puzzles and with his daughter Hannah, created four of them.  
He also wrote a delightful poem about how he felt when the Sunday Times arrived with its puzzle page.  
We share these with you here.*



## ACROSTIC PUZZLES

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+ one poem by Chan



At every seventh sunrise of the week  
Comes great big bulky Sunday New York Times,  
Reporters' and op-edders' place to speak  
Of crises, wars, celebrities and crimes.  
Some put these off, and such a one am I:  
To the ACROSTIC PUZZLE first we turn.  
If today no acrostic meets our eye,  
Certainly Sunday next it must return.

How cruel this fast, the whole month of July  
Unbroken by the fare we value first!  
No substitute will do, although we try  
Gnawing on crosswords to assuage our thirst.  
Even in this our parched adversity  
Resorting to KENKENS, tasteless though they be.

-- Chandler Davis



CLUE A. Not wisely but \_\_\_\_\_ (two words)

147	136	69	26	95	12	93	

CLUE B. Arthritic; homonym of Word F

40	52	166	32	152	139

CLUE C. Needed for a circumnavigation of the globe (two words)

22	9	87	6	105	65	72	160	17	133

CLUE D. What is supposed to determine policy in a democracy (two words)

84	150	90	142	4	38	67	131	24	

CLUE E. Pretty frequently

100	50	29	154	61	1	48	81		

CLUE F. Spacious; homonym of Word B

122	55	74	151	2

CLUE G. Lined with iridescent substance from the sea

35	13	59	8	109	45

CLUE H. Phrased in a different way (two words)

118	20	42	7	94	103	164	10	156	134	124	28	31	

CLUE I. A language derived from Dutch (one of its words occurs in the text)

37	18	144	85	15	138	97	117	25	

CLUE J. What one would say on seeing the new hat in clue K (two words)

159	49	54	108	163	43	5	155	141	

CLUE K. What one wishes one's new hat to be

11	145	125	46	165	77	86	36	

CLUE L. Sofa named after an empire

112	161	41	114	62	107	146	

CLUE M. Impulsive; inflammation

56	92	64	120

CLUE N. Silly things

127	44	119	79	153	51	148	

CLUE O. Paracelsus or Roger Bacon, for instance

116	71	149	106	30	140	34	102	158	

CLUE P. Quiet as a \_\_\_\_\_.

73	82	70	123	162	21	16	66	91	111	128			

CLUE Q. What to serve at intermission

110	63	115	33	132	137	27	75	126	101	135	88		

CLUE R. Something a Rabbit was, and Word S was

99	113	68	143	23	14	129	60	83	58	89	157		

CLUE S. Beloved revolutionary leader

76	80	47	130	53	96	39	

CLUE T. The doctrine that favors relying on strong government

121	98	19	78	104	57	3	

This puzzle is from March 2020. Once agin, solvers need to remember that “the Rabbits” are the Davis family (see clue H.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		9	10	11	12		13	14	15	16	17	18	19		20	21	22	23	24	25	26		27	28	29		
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58	59	60	61	62	63		64	65	66	67		68	69		70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78		79	80	81		82	83	84			
W	J	Q	E	I	A		C	N	D	O		N	Q		I	F	B	S	K	Q	H	T	P		E	V	B		C	K	G			
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C	M	K	L	W	Q		R	E	Q	I	U	L	G	J	C		S	B	N	H	G		N	L		I	F	M	L	K		N		
113		114	115		116	117		118	119	120	121	122	123	124		125	126	127	128	129		130	131	132	133	134		135	136		137	138		
W		K	T		O	U		A	L	R	S	I	M	V		D	N	M	B	R		Q	E	G	V	J		M	C		M	H		
139	140	141	142	143	144	145	146	147	148		149	150	151		152		153	154	155		156	157	158		159	160	161	162		163	164			
G	O	W	B	M	O	V	G	U	E		D	G	W		B		K	V	R		N	U	A		E	D	Q	R		K	R			
165	166	167	168	169	170		171	172	173	174	175		176	177	178	179		180	181	182	183		184	185	186		187	188		189		190	191	192
L	I	K	Q	C	D		E	U	J	S	F		B	T	U	I		S	G	K	M		P	R	E		S	F		G		S	R	V

CLUE A. Artist inspired by geometry

158	63	13	118	46	31

CLUE B. Somewhat better than a sensational success (2 wds)

142	72	101	128	54	176	152	81

CLUE C. An acrostic, for instance (2 wds)

18	169	136	64	99	1	85	82	42	

CLUE D. When something happens

160	34	125	149	8	66	40	170

CLUE E. The optimum (2 wds)

171	131	61	186	29	159	12	47	148	79	92	37	20	

CLUE F. Something dug; in heraldry, dishonor

175	71	108	188

CLUE G. Magic

132	15	139	26	189	97	104	84	181	150	146	

CLUE H. Organization in which a Rabbit once served

103	76	45	138

CLUE I. Unproved but nevertheless treated as known

107	122	16	94	24	62	166	3	179	70	

CLUE J. Bring to parity

6	59	173	32	98	56	5	134

CLUE K. Honor the tradition of a beloved revolutionary (two words)

167	83	114	182	163	41	17	87	74	153	111

CLUE L. Birthplace of some family members

165	119	110	21	96	43	88	106

CLUE M. Ideology of some beloved revolutionaries

109	183	127	123	86	28	135	143	137

CLUE N. One kind of believer in the foregoing

48	105	65	112	126	68	102	156

CLUE O. What you do to vinaigrette by shaking it

55	144	116	140	67	36	30	52

CLUE P. Who has the legal right to 'out' a whistleblower

33	184	51	14	50	78

CLUE Q. Reliable

168	93	60	69	161	130	23	75	53	35	90			

CLUE R. Evangelist's hymn: The old --- ---- (2 wds)

164	185	9	25	162	155	91	22	191	129	120			

CLUE S. Where a limb bends (2 wds)

49	174	180	187	100	190	73	10	7	121	

CLUE T. Indentation; dental problem

77	177	11	2	19	115

CLUE U. What an engine does when the cooling system leaks

172	178	147	57	157	38	95	27	117	

CLUE V. A medieval collection of quatrains

133	80	192	154	4	124	145	39

CLUE W. Pious muskrat in Pogo

151	58	141	89	44	113







CLUE A. A very familiar neighborhood in Toronto.  

54	200	77	18	210	150	83	24	184	

CLUE B. Beyond reckoning.  

166	3	115	58	124	20	154	47	70	25	193	13

CLUE C. Negotiator putting on a conciliatory front (three words).  

15	212	111	85	60	90	62	174	51	

CLUE D. Play-acting.  

137	113	158	94	172	8	127	

CLUE E. Likely situation in a neglected pool in the summer  

187	201	134	183	32	192	45	29

CLUE F. Withdrew; failed to follow suit.  

209	104	79	213	37	7	100	

CLUE G. A way to make fun designs (three words).  

162	214	189	6	179	197	71	136	118	35	89

CLUE H. Sound of gunfire.  

188	98	21	43	202	65	175	

CLUE I. The generation born soon after WWII.  

153	190	112	101	105	161	57	

CLUE J. Mussed up.  

96	108	165	211	126	46	49	

CLUE K. Reginalde Benthorne, for one.  

92	205	14	140	181	26	203	129

CLUE L. \_\_\_\_\_, it would be, but as it isn't, it ain't (four words).  

216	178	72	141	128	97	41	206	48	147

CLUE M. Fondest wish.  

56	133	117	208	151	178	33	19

CLUE N. \_\_\_\_\_ by moonlight (two words).  

110	10	87	191	38	82

CLUE O. Sprite.  

196	177	1	130	31

CLUE P. Essence of the message.  

74	55	30	5

CLUE Q. Goddess who lands on a turtle.  

93	17	2	11	40	17	194	217

CLUE R. Useful item once found in Sandwich house and other rural kitchens (two words).  

163	170	4	107	167	44	144	186	53

CLUE S. How an extra-terrestrial being might casually greet one of us (two words).  

185	12	68	69	135	176	9	123	204	157

CLUE T. Not obliged to pay the usual fee.  

215	207	80	91	109	146

CLUE U. Ballet outfit for Siamese twins?  

149	132	34	139	39	95	145	64	52	76

CLUE V. Wild-fancied jester; zany fellow.  

155	138	142	75	199	116	125	86

CLUE W. Make the same proposal as before.  

22	164	131	84	121	182	28	

CLUE X. People who inspired the author of this quote.  

23	106	195	169	119	122	99	59	50	173	152

CLUE Y. A beloved freedom fighter (two words).  

143	116	66	102	148	114	73	63	27	88	81	160	180	61

CLUE Z. Source of the main ingredient in old-fashioned root beer.  

156	67	159	168	198	42	103	36	120

*Hannah and Chan's first acrostic – December 2015.*

1	J	2	H	3	E	4	P	5	G	6	B	7	O		8	M	9	F	10	I	11	M	12	C	13	G	
		14	A	15	S			16	N	17	K	18	L			19	J	20	F	21	Q	22	O			23	Q
24	O			25	Q	26	K	27	V			28	D	29	C	30	K	31	S	32	I	33	Q	34	M		
35	A	36	R	37	H	38	E	39	J	40	V			41	S	42	J	43	R	44	M	45	O	46	T	47	D
		48	S	49	E	50	U			51	H	52	P			53	P	54	J	55	A	56	S	57	D	58	M
59	B			60	C	61	G	62	B			63	Q	64	K	65	P	66	G	67	L	68	T	69	R		
70	O	71	U	72	Q	73	I	74	V			75	J	76	I	77	J	78	D			79	Q	80	U		
81	V	82	N	83	I			84	H	85	O	86	K	87	G	88	B			89	F	90	A	91	J		
92	B	93	P	94	O	95	U	96	R	97	T	98	L	99	U	100	F			101	C	102	P	103	M	104	K
		105	E	106	M	107	A			108	S	109	O	110	F			111	T	112	N	113	M	114	B		
115	B	116	S	117	A	118	L	119	N	120	I			121	K	122	B	123	Q	124	L	125	O	126	D	127	C
		128	H	129	B	130	L	131	D	132	N	133	U	134	B			135	I	136	O	137	A			138	U
139	C	140	N			141	A	142	P	143	T	144	E			145	B	146	V	147	O	148	D	149	E		

35 107 14 141 90 55 117 137

Clue A. A concern for Ann Timpson and Otis Hood (two words)

134 122 62 6 92 114 115 129 145 88 59

Clue B. Written down by a trio (two words)

127 139 60 12 101 29

Clue C. A kind of snob?

148 78 28 131 126 47 57

Clue D. Merest hint

49 38 144 105 3 149

Clue E. Advisor to King David

110 100 89 20 9

Clue F. Lost positive of a word for stolidity

87 61 66 5 13

Clue G. Matilda's creator

2 37 84 128 51

Clue H. Home for a Davis totem animal

32 120 83 76 73 10 135

Clue I. A claimant for the title of oldest extant parliament in the world

75 39 91 42 1 54 77 19

Clue J. Those who should arise

86 121 26 17 104 30 64

Clue K. Spiny Australian beast

18 98 124 130 67 118

Clue L. Long-lasting friend of Shawm Hill

44 8 113 106 103 34 58 11

Clue M. Excited and ecstatic

16 82 112 140 119 132

Clue N. Cut a rug

22 125 7 70 85 147 94 24 45 109 136

Clue O. Lumbering

65 102 98 53 142 52 4

Clue P. Girlfriend of the King of Sweden according to Cab Calloway

25 72 68 21 123 79 23 33

Clue Q. Blues singer named for a monument (two words)

43 36 96 69

Clue R. \_\_\_\_vita

41 48 15 31 116 56 108

Clue S. The lost positive of a contra is someone who honors \_\_\_\_\_

46 97 68 143 111

Clue T. He shaved away the unnecessary

133 99 138 50 71 80 95

Clue U. Improvised casually

81 146 27 40 74

Clue V. How the rushes grow