



## Prominent Seductress – The New York Times

### Description

A recent **crossword** puzzle in The New York Times has left puzzlers scratching their heads and celebrating their victories. The puzzle, created by a young **constructor**, featured some challenging clues that **stumped** even the most seasoned solvers.

One particularly tricky clue was 6D, which led to the answer "ANDROIDS." The clue, "Galaxies, e.g.," seemed to hint at something space-related, but the answer turned out to be a brand **trivia** question about Samsung smartphones that use the Android **operating system**. This clever clue had many solvers scratching their heads until the "aha moment" finally arrived.

Another challenging clue was 25D, which referenced "**Rafael DEVERS**," the All-Star third baseman for the Red Sox. This sports-related clue proved to be difficult for many solvers who were not familiar with the player. Despite the challenge, it was a rewarding moment for those who were able to solve it.

One of the more enjoyable clues in the puzzle was 35D, which led to the answer "**ON A DARE**." This punny clue brought back memories of summer camp and the game "Truth or Dare." It was a fun and memorable moment in an otherwise challenging puzzle.

Overall, the puzzle received positive feedback from solvers, with many praising the constructor for the clever and engaging clues. The constructor, who is turning 21 soon, saw the puzzle as an early birthday gift to themselves. With such talent and creativity, it's no surprise that they are already making a name for themselves in the crossword world.

For those looking to test their skills against this challenging puzzle, The New York Times Crossword offers an open submission system for aspiring constructors. Who knows, maybe your puzzle could be the next toughie that has solvers celebrating their victories.

### Vocabulary Insights

1. **Crossword** /ˈkrɔːswɔːd/ (noun): A word puzzle in which words are placed horizontally and vertically in a grid.
2. **Constructor** /kənˈstrʊktər/ (noun): A person who creates or builds something, in this case, a crossword puzzle.
3. **Stumped** /stʌmpt/ (adjective): Unable to solve or answer a question.
4. **Trivia** /ˈtrɪviə/ (noun): Interesting but unimportant facts.
5. **Operating system** /ˈɒpəreɪtɪŋ ˈsɪstəm/ (noun): The software that supports a computer's basic functions.
6. **Rafael Devers** /ˈræfəˈdeɪvəz/ (noun): A professional baseball player.
7. **On a dare** /ɒn ə ˈdeɪə/ (phrase): Doing something because someone has challenged you to do it.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Cancellation** // (noun): The act of calling off or postponing an event.
2. **Refunded** // (verb): Given back money that was paid.
3. **Transparency** // (noun): The quality of being open and honest.
4. **Crossword** // (noun): A word puzzle in which words are placed horizontally and vertically in a grid.
5. **Constructor** // (noun): A person who creates or builds something in this case a crossword puzzle.
6. **Stumped** // (adjective): Unable to solve or answer a question.

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. Who created the recent crossword puzzle in The New York Times?  
Option: A. A veteran constructor  
Option: B. A young constructor



- Option: C. A celebrity  
Option: D. An AI program

2. What was the answer to clue 6D in the crossword puzzle?

- Option: A. Supernovas  
Option: B. Black Holes  
Option: C. Andromeda  
Option: D. Androids

3. Which player was referenced in clue 25D of the crossword puzzle?

- Option: A. Rafael Nadal  
Option: B. Rafael Devers  
Option: C. Rafael Benitez  
Option: D. Rafael Marquez

4. What does the clue

- Option: A. Truth or Dare game  
Option: B. Summer Camp memories  
Option: C. Daring adventures  
Option: D. Risky challenges

5. What birthday gift did the young constructor consider the puzzle to be for themselves?

- Option: A. A book  
Option: B. A vacation  
Option: C. An early birthday gift  
Option: D. A crossword subscription

6. What platform offers an open submission system for aspiring crossword constructors?

- Option: A. The Wall Street Journal  
Option: B. The New York Times  
Option: C. USA Today  
Option: D. The Guardian

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. B. A young constructor 2. D. Androids 3. B. Rafael Devers 4. A. Truth or Dare game  
5. C. An early birthday gift 6. B. The New York Times

## Vocabulary quizzes



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**Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )**

1. Which term is used to describe objects related to the sky or outer space?  
Option: Celestial  
Option: Energetics  
Option: Genome  
Option: Torque
2. What term refers to the study of energy and its transformation?  
Option: Cancellation  
Option: Energetics  
Option: Replicative barriers  
Option: Hybrid powertrains
3. If a purchase is reversed and the money is given back what term describes this action?  
Option: Transparency  
Option: Refunded  
Option: Turbocharged  
Option: Neanderthals
4. What is the term for mating or breeding between different species or populations?  
Option: Luminosity  
Option: Refunded  
Option: Interbreeding  
Option: Infertility
5. What term is used to describe a state of being puzzled or unable to proceed?  
Option: Enigmatic  
Option: Stumped  
Option: Replicative barriers  
Option: Hybrid powertrains
6. What concept refers to the inability of genetic material to combine and produce fertile offspring?  
Option: Genetic incompatibility  
Option: Infotainment system  
Option: Torque  
Option: Intriguing
7. What technology combines two or more types of power sources for propulsion?  
Option: Neanderthals  
Option: Cancellation  
Option: Hybrid powertrains



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Option: Transparency

8. Which word puzzle usually consists of black and white squares arranged in a grid pattern?

Option: Perplexing

Option: Crossword

Option: Infotainment system

Option: Steptonic automatic transmission

9. What term describes something that is fascinating or captivating?

Option: Intriguing

Option: Neanderthals

Option: Revamped

Option: Luminosity

10. Which term refers to an engine equipped with a turbocharger for increased power output?

Option: Energetics

Option: Turbocharged

Option: Infertility

Option: Celestial

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. \_\_\_\_\_ is essential in building trust between individuals and organizations.

12. \_\_\_\_\_ were an ancient human species that existed in Eurasia.

13. The company \_\_\_\_\_ its marketing strategy to appeal to a younger audience.

14. The new car model comes with an advanced \_\_\_\_\_ that includes navigation and media features.

15. High \_\_\_\_\_ is essential for powerful acceleration in vehicles.

16. The artist's work was so \_\_\_\_\_ leaving critics debating its true meaning.

17. The math problem was so \_\_\_\_\_ that even the advanced students struggled with it.

18. The concert was postponed due to bad weather and ticket holders were offered a \_\_\_\_\_.



19. The star's \_\_\_\_\_ or brightness depends on its size and age.
20. Some pesticides can affect soil quality and lead to \_\_\_\_\_ in plants.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. Astronomers study objects in the realm such as stars and planets.
22. The field of focuses on how energy is transferred and utilized in different systems.
23. The travel agency announced the of the flight due to logistical issues.
24. The engine produces high allowing the car to accelerate quickly.
25. The concept of is common in animals leading to new and varied offspring.
26. were ancient hominids with distinct physical features.
27. The of an organism contains all of its hereditary information.
28. Issues with fertility can lead to and challenges in conception.
29. The company its entire product line to attract a younger demographic.
30. combine traditional internal combustion engines with electric power for improved efficiency.

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Celestial 2. Energetics 3. Refunded 4. Interbreeding 5. Stumped 6. Genetic incompatibility 7. Hybrid powertrains 8. Crossword 9. Intriguing 10. Turbocharged

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