



Mixed Doubles

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It's time to play some mixed doubles. The doubles you'll be facing here are:

(1) Double clues: Each row and column contains two clued entries which span the length of the grid. You must decide which of the two answers to place first.

(2) Double letters: No double letters will appear in the grid. Replace each double letter appearing in an entry with a single "2" before entering it into the grid. Each "2" entered in the grid will thus stand for a double letter in both of the intersecting entries, although not necessarily the same double letter in both.

(3) Double spaces: Some special grid letters are double tall or double wide, and thus will fill a 1x2 or 2x1 box (ignoring one grid segment) instead of a 1x1 box. Each such special letter will be part of two entries in the "short" direction but only one entry in the "long" direction.

When you are finished, the special letters in part (3) will spell out, top to bottom and left to right, what you have been doing while solving this puzzle, which hopefully will further prepare you for future endeavors.

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Across

- 1 Bear young at a Caribbean locale
Celebrity chef hit hard by remark
- 2 Get comfortable with commotion surrounding
Associated Press and Times (2 wds.)
Term of endearment or empty bit of emotion for
award recipient
- 3 For example, after ailing it is prohibited
Old age somehow barred in England?
- 4 Hero garb made unusual expression in Ireland
Microscopic sources of life in exterior of sun
reflected stellar phenomena
- 5 Chaperone first of encounters after love poem
Uttered mild curses for actors Bruce and Laura
- 6 Campground resident running through forgotten
terrain
Possible request from a dentist with germ's
contents receiving identification
- 7 Febrile disease types depleted of energy around
outskirts of Honolulu
Sound of laughter uncommon for African capital
- 8 German dwelling has outside unit
Warrior from *The Lord Of The Rings* in river, amid
thunderous sound, one recalls at the beginning
- 9 One who sings should primarily also tell a story
Partially tune up nearly normal breathing
- 10 *After Earth* co-writer Gary starts to wish he instead
tackled The Avengers
Empty seat plus unlimited bees results in spectator
without a place to sit

- 11 Intercept photograph (fine, in
retrospect) very loudly (2 wds.)
King wearing perfect down
imitated a goose
- 12 Greed is oddly what some high
school dropouts eventually
gain (abbr.)
Refuses any SOS broadcast (2 wds.)

Down

- A Some initially unfulfilled physicians
following the people in casts
X feet of woven tuxedo pants
fabric
- B Excite passion in mom swimming
in sheltered inlet
Starchy tuber similar to a yam is
yellow-gold, Spanish aunt
- C Almost all tropical fruit contains
cold-fighting vitamin for Vatican
office
Rugged and young at heart biblical
woman appearing in Numbers
- D Large pieces of plastic shrunk,
losing third
Spade player's swamp paintings
and such
- E Applied to United Nations about
alternative dose (2 wds.)
Kaiser, after clearing head,
prepared to get out of bed
- F Pops is right to be sore after
relocation (2 wds.)
Swell benefit involves everyone
- G Flew off the handle and flipped
over letter opener broken by Gram
Show how to reorganize elite
group (2 wds.)
- H Leader of hunt, interrupting,
acquired immature, upset tasked
beast
Saw spot turn gray
- I Spring bird consuming second-rate
slug's tail is holding up
Yours truly travels, looking up New
Zealand native
- J Mid-lake ground resembling a
barrier to water
Source of pigment left in spotted
organ
- K Buff held tightly with the hand
except for the top
Calm shade of green in church
recess
- L Rejected note written in short
Hebrew letters
Takes another look at Rusty Staub,
perhaps, with rookie replacing
designated hitter on second

