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The 36 words below have been pulled apart – your job is to put them back together by "filling them in."

Each word is made up of two parts. The first part, the outer section of the word, is clued by the first crossword-style definition, and the length of said answer by a number in parentheses. The second part, the inner section, is one of the words on the list of crosswordese below. Take the first part and "fill it in" with a particular word from the list to form the answer word – which is itself clued by the second definition.

For example:

Butterfly catcher                      NET  
+ (a word from the list)            ARES  
= Closer than the others            NE + ARES + T = **NEAREST**

Each word from the list of crosswordese will be used exactly once (including ARES – the sample answer above doesn't count). When you've solved all the words, the boxed letters will spell out some appropriate advice for frustrated solvers (fill in the blanks below). Please note, some final answers are multi-word phrases (spaces have been used to indicate such).

Oh, and since I'm a theatre gal, there's lots of theatre clues.

## CROSSWORDESE LIST

ABEL ABET A BIT AFAR AGAR ALIT AMEN AMOR ANIL ARAB ARAL ARES  
ARLO ARON ASTI AVER ECRU EDAM EERO EMIT EMUS ERAT ERIE ERIN  
ERLE EROS ERST ETAL ETON ETRE IGOR ITEM ODER OMAN ORAL URAL

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 30 31 32      33 34 35 36

1. \_ \_ \_ \_  \_ \_  
 • Resting place (3)  
 • Puzzled
2.  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
 • A display shoe lacks one (4)  
 • Preside over
3.  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
 • Suspended droplets (4)  
 • Diego Rivera, for one
4. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  \_ \_  
 • Porgy's woman (4)  
 • *The Sound of Music* character
5. \_ \_  \_ \_ \_ \_  
 • \_\_\_ Xing (3)  
 • Like most flowers
6. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  \_ \_  
 • What static may cause (5)  
 • Making noise
7. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  \_ \_  
 • One of the five "W"s (4)  
 • They can't jump, in a 1992 film
8. \_ \_  \_ \_ \_ \_  
 • Poetic preposition (3)  
 • Religious recluse
9. \_ \_  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
 • Exam (4)  
 • Most delicious

10. \_  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
 • Heel (3)  
 • The whole family, perhaps
11. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  \_ \_  
 • *Evita* narrator (3)  
 • Bach work
12. \_ \_ \_  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
 • Like a reproductive movement (3-4)  
 • Multiply rapidly
13. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  \_  
 • Sandra \_\_\_ O'Connor (3)  
 • Suppose
14. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  \_ \_  
 • \_\_\_ A to Z (4)  
 • Belaggio bonus, perhaps
15. \_ \_ \_ \_  \_ \_  
 • Dye brand (3)  
 • Enlist
16. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  \_ \_  
 • Mrs. Bundy (3)  
 • Taking a look
17. \_ \_ \_  \_ \_ \_ \_  
 • "Working Girl" girl (4)  
 • Docility
18. \_ \_ \_  \_ \_ \_ \_  
 • Directed (3)  
 • Put into a box, in a way

19. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  \_  
 • "Awesome!" (3)  
 • Step again
20. \_  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
 • Expires... (4)  
 • ...from a sugar overdose?
21. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  \_  
 • Defective Broadway musical? (5)  
 • Without joy
22. \_  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
 • Cut short (3)  
 • Narcissistically, constructor  
 Amanda's favorite songwriter
23. \_ \_ \_  \_ \_ \_ \_  
 • Prescient one (4)  
 • With "The," recent McPherson  
 Broadway play
24. \_  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
 • Coastal inlet (3)  
 • Comaneci's homeland
25. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  \_  
 • Abba song "Voulez \_\_\_?" (4)  
 • Exhaustively thorough
26. \_ \_  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
 • Quickly (5)  
 • Highflying industry
27. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  \_  
 • Silent film star Negri (4)  
 • Geometric curve

28. \_  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
 • Reality show "\_\_\_ My Mom" (4)  
 • Set off
29. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  \_  
 • Scamper off (4)  
 • Causes an itching Spot?
30. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  \_ \_ \_  
 • Egg-shaped (5)  
 • Put too fine a point on
31. \_  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
 • "\_\_\_ you forget..." (4)  
 • Superlatively suspicious
32. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  \_  
 • Long on screen? (3)  
 • \_\_\_ Falls
33.  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
 • United (3)  
 • Hesitated
34. \_  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
 • Award constructor Amanda  
 strives to win (4)  
 • Musical characteristic
35. \_ \_  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
 • Notice (3)  
 • Nobody doesn't like her
36. \_ \_  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
 • Mountain tree abounding in the  
 Alps (5)  
 • Protested, perhaps