

4B. Double Jeopardy



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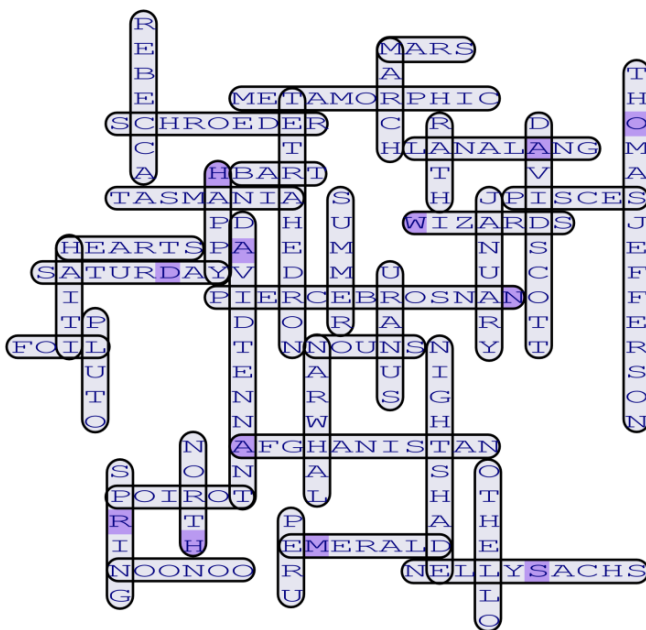
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The first step to completing this puzzle is to solve all of the clues and fill out the crossword.

Each clue is specified by two words, followed by the length(s) of the answers, in standard crossword clue form. For example, the clue “Superman’s girlfriend (4,4)” yields the obvious answer “Lana Lang”.

But the trick here is the locations within the crossword grid are not given, and neither are you told whether each answer is to be written across or down.

Therefore you must experiment a little to determine how answers of the same total length can fit into the crossword. After a little trial and error, you should be able to obtain the following filled in grid:



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| American president (6,9) | Hogwarts instructs (7) |
| Month name (5) | Nobel laureatess (5,5) |
| Superman's girlfriend (4,4) | Peanuts character (9) |
| Disney dwarf (5) | Week day (8) |
| Bond actor (6,7) | Solar planet (6) |
| Playing suit (6) | Australian state (8) |
| Moon walker (5,5) | War god (4) |
| Compass direction (5) | Equinox season (6) |
| Landlocked country (11) | Solstice season (6) |
| Simpsons kid (4) | Shakespeare play (7) |
| Teletubbies character (3,3) | Hitchcock film (7) |
| Gallifrey's Doctor (5,7) | American country (4) |
| Rock type (11) | Deadly plant (10) |
| Monohorned creature (7) | Precious stone (7) |
| Christie's detective (6) | American country (5) |
| Platonic solid (11) | Water sign (6) |
| Jabberwocky animal (4) | Speech parts (5) |
| Month name (7) | |
| Fencing sword (4) | |
| Sailor Senshi (5) | (6,6) |

Note that some cells in the grid were highlighted in the puzzle, and having assigned the answers we can now read off those letters: OAHWADNARHMS.

The final paragraph of the puzzle mentions movie-makers and anagrams, so rearranging those letters to produce two names we're rewarded with the name "HOWARD ASHMAN", which matches the (6,6) crossword clue, and therefore must be the answer...

TO DO: Double check my notes that this is the intended solution; it's been a year since I wrote this puzzle.

