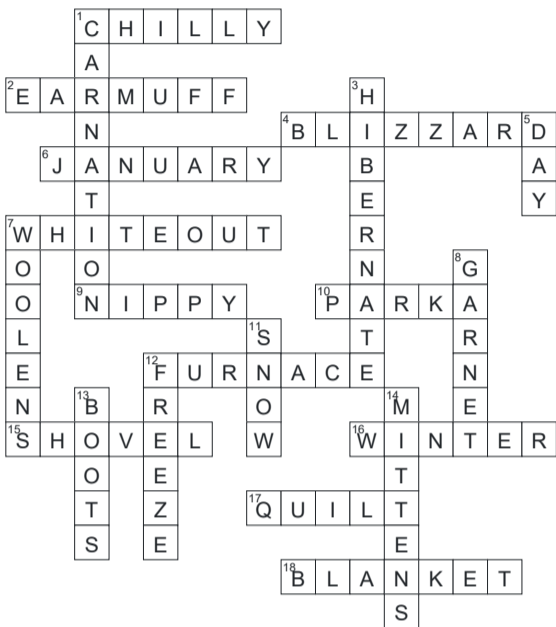


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Let's have some fun with these puzzles...



ACROSS

- 1 Uncomfortably cold sensation
- 2 Protective covering for ears
- 4 Heavy and widespread snowstorm of lengthy duration
- 6 First month of the year
- 7 Snow covered ground blends with white sky
- 9 Sharp cold
- 10 Warm outer jacket, often with a hood
- 12 Apparatus in which heat is generated
- 15 Large, long-handled scoop for digging heavy material
- 16 Season of the year between autumn and spring
- 17 Bed covering consisting of multiple layers
- 18 Used on bed for warmth

DOWN

- 1 Traditional flower for this month
- 3 Remain dormant in den or burrow
- 5 New Year's _____
- 7 Fabric or garments of wool
- 8 Traditional January birth stone
- 11 Frozen form of precipitation that falls as flakes
- 12 Water hardens into ice
- 13 Coverings for the feet worn for protection
- 14 Hand covering with one thumb

Find the words in the grid. When you are done, the unused letters in the grid will spell out a hidden message. Pick them out from left to right, top line to bottom line. Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions.



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| Blanket | Frosty | Quilt |
| Blizzard | Garnet | Resolution |
| Blustery | Hibernate | Ski |
| Boots | Ice | Snow |
| Carnation | January | Storms |
| Earmuffs | Mittens | Winter |
| Frostbite | Parka | Woolens |

Help the dog reach the ball



RIDDLES

There is a word in the English language in which the first two letters signify a male, the first three letters signify a female, the first four signify a great man, and the whole word, a great woman.

What is the word?
Answer: Heroine

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ACROSS

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 Carbonated drink | 38 Spiritedness |
| 5 Wire projection | 39 Large freshwater fish |
| 9 Small ground plot | 41 After fourth |
| 13 Among | 43 Recess |
| 14 Keyed | 44 Protective covering for ears |
| 15 Air (prefix) | 46 Minded |
| 16 Seed | 48 Not well cooked |
| 17 Japanese car | 49 Engage in a boxing match |
| 18 Shallow area | 50 Bach's first name |
| 19 Love to loneliness | 53 Group of Protestant |
| 21 Capital of the Bahamas | 57 Iraq's neighbor |
| 23 Professional football team | 58 Lessen |
| 24 Similar | 60 Billions of years |
| 25 Tropical fruit | 61 Allow to borrow |
| 28 Person from Flanders | 62 Chest wood |
| 31 Not fake | 63 Comedian Jay |
| 32 Shoot clay pigeons | 64 Duds |
| 34 Popular American desserts | 65 Paradise |
| 36 Make a mistake | 66 Alter |
| 37 Neither's partner | |



DOWN

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| 1 Soap Opera | 28 Give away a fief |
| 2 Bode | 29 Sharp cold |
| 3 Mud | 30 Birds that make a gaggle |
| 4 Navy Rank | 33 Sharp weapon |
| 5 Coverings for the feet worn for protection | 35 Rushed |
| 6 Green Gables dweller | 40 Missions |
| 7 Radiation dose | 41 Apparatus in which heat is generated |
| 8 Used on bed for warmth | 42 Receptacle |
| 9 Edible white root | 43 In the air (pl.) |
| 10 Dregs | 45 Woman's partner |
| 11 Region | 47 Cave dweller |
| 12 Meat alternative | 49 Devil |
| 14 Doubting __ (an apostle) | 50 Break up |
| 20 New Year's _____ | 51 Dunking cookies |
| 22 Place | 52 Execute |
| 24 Warn | 53 Ordered |
| 25 Secondary | 54 Look for |
| 26 Eagle's nest | 55 Firm up muscles |
| 27 Warm outer jacket, often with a hood | 56 Frozen form of precipitation that falls as flakes |
| | 59 Pillow place |