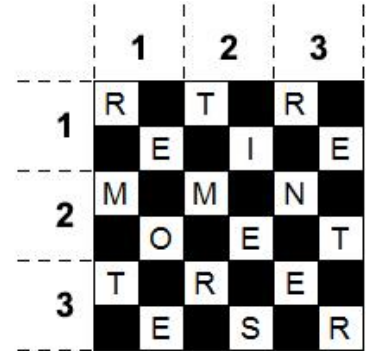


**Checkered Flag (Easiest Version)** | Devil Cross ([www.devilcross.com](http://www.devilcross.com))

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To solve the Checkered Flag, the answers must be entered in a zigzag formation both in the across and down directions. Zig answers are entered Across and comprise two rows of squares, while Zag answers are entered Down and comprise two columns of squares. In the example on the right, RETIRE, MOMENT, and TERSER can be entered in the grid as shown in Zig 1, Zig 2, and Zig 3, respectively. REMOTE, TIMERS, and RENTER cross them as Zag 1, Zag 2, and Zag 3, respectively.



The clues are sorted in the order that the answers appear in the Flag. Each Zig and Zag contains two answers, but it is up to you to determine where the split between consecutive answers occurs.

**Zigs (Across)**

- Happen  
Pansexual great ape
- Pack down  
Jazzy John
- Lee who frequently has cameos in Marvel movies  
Certain bad weather provision (2 wds.)
- "I Can't Make You Love Me" singer  
Bonnie  
Takeout appetizer (2 wds.)
- Working stiffs  
Careful examination
- Fanaticism  
"Love Has Come For You" singer Brickell

**Zags (Down)**

- Unfinished apps  
Cirque du Soleil apparatus
- Big percussion instruments  
Having a key
- Adorn with ornaments  
Bane for Lady Macbeth
- Hightailing it  
Madison's vice president Elbridge \_\_\_\_ (for whom the process of redrawing political districts is named)
- U.S.-Canada military org. featured in "WarGames"  
Ready for some sexy time
- Item of interest to an archaeologist  
Say to your young, naïve child that you and your spouse were "just wrestling," e.g. (3 wds.)

**Zags**

