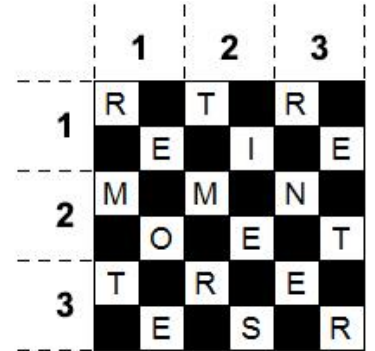


## Checkered Flag (Hardest Version) | Devil Cross ([www.devilcross.com](http://www.devilcross.com))

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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 alphabetical order. Each Zig and Zag contains two answers, but it is up to you to determine a) if an entry is a Zig or a Zag answer, b) where to enter each answer, and c) where the split between consecutive answers occurs. Please note: because the solution can conceivably be written two ways (where the orientation is flipped such that all Zig answers become Zags and vice versa), the first clue in the list has been labeled as a **Zag** answer.

### Clues

- Adorn with ornaments (**Zag**)
- Bane for Lady Macbeth
- Big percussion instruments
- Careful examination
- Certain bad weather provision (2 wds.)
- Cirque du Soleil apparatus
- Fanaticism
- Happen
- Having a key
- Hightailing it
- Item of interest to an archaeologist
- "I Can't Make You Love Me" singer Bonnie Jazzy John
- Lee who frequently has cameos in Marvel movies
- "Love Has Come For You" singer Brickell
- Madison's vice president Elbridge \_\_\_\_ (for whom the process of redrawing political districts is named)
- Pack down
- Pansexual great ape
- Ready for some sexy time
- Say to your young, naïve child that you and your spouse were "just wrestling," e.g. (3 wds.)
- Takeout appetizer (2 wds.)
- Unfinished apps
- U.S.-Canada military org. featured in "WarGames"
- Working stiffs

### Zags

