

# The Stickler Weekly 255 Solution

	<sup>1</sup> C	<sup>2</sup> A	R	<sup>3</sup> R	O	<sup>4</sup> T		<sup>5</sup> P	U	<sup>6</sup> T	T	<sup>7</sup> E	R	<sup>8</sup> S
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	<sup>9</sup> C	O	N	T	E	M	P	O	R	A	R	I	E	S
<sup>10</sup> I		L		T		E		V		P		T		T
<sup>11</sup> T	A	I	P	A	N		<sup>12</sup> M	I	L	A	N	E	S	E
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<sup>14</sup> M	A	I	N		<sup>15</sup> C	H	I	E	F	T	A	<sup>16</sup> I	N	S
		O		<sup>17</sup> S		A		N		Y		R		
<sup>18</sup> C	O	N	S	P	I	R	A	C	Y		<sup>19</sup> G	O	L	<sup>20</sup> D
	H				O		I		E		<sup>21</sup> B		N	O
<sup>22</sup> A	E	<sup>23</sup> R	A	T	I	O	N		<sup>24</sup> B	O	W	W	O	W
	T		A		T		T		<sup>25</sup> B		O		O	N
<sup>26</sup> S	U	I	C	I	D	E	B	O	M	B	E	R	S	
	U		S		N		E		N		O		K	
<sup>27</sup> P	L	E	D	G	E	R		<sup>28</sup> G	R	O	U	S	E	

Across	Clue	Explanation
1 CARROT	Rust found in a vehicle could be an attractive thing (6)	CAR-ROT
5 PUTTERS	Green activists, say, posted in supplementary information? (7)	UTTER inside PS
9 CONTEMPORARIES	Reformed prisoner came to like people (14)	Anagram of PRISONER CAME TO
11 TAIPAN	Asian dish, reportedly, is snake (6)	Sounds like THAI PAN
12 MILANESE	Italian male that is checking sections of road (8)	(M + IE) outside LANES
14 MAIN	Principal, one accepted by staff (4)	I inside MAN
15 CHIEFTAINS	I established payment system in chains for powerful people (10)	(I + EFT) inside CHAINS
18 CONSPIRACY	Cheat's robbery plot (10)	CON'S + PIRACY
19 GOLD	Metal ring ultimately made long ago (4)	RIN(G) + OLD
22 AERATION	A drug helping oxygenation of the blood by respiration (8)	A + E + RATION
24 BOW-WOW	Submit to greatly impress boxer, for instance (3-3)	BOW + WOW
26 SUICIDE BOMBERS	Group retrieved in rescue bid is wrongly associated with terrorists (7,7)	MOB reversed inside anagram of RESCUE BID IS
27 PLEDGER	Promising person's narrow projection accepted by public relations (7)	LEDGE inside PR
28 GROUSE	Land-based game bird is very good in Australia (6)	Double Definition

<b>Down</b>	<b>Clue</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
2 ABOLITION	Ending fired up one in a benefit (9)	(LIT + I) inside (A + BOON)
3 RATTAN	Snake in the grass and brown cane (6)	RAT + TAN
4 TIME	Measure load in semi-trailer making a return journey (4)	SEMI Trailer reversed
5 PROVIDENCE	Timely preparation for study should be maintained in weakness (10)	PRO + (DEN inside VICE)
6 TEA PARTY	Tape badly exposed stylish American political group (3,5)	Anagram of TAPE + ARTY
7 ELITE	"E" letter in Scrabble, flipped over, may be selected (5)	(E + TILE) reversed
8 SYSTEMS	Organisations, say, not keeping a plant's main supports (7)	(SAY minus A) + STEMS
10 ITEM	Point 4 needing a rewrite? (4)	Anagram of TIME
13 CHARIOTEER	Old driver is a riot with good spirits about (10)	(A RIOT) inside CHEER
16 IRONWORKS	Bugs crawling around on rolled scrap metal factory (9)	IRKS outside [ON + (ROW reversed)]
17 SPOTTING	Cannabis used in police operation is leaving marks (8)	POT inside STING
18 CHATS UP	Gets friendly with bowlers, say, taking part in sporting contest (5,2)	HATS inside CUP
20 DOWN	Blue feathers (4)	Double Definition
21 BOO-BOO	Two publications missing endings? What a blunder (3-3)	BOO(k) twice
23 RAISE	Upgrade is put into mounted sensitive equipment (5)	IS inside (EAR reversed)
25 BONG	Gear carried by dweeb on grass? (4)	dweeB ON Grass

