

Gemelo No. 40 - Two truths and a lie

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Two truths and a lie

The game of “two truths and a lie” is a classic ice-breaker (one of mine is always “my father and I are twins”, which is true but takes a bit of thinking). Here, in every set of three clues, one answer is the opposite of what must be entered in the grid. Enumerations refer to grid entries.

Across

- 1 Labourer unfortunately had no money (6)
- 6 Prolix poetry about personal scent (5)
- 10 Indo-European possessing ancient city by right (4)
- 11 Predator in court immediately left (7, 2 words)
- 12 Who's not decent and not won over Colt? (7, 2 words)
- 14 What's inserted internally, removing restrictions? (5)
- 16 Lepidopterist's holding back form of cricket (3)
- 18 Action hero might embody this, unless cinema's changed (12)
- 19 Liberal fools gobbling up Independent's tirades (7)
- 23 Plant wild ficus around hot area (7)
- 24 Impassivity of Troy surrounded by strength (12)
- 26 Elite avoiding low-down venture (3)
- 29 Mexican's certainly taking to American colonnades (5)

- 30 At intervals, snack deserves to be received by audience (7, 2 words)
- 31 Fuss when someone at the table covers up American banquets (7)
- 32 Trust councillor to improve (4)
- 33 Ringing tone's complex sound (5)
- 34 Fruity flavouring of cinnamon almost succeeded (6)

Down

- 1 Welcome growth hormone frequently saving lean person looking for progress (9)
- 2 Tower from Isaiah covered in Bible study? (4)
- 3 Where Italian might dip two fingers (5)
- 4 You shouldn't have melody's first E flat (12)
- 5 Current and past villain on stage (4)
- 6 Winds may not, at first, impair a flowering plant (12)
- 7 Beginning of brilliant time (6)
- 8 Drunk soldiers shunning institute without a bar (7)

- 9 Pool clothing with one's sons, socially acceptable during rides (9)
- 13 Delight in love of Scotland Yard (5)
- 15 A-team fell out, getting decoration of fake gold? (9)
- 17 Bacon etc. is as yet cooked without sandwiches going empty (9)
- 20 One biblical city accepted masonries with uniform blocks (7)
- 21 Gloomy couple line up in Cyprus (5)
- 22 Get former convict to fall short (6)
- 25 Official count stopped by concerning judgments that are unfavourable (5)
- 27 In the past, did pound certainly save Oxford University? (4)
- 28 Pair following cue in *God of War* (4)