

# lemonade disco

## Submission guidelines

**What can be submitted:** *lemonade disco* accepts filled grids + clues, filled grids without clues, and theme queries

**Submission format:** Send puzzles/grids as .puz or .cfp. Theme queries can be typed out in the body of the message, or attached as a .pdf

*\*All submissions should be sent to [lemonadediscoxword@gmail.com](mailto:lemonadediscoxword@gmail.com)\**

*\*All submissions must be original and previously unpublished\**

### **Technical specs:**

- Puzzle size can be 14x15/15x14, 15x15, or 16x15/15x16
- **Maximum word count is 80**
- There is no maximum black square count, but constructors are encouraged to avoid large chunks of black squares in the grid
- Any type of symmetry is accepted. (rotational, diagonal, left-right, top-bottom, and asymmetric)
- Rebus and circles are accepted, though our software cannot support shaded squares
- **Total square count for theme answers is a minimum of 38**

### **Theme specs:**

- All themes should have an element of wordplay
- All theme types are accepted
- Themes should be executed consistently across all theme answers
- Every theme should have a "reason why" it's doing what it's doing. This is explained either in the title, revealer entry, or both.

### **Fill specs:**

- *lemonade disco* places an emphasis on clean fill. What does this mean, exactly?
  - **Minimal abbreviations**, especially clumped together in one section. Also crossing abbreviations is discouraged
  - **Uncommon words/entries**. Answers should be common enough that the average person would expect to come across them in real life.
  - **Offensive words/entries**. Answers that could make solvers of any gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation and/or ability level feel uncomfortable should be avoided. Also, explicit references to sex, medical conditions, bodily functions, and generally unpleasant or violent things should also be avoided.
  - **Partials**, or multi-word entries that are not stand-alone phrases, should be avoided
  - **Crossing proper nouns** is discouraged

***\*lemonade disco strongly encourages constructors to write puzzles with their "voice" in mind. Let your personality shine, while keeping in mind the diverse backgrounds of solvers. Keeping the perspective of your puzzles geared towards a wide and diverse audience helps to foster and maintain inclusivity and representation, which is in line with Lemonade Disco's mission of providing a space for folks of all backgrounds and walks of life.\****