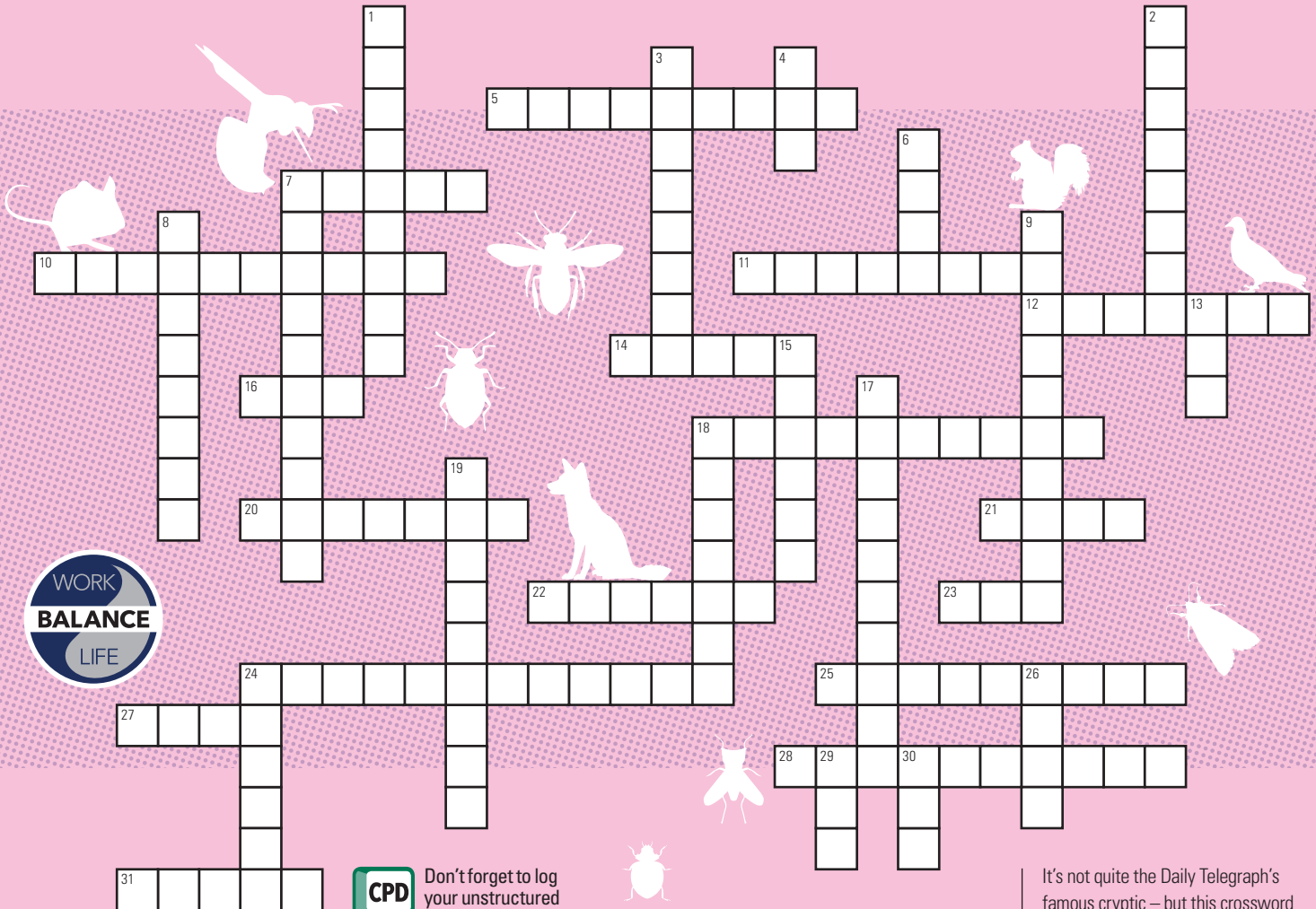


TIME OUT!

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CLUES ACROSS

- 5 Living in close proximity to humans (9)
- 7 A singer and a wasp attack (5)
- 10 Chrysanthemum flowers aren't just for decoration (10)
- 11 An anticoagulant that can be used for grey squirrels (8)
- 12. You might have one of these talks to learn something new (7)
- 14 Classic spider control method (5)
- 16 Inhibits the life cycle of an insect (abbrev) (1,1,1)
- 18 Why bees are important (10)
- 20 Testing to make sure your RPE is suitable (4,3)
- 21 Small rodents; some are species of conservation concern (4)
- 22 Grain, rice and vine are all this (6)
- 23 Horse, bottle and drain are all types of what? (3)
- 24 Non-scientific name for Dermestes lardarius (6,6)
- 25 Term given to animals we don't want to control (3, 6)
- 27 BPCA's American cousin (abbrev) (1,1,1,1)
- 28 The measured process of application, exposure and dissipation of a toxic chemical in its gaseous state with the purpose of control of target pests in a product or enclosure (10)
- 31 Jerry was one (5)



CLUES DOWN

- 1 Rodenticide and insecticides are both this (9)
- 2 A place where pharaoh ants can cause serious public health concerns (8)
- 3 A type of insecticide that sticks around a while (8)
- 4 If this is in the loft, it owns the house now; or call the BCT (3)
- 6 Ectoparasitic insect blamed for the plague (4)
- 7 Physical control consisting of trigger plate and smooth jaw (6,4)
- 8 Legislation introduced in 1954 (5,3)
- 9 The study of insects (10)
- 13 'Don't ___ me'; PPC104 article by Paul Westgate (3)
- 15 A type of fish you won't have with chips (6)
- 17 A second generation anticoagulant rodenticide (10)
- 18 BPCA event in Harrogate next year (3,4)
- 19 _____ of control (9)
- 24 _____ niger, or black garden ant (6)
- 26 A pest controller's bread and butter (4)
- 29 Insecticide application method (abbrev) (1,1,1)
- 30 A strategy for effective pest control (abbrev) (1,1,1)

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