

CASE NAME: TETRIS

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ANSWER: EARTH

The crossword clues are listed in alphabetical order by answer, as an aid in solving:

	Across:		Down:
ADZE	Woodworking tool	AGELESS	Eternal
ASIDES	Short digressions	COD	<i>Gadus</i> member
AWFUL	Horrible	DAMNATION	Everlasting divine punishment
BOER	One of two South African wars	DIURETIC	Spironolactone or Osmitol, e.g.
CTHULU	Great Old Ones high priest	EBU	Eurovision Song Contest org.
DANCE	Tango or salsa, e.g.	EXCEL	Relative of Lotus 1-2-3
DINING	Supping	HAN	Imperial Chinese dynasty
DINS	Bedlams and commotions	HEWED	Felled
ENG	Chang's brother	HIATUS	Break
ENRIQUE	Pop star Iglesias	HICCUP	Synchronous diaphragmatic flutter
HAPPILY	With cheer	IDLENESS	The beginning of all vices, it is said
ICON	Image or representation	INCLINE	Slope or tend
JIMMIES	Ice cream topping	LEMMA	Subsidiary proposition
LLAMAS	South American ungulates	LIAR	Perjurer
MCI	Telecom service provider	LUDWIG	Bavarian "Mad King"
METER	SI base unit	MINCE	Walk primly
MSRP	Auto. dealer's likely quote	MIRV	ICBM payload
NFL	Lions, Rams, and Bears, e.g.	MNEMON	Epithet of Artaxerxes II
RAGU	Meat-based sauce	NINJA	Shinobi
REIN	Bridle attachment	OOZING	Exuding
RHINO	Large, perissodactyl mammal, for short	PILL	Bolus; lozenge
SIDES	Viewpoints	PREFIX	un- or re-, e.g.
SPAIN	Iberian nation	RASPBERRY	Bearer of red drupelets
SPARC	Open-source Sun Microsystems arch.	RTA	Chicago transit agcy.
SPD	Germany's oldest pol. Party	SHOWGIRLS	1995 Verhoeven film
SULK	Pout	UNHANDS	Releases
SUN	Solar System center	UPKEEP	Maintenance cost
TECA	FAO technology transfer initiative	VENUS	Aphrodite's Roman counterpart
UNLV	Home of the Rebels	WALLPAPER	Background
VIA	By means of	WIZARD	Ridcully or Stibbons
WAXING	Increasing in intensity	WUSSES	Crybabies
WELSHMAN	Cambrian	YEA	Reply of affirmation
WENCH	Female servant (<i>archaic</i>)		
WIELD	Brandish; flourish		
WII	Nintendo game system		
YASARI	Iranian singer Javad		
ZOO	Menagerie		

The Tetris pieces contain all the letters (and the dark lines denoting the end of words) that fill in the grid. When correctly placed, the Tetris pieces fill the grid as follows:

H	A	P	P	I	L	Y	V	I	A
E	N	R	I	Q	U	E	E	N	G
W	I	E	L	D	D	A	N	C	E
E	N	F	L	A	W	F	U	L	L
D	J	I	M	M	I	E	S	I	E
W	A	X	I	N	G	D	I	N	S
I	C	O	N	A	S	I	D	E	S
Z	O	O	C	T	H	U	L	H	U
A	D	Z	E	I	O	R	E	I	N
R	H	I	N	O	W	E	N	C	H
D	I	N	I	N	G	T	E	C	A
R	A	G	U	W	I	I	S	U	N
A	T	S	P	A	R	C	S	P	D
S	U	L	K	L	L	A	M	A	S
P	S	W	E	L	S	H	M	A	N
B	L	U	E	P	L	A	N	E	T
E	E	S	P	A	I	N	E	X	M
R	M	S	R	P	A	E	M	C	I
R	M	E	T	E	R	B	O	E	R
Y	A	S	A	R	I	U	N	L	V

The answer to the puzzle is clued by the only unclued word, which is the only word that fills an entire row. The fifth-from-bottom row spells out BLUE PLANET. This is a description of the answer, EARTH.