

Ultimate Variety Puzzle Book Vol. 1



Cryptic Crossword Solutions

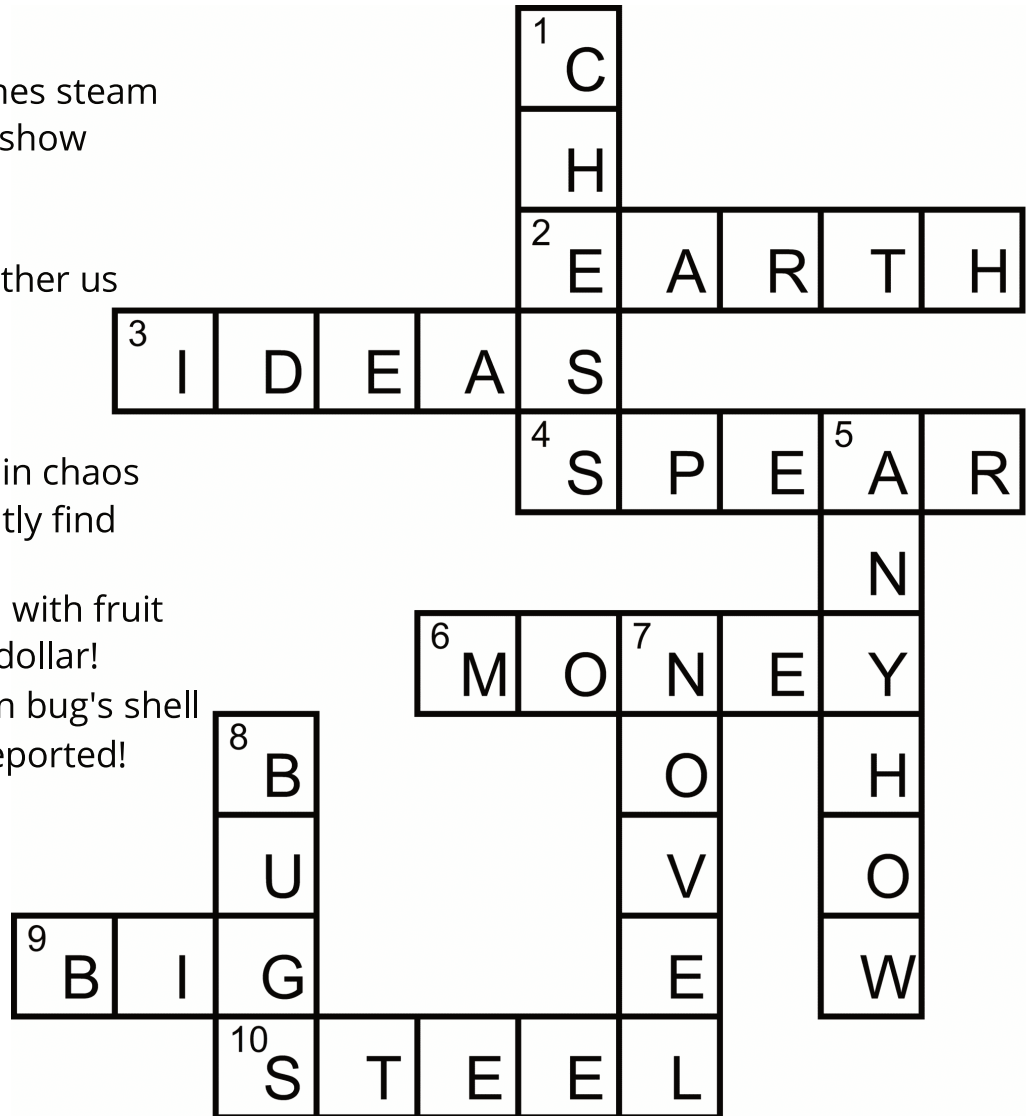
Cryptic Crosswords Solution - Puzzle #1

Down:

1. Game inside catches steam
5. Either way, many show without leaders
7. Brand new book
8. Insects initially bother us guys seriously

Across:

2. Land of the heart in chaos
3. Thoughts frequently find pedals
4. Pike initially sliced with fruit
6. My holding? One dollar!
9. Huge one found in bug's shell
10. Metal robbery reported!



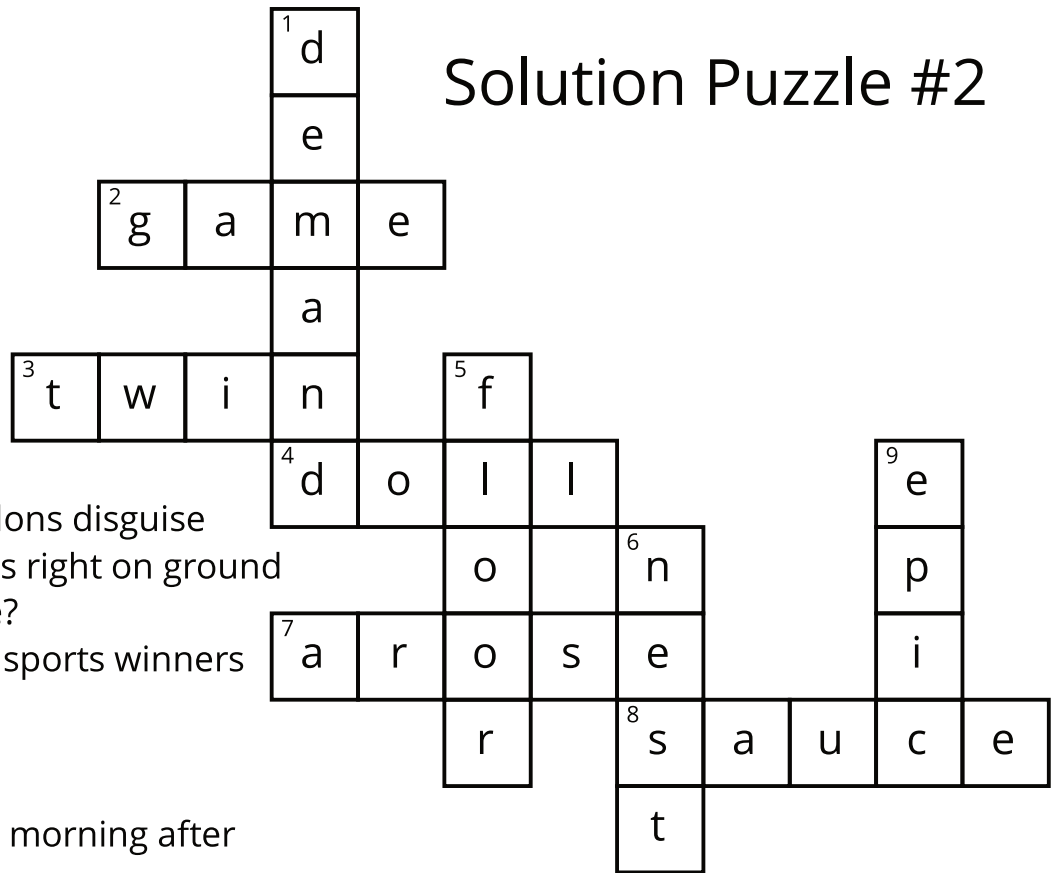
Down Explanation:

1. Hidden: inside cat(ches s)team. Also chess can be played on a team
5. Remove Fronts: mANY + sHOW without first letters
7. Double Definition
8. Initial letters of Bother Us Guys Seriously = bugs

Across Explanation:

2. Anagram: heart in chaos (anagram) = earth = land
3. Alternating: frequently = even letters flnD pEdAIS = ideas = thoughts
4. Substitute: initially sliced + fruit (pear) = spear = pike
6. Roman Numeral: my "holding" one = M one Y = money
9. Roman Numeral: One = I found in BuG's shell (B +G)
10. Homophone: Reported is a homophone indicator for "robbery". This leads us to "steal" which would sound like steel, a metal

Solution Puzzle #2



Down:

1. Dictate crude man dons disguise
5. Force left two donuts right on ground
6. Neon street is home?
9. Long story revealed sports winners accurately in seconds

Across:

2. Starters return early morning after grueling match
3. Pair regularly seen in town inn
4. Puppet will oddly hide backwards
7. Flower area previously sprang up
8. Cause improper dressing

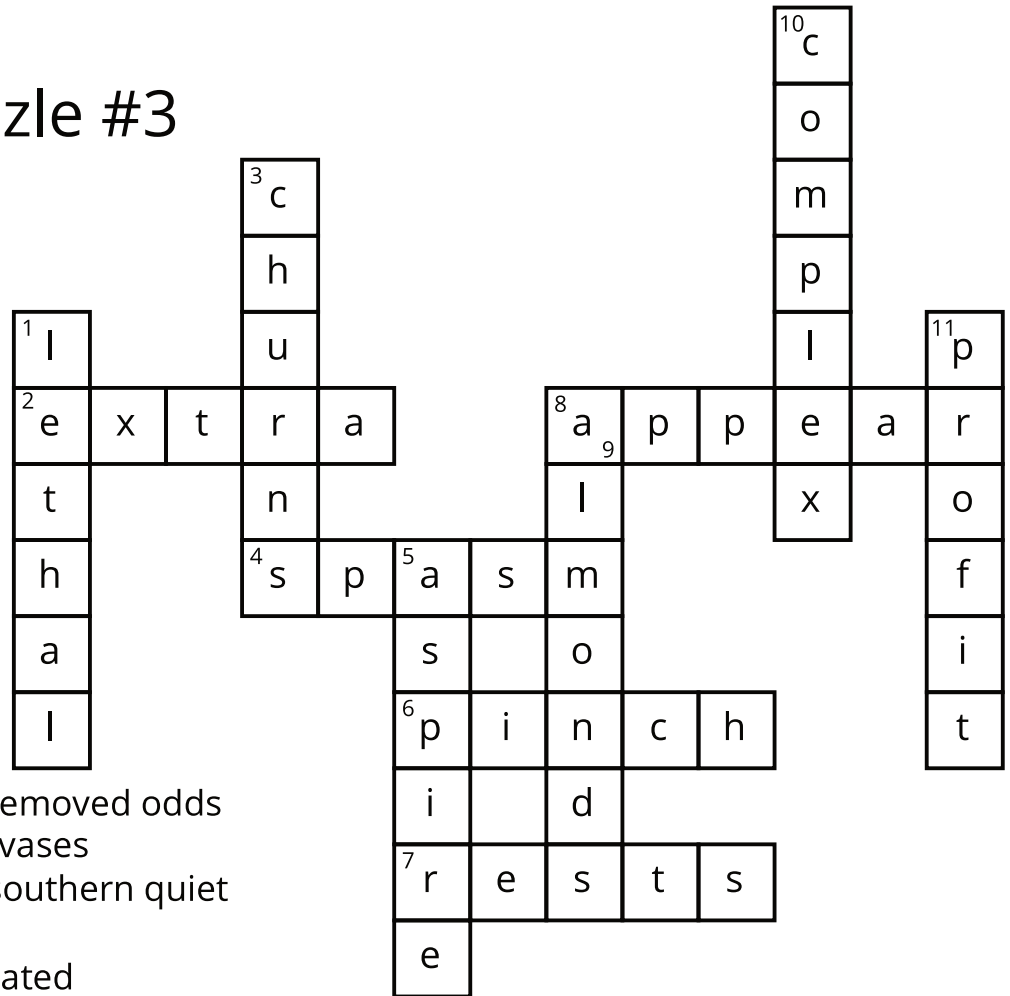
Down Explanation:

1. Hidden word
5. Ring/Donut etc: force (f) + left (l) + 2 donuts (oo) + right (r) = floor
6. Element: neon = NE + Street = ST
9. Second letters of words make: epic

Across Explanation:

2. First letters flipped
3. Alternate: regularly seen in = every other letter
4. Hidden and flipped
7. Substitute: flower (rose) + area (a) previously = arose
8. Anagram of cause = sauce

Solution Puzzle #3



Down:

1. Deadly lie at cheaply removed odds
3. Swirls in cold and hot vases
5. Timeless attire hides southern quiet ambition
9. Nuts old man's intoxicated
10. Complicated irrational fear
11. According to hearsay a proclaimer of the will of God made a financial gain

Across Explanation:

2. Hidden: complex TRAILer
4. Letter + anagram: Start of streamer (s) + anagram of spam
6. Substitute: p (quiet) + unit of measurement (inch)
7. Abv + alternate: "about = RE alternative = alternate = odd = SiTeSRE + STS = RESTS = Lies"
8. Insert + anagram: paper + a then anagram (shake) = appear = develop

Down Explanation:

1. Alternating: LiEaTcHeApLy = lethal
3. Abbreviation: cold (C) + hot (H) + vases (urns) = churns
5. Delete + abv: Timeless = without t then add in (hides) southern (S) and quiet (p)
9. Anagram: Anagram of OLDMANS = ALMONDS
10. Double definition
11. Homophone: "According to hearsay" is a homophone indicator for "a proclaimer of the will of God". This leads to "prophet" which would sound like profit, a financial gain

Across:

2. Minor actor found in complex trailer
4. Twitch streamer starts upheaving spam
6. Squeeze quiet unit of measurement
7. Lies about alternative sites
8. Paper with a shake to develop

Solution Puzzle #4



Across

- 3. Put on TV, back half of satire in modern times (5)
- 4. Twisted talk! Magic mini knots returned at last! (4)
- 5. Lawsuit's case contains shaken Coke and a pendant (6)
- 8. Troubled senator taking 5th conceals motive (6)
- 10. College bedroom is rearranged dirty room (9)

Down

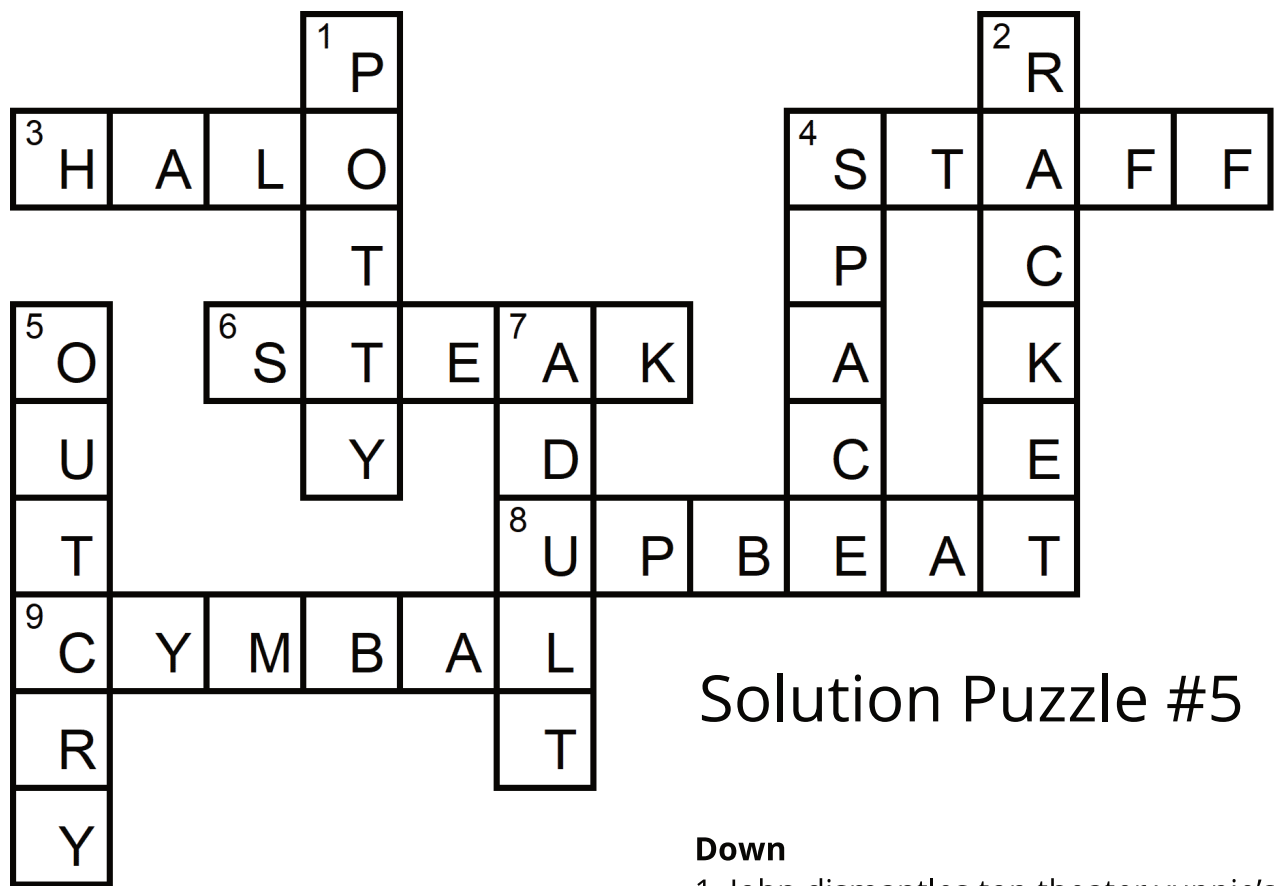
- 1. Board changing hands is a joke! (5)
- 2. In prime position, she hits fast theft (5)
- 6. Con artist becomes cold, then hot, and ends in emergency room (7)
- 7. In mirror, Reba flipped slip (5)
- 9. 100 binary files begin with your lack of leadership (4)

Across Explanation

- 3. Prime numbers: prime positions of 'sHE hltS fasT' = HEIST
- 4. Last + flip: last letters of talk magiC mini knotS returned = sick
- 5. Lawsuit's case = LT and that contains coke anagrammed = LOCKET which is a pendant
- 8. Delete + anagram: "troubled = anagram of senator but take away the 5th letter then you get reason or motive"
- 10. Dirty room anagrammed

Down Explanation

- 1. "Changing hands - L to R (or R to L) Board = PLANK, change hands = PRANK, a joke"
- 2. Prime Numbers: prime positions of 'sHE hltS fasT' = HEIST
- 6. Abbreviation: cold (c) + hot (heat) + ER = cheater
- 7. Hidden & flipped: "In = hidden word mir(ror Re)becca -> lifted = flipped error = slip"
- 9. Binary: files begin = f, your lack of leadership = our = four



Solution Puzzle #5

Across

3. First couple in hallway looks for ring (4)
4. Star's end falls off of very loud sceptre (5)
6. Uniquely take a seat, cut up food (5)
8. Positive university lead creator center (6)
9. Percussion instrument used to represent sound (6)

Across Explanation

3. Couples: first couple letters in HALLway and LOK = halo
4. sta + ff (very loud)
6. unique = unique letter of TAKE A SEAT = TAKES Then cut up = anagram = STEAK = FOOD
8. University (U) + lead (pb) + center of creator (eat)
9. Sound is a homophone indicator for something "used to represent". This is a symbol, which sounds like cymbal - a percussion instrument.

Down Explanation

1. Anagram + Abbreviation: dismantles top = pot + TY (theater yuppies heads)
2. Double Definition: (Unpleasant noise-causing & fraudulent scheme)
4. Anagram
5. Hidden word (fragment) of withOUT CRYstal
7. pointless = no NWESs(AD) (U)n(L)ess (T)en = ADULT = Mature

Down

1. John dismantles top theater yuppie's heads (5)
2. Unpleasant noise-causing fraudulent scheme (6)
4. Capes demolished outside of earth's atmosphere (5)
5. Uproar without crystal fragment (6)
7. Pointlessly sad unless ten? Mature! (5)