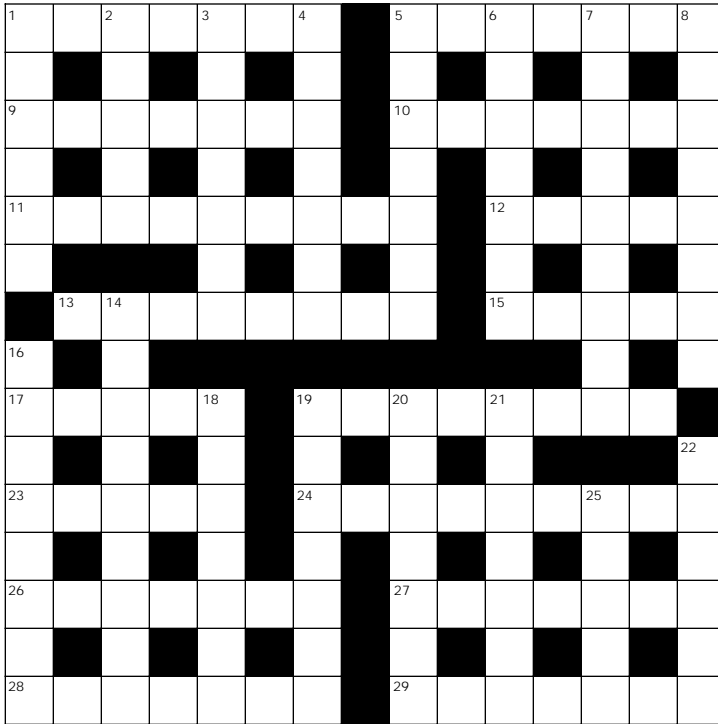


# Cryptic Crossword

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## DIRECTIONS

In a cryptic crossword, either the first or last part of the clue is a literal definition. The rest is fun and games. Watch for **anagrams**

(clues are *spoiled, mixed-up, etc.*), **reversals** (clues are *returned, going west, rising, etc.*), **containers and hidden words** (clues are *within, surrounding, held by, etc.*), **sound-alikes** (clues are *we hear, purportedly, etc.*), as well as **charades, deletions, abbreviations, puns, literary references, disguise of verbs and nouns as nouns as verbs, and combinations of any of these**. Examples: 1. What the witch makes Rapunzel do is scary (4,7) Ans.: **hair-raising**; a pun.

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## ACROSS

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26. Hidden mantra in edition taught (7)
27. Take what's fashionable from intuition for a fee (7)
28. Growled when hair got tangled. A RaPUNzel? (7)
29. Got legs dancing. Some pins! (7)

## DOWN

1. Hal is a fine fellow (6)
2. Demand containment for derelicts (5)
3. Better file now for separate identity (3,4)
4. Sit back and sue small networks (7)
5. Wonderful French veils for hats (7)
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