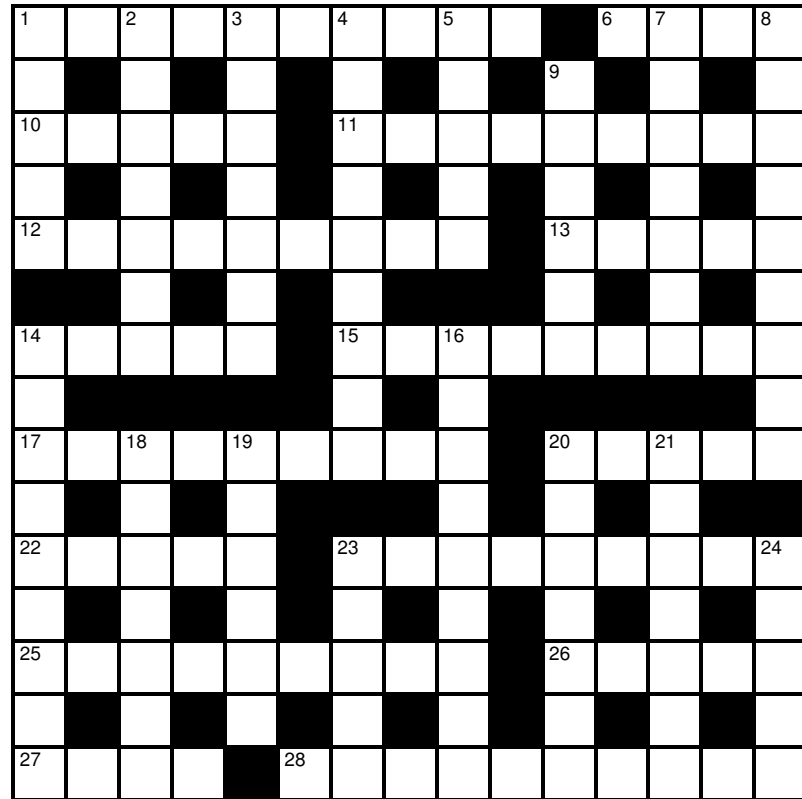


Sample Cryptic Crossword

Now that you know the rules, it's time to apply them. The wordplay is noted after each clue. I've tried to cover all the main types of wordplay and you'll see that some clues involve two types. Also, my puzzles usually have a theme and this one is no exception. The clues for 1-Across and 1-Down (and a few others) share a theme that's near and dear to me.

Across

- 1 Tout cancan dancing to number cruncher (10) [anagram]
- 6 Boom box (4) [double definition]
- 10 Arranges stocks - page with figures (5) [container]
- 11 Guy cast reels for fish (9) [charade/anagram]
- 12 One who recants nonsense - former president making a comeback (9) [reversal]
- 13 One sporting peculiar horn! (5) [insertion /anagram - & lit.]
- 14 Regressively tax a deal (5) [reversal]



- 15 Said former spouse ironed (9) [charade]
- 17 Estimated value is elevated according to auditor (9) [homophone]
- 20 Utter deviate (5) [double definition]
- 22 Ferment brewing as yet (5) [anagram]
- 23 Jogger takes a rest (9) [container]
- 25 Meet faceless one who suggests party (9) [deletion/charade]
- 26 Share man with a group of women (5) [hidden]
- 27 We hear result of number crunching is an indefinite amount (4) [homophone]
- 28 Consider past redesign of pert corset (10) [anagram]
- 4 An alluring woman with office worker hair (9) [charade]
- 5 Precinct cops retiring kinder (5) [hidden in reverse]
- 7 Building in front of young lady? (7) [double definition/pun]
- 8 Legal matter to think about person who answers (9) [charade]
- 9 Shade of jade green (6) [hidden]
- 14 Building city network parts like a method of logical breakdown (9) [reversed insertion]
- 16 Step counter to give out around cupola (9) [container]

Down

- 1 Number cruncher is a snake (5) [double definition]
- 2 Money invested in Speaker's government building (7) [homophone]
- 3 Snob raises an alluring woman (7) [charade]
- 20 In the beginning snakes with internal silencers had extremely strained hissing sounds (7) [hidden]
- 21 Approve of plastic red nose (7) [anagram]
- 23 First lady, um, upset a municipal officer (5) [reversal]
- 24 Send watch back (5) [reversal]