

EASTER CROSSWORD CHEAT SHEET

Many (not all) cryptic crossword clues are in two parts: (i) something to indicate the answer and (ii) the word play – references to the letters that make up the answer. Anagrams feature quite often and are indicated by words such as badger (as a verb), crazy, tragic, fishy, and so on.

Only *partial* guidance is given here – the answers will be in our next issue. The words that indicate the answer are in bold; if the actual letters that form the word play are shown, these are upper case.

Across

- 9 **A cross breed:** badger = anagram (count the letters that follow).
10 **Strider:** Bill = AC (account); gets in = surrounded by; through = PER.
11 **Bone:** about = C (circa); sicken = AIL; I = I; get back = read backwards.
12 **Anticipating:** it's over = EX; ECT is a medical procedure; the game is table tennis.
13 **One hears:** crazy = anagram; spirit – think drink.
14 **Takes in:** protection = BIB; half = SEMI (back = read backwards).
17 **A Catholic:** leader = first letter (of Anglican); B is an abbreviation (chess); back 'to' = OT.
20 **Character in Greek:** THEATre – 'short' means last letters are ignored; tragic = anagram.
21 **Passages:** report = homophone (of signs); around = wrap around; West Country Bylines = US.
22 **Swimmer:** fishy = anagram; sounds like = homophone (of fin).
24 **A cell:** travel = anagram.
26 **Found in sick bay:** hush = (keep) MUM; quiet = a musical notation; quarter = a compass sign.
28 **Cuts it:** another word for sheds (noun), without its first letter (topless)
29 **It is said:** an anagram (entanglement) of TED, INTO and AN.

Down

- 1 **A fizzy drink:** a perfect person is a saint.
2 **Eggy treat:** Mini (say = for example) is a CAR; by way of = VIA.
3 **Failings are implied:** once (in days of yore) 'you' = THE-E; get over = surround; 'a' and 'set' back = A TES; involving = fit in somehow; horse = GG (nursery language) goes at the end; hound = CUR goes after 'the'.
4 **This place:** one character from ancient Greece (straight), the other from the Greek alphabet (coming back = reversed).
5 **Taking on:** cast = anagram (of GIANT POD).
6 **One of these:** found in = embedded within the next few words.
7 **Badly written:** foul = anagram; B is often used as an abbreviation for book.
8 **Eggs:** scrambled = anagram (of GASP FOR and players); for players, think contract bridge.
13 **Tests:** wrong = anagram; graduate = MA; 'it' is often used for SEX.
15 **Protection:** audible (homophone) racket = BATT; for a 'mis-shot' think tennis; for players think chess.
18 Think saint and a breakfast dish.
19 **A strong emotion:** was once = EX; follow with a word for unmoved; reportedly = homophone (applied to both words).
23 Character from a Lewis Carrol work (aka Charles Dodgson); the answer to 19a is egg.
24 **Repeat:** part work = embedded within (part of) previous text.
25 **Pole (or position);** two meanings here, find a third.
27 **A mixer:** think drinks; about = read backwards.