



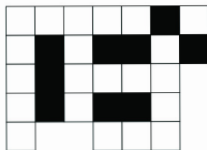
**Saint**

**? Oswald's ?**

**Christmas**

**? Puzzle & ?**

**? Quiz book**



**December 2020**

Welcome to this little book of  
Puzzles and Quizzes,  
with a separate Answer booklet, produced as  
a small Christmas present for you, hoping to  
lighten these dark days a bit.



We have tried to aim for a variety of both the  
kinds of puzzle and their difficulty - only you  
can be the judge of whether we succeeded!



We hope you enjoy them, and as we may  
produce another in the New Year, we would be  
pleased to hear from you which (if any!) of the  
items you enjoyed, or any other general  
comments you may have by emailing  
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Thank you and Happy Puzzling! Alison, Jim & Richard

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trouble printing please contact the above email and we will try to help.

## PROVERBS OR SAYINGS.

Example: BSTS = Better Safe than Sorry



- 1 ASITSN \_\_\_\_\_
2. TMCSTB \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 MIHRAL \_\_\_\_\_
4. BITTW \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 MHMLW \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 AWANPMJADB \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 FCFS \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 INRBIP \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 BCBC \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 FBC \_\_\_\_\_

## The Numbers Game



*For instance - 4 S by V = Seasons by Vivaldi*

1) 200 P for P G in M = \_\_\_\_\_

2) 5 G R = \_\_\_\_\_

3) 180 M S at D = \_\_\_\_\_

4) 93 M M to the S = \_\_\_\_\_

5) 76 T in the B P = \_\_\_\_\_

6) 13 L in a B D = \_\_\_\_\_

7) 7 S on a F P P = \_\_\_\_\_

8) 2 H are B T O = \_\_\_\_\_

9) 64 S on a C B = \_\_\_\_\_

10) 7 B for S B = \_\_\_\_\_

11) 2468 WDWA = \_\_\_\_\_

12) 168 H in a W = \_\_\_\_\_

13) 12 M of a J = \_\_\_\_\_

14) 15 M on a D M C = \_\_\_\_\_

15) 1215 S of the M C = \_\_\_\_\_

## Logic Puzzles

A few little logic puzzles to get your brain ticking over! They can all be solved by simple logic and it is not necessary to use trial and error.

### Diagonal Sudoku Puzzles

In the grid below, each row, column, individual 3x2 box and the two main diagonals (printed slightly darker) should contain one each of the numbers 1 to 6. The puzzle, just like an ordinary Sudoku, is to work out, using the number clues given, where the rest fit in!

**Puzzle 1**

5				1	2
		3			
					4
		6			

**Puzzle 2**

				6	1
					3
				2	
5	4				

### Block Puzzles

Each grid below is filled with sixteen 4x1 blocks fitted together to form a square. The four cells of each block should contain, randomly, one each of the numbers 1 to 4. No two similar numbers can touch horizontally or vertically anywhere the grid and each row and column must have just two of each of the numbers. Some numbers are given to get you started and all you have to do is fill in the rest.

**Puzzle 1**

		3				3	
					3		
				3			
							2
						2	
	4				4		
4					3		4
		1	2				3

**Puzzle 2**

						3	
	1	3			3		
1		1		3			
			2				4
						4	
					3		
1							
							4

## **WORD SEARCH No.1 - CHRISTMAS**

There are 17 words to find in this grid. The unused letters will give a seasonal greeting.



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



ANGELS

BABY

CENSUS

DONKEY

FIELDS

GIFTS

GOLD

JESUS

JOSEPH

JOURNEY

KINGS

LAMBS

MANGER

MARY

SHEEP

STABLE

STAR



## HIGH FLIERS

The answers to the clues are all birds, and the figure after the clue is the number of letters in the answer

Example: Cross the road here (7) = Pelican



1. Spare time occupation (5) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Royal angler (10) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Out of breath (6) \_\_\_\_\_
4. That was quick (5) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Beach musician (9) \_\_\_\_\_
6. Happy dogs do this (7) \_\_\_\_\_
7. An architect (4) \_\_\_\_\_
8. Swindler (4) \_\_\_\_\_
9. Weight lifter (5) \_\_\_\_\_
10. Colourful striker (12) \_\_\_\_\_

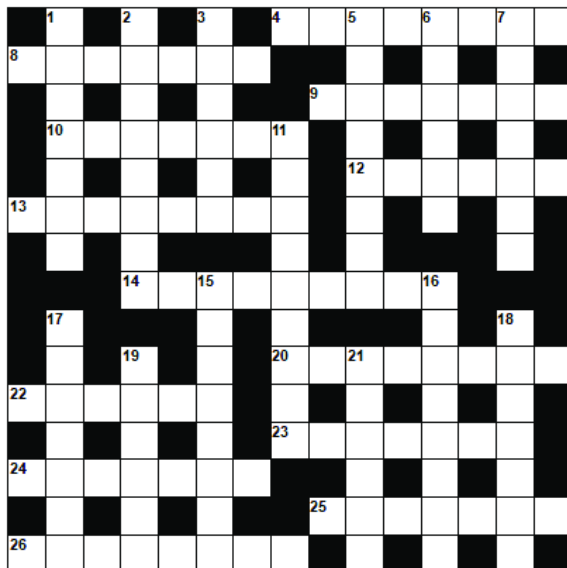
## A BLOOMING GOOD IDEA ?

The answers to the clues are all plants or flowers, and the figure after the clue is the number of letters in the answer

Example: Container for fat (9) = Buttercup



1. Sad Ringer (8) \_\_\_\_\_
2. In a stern way (5) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Keeps a vixen warm (8) \_\_\_\_\_
4. For sounding Last Post? (5) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Pensioner's goatee (3, 4, 5) \_\_\_\_\_
6. Climbing girl (3) \_\_\_\_\_
7. Smartly dressed big cat (9) \_\_\_\_\_
8. Violent, lacking a compass point (6) \_\_\_\_\_
9. Female footwear (5, 7) \_\_\_\_\_
10. Confused one name (7) \_\_\_\_\_



## CRYPTIC CROSSWORD No 1

- 24 Small chocolate cake for a small girl guide (7)
- 25 Gasp at the lady holding a big cat (7)
- 26 Find rare change at the end of the spectrum (5-3)

### Down

- 1 Big rush with no return for an operator (7)
- 2 A breakdown in a protocol lapse period (8)

### Across

- 4 Date more in a way that is not excessive (8)
- 8 Unproven tales created by spirit belonging to us (7)
- 9 Playing a ukulele, mentally displays a fundamental part (7)
- 10 Chivalrous showing effrontery to a worker (7)
- 12 Exercise control in a misunderstanding over nothing! (6)
- 13 Condense a soft dressing (8)
- 14 Under a spell? Then dance around! (9)
- 20 Pleasing adjustment to passing of time (8)
- 22 Reverse support? (6)
- 23 A part of what the doctor mentioned includes suffering (7)

- 3 Agrees to change lubrication (6)
- 5 I tingled all over but was careful (8)
- 6 Eradicate and change dwelling again (6)
- 7 Turn mat around displaying a fit of temper (7)
- 11 Review statement to make a will (9)
- 15 Axe the seaside attraction when it's rougher (8)
- 16 Stressed about the puddings? (8)
- 17 Over arching show of regret (7)
- 18 A throne can be replaced for a different one (7)
- 19 Cooking pin to distort a queen (6)
- 21 Overseas sailor on the highway (6)

## The Family Papers No.2

A light hearted puzzle to do while the Christmas pudding goes down.

In 1985 some old family manuscripts came to light, and, would you believe it, a closer look revealed the hidden names of 28 of the States of America. (Didn't they have anything better to do in those days?)

The names may cross sentences, even paragraphs, and ignore all punctuation marks (rather like I do now!). They may be written forwards or backwards.

**Example:-** Four flowers are hidden in this short example:

*"I remember Ascot on Easter Sunday, the ladies all adorned, logically, in their outrageous hats, some quite comical.*

*I'll never forget it - the memories always well up inside my mind."*

This gives Cotoneaster, Golden Rod, Lilac and Lupin.

Now see if you can find them all. The lines are numbered for ease of reference. GOOD LUCK! !

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- 1 School days! I can remember them as if it were only yesterday.
- 2 The teachers were a mixed bunch; Miss Strictly was very stern
- 3 and her appearance made our pulses quicken. "Tuck your shirt
- 4 in, Ronald!" "Mary, pick your hat up!" "And somebody please find
- 5 Ian a hanky." "Put that back, Roy!" "We never do that, do we
- 6 Peter!" etc.
- 7 Mr. Evans never speaks a language other than "hippy" and
- 8 sometimes he's quite comic. "Hi gang!" he would laugh as he
- 9 breezed in. His shirt was florid as a rule and his trousers were
- 10 often the most monstrous colours. He never seemed to have any
- 11 worry about protocol or a doubt about his style of dress. "I am a
- 12 balanced sort of chap!" he would say, although I used to doubt it
- 13 sometimes!
- 14 The school outing was the event of the year. Games, races and
- 15 then tea. Usually we started with hide and seek, scattering in all
- 16 directions - north, west, east and south. Carol, in a hurry, fell in a
- 17 gorse bush, Emma inexplicably got lost, and Rosemary landed
- 18 herself in trouble when she slipped and fell in a cow pat! (Her
- 19 mum won't be best pleased to do her washing tonight!.)
- 20 Louis, Ian and Flo all entered the races, Flo darting as fast as


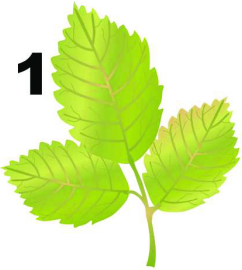



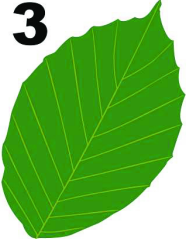

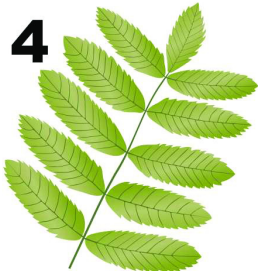
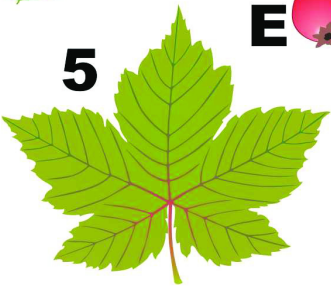







21 a snake. In fact the whole trio was very fast, but Flo had it in the  
22 bag! Even Eva danced with joy!  
23 Afterwards the food. We had sandwiches, crisps, slices of  
24 breakfast sausage or giant pieces of meat pie. Then apricots and  
25 cream. "This cream is sour, I think", shouted David. "Look, Miss  
26 is sipping it! Will we all be ill?" We thought the food would last  
27 for ever, but there was more gone than we originally thought.  
28 Would we like some more? It was all we could do to shout no!  
29 Mr. Evans, all too soon, announced that it was time to go home  
30 and we started to tidy up. Miss Strictly was in her element!  
31 "Remember the countryside law. A really tidy person leaves no  
32 rubbish" she insisted. "Clear it all up!" She would shout,  
33 exasperation beginning to show. She was awful, but I suppose  
34 she was right.  
35 Mr. Freemont, an ancient coach driver (the coach was ancient,  
36 not the driver!) came to pick us up to catch the train with which we  
37 were to connect.  
38 I cut my finger on one of the hampers but it didn't seem to matter.  
39 Perhaps for the next outing we'll go to the zoo. I hope we do. I  
40 know it won't be 'til after the winter, but come the thaw I intend to  
41 ask anyway.

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For those who would like a little help, the names of **all** of the States of  
America are listed below. If you don't want to use it, just ignore it or  
cover it over with something.....

ALABAMA; ALASKA; ARIZONA; ARKANSAS;  
CALIFORNIA; COLORADO; CONNECTICUT; DELAWARE;  
FLORIDA; GEORGIA; HAWAII; IDAHO; ILLINOIS;  
INDIANA; IOWA; KANSAS; KENTUCKY; LOUISIANA;  
MAINE; MARYLAND; MASSACHUSETTS; MICHIGAN;  
MINNESOTA; MISSISSIPPI; MISSOURI; MONTANA;  
NEBRASKA; NEVADA; NEW HAMPSHIRE; NEW JERSEY;  
NEW MEXICO; NEW YORK; NORTH CAROLINA;  
NORTH DAKOTA; OHIO; OKLAHOMA; OREGON;  
PENNSYLVANIA; RHODE ISLAND; SOUTH CAROLINA;  
SOUTH DAKOTA; TENNESSEE; TEXAS;  
UTAH; VERMONT; VIRGINIA; WASHINGTON;  
WEST VIRGINIA; WISCONSIN; WYOMING

## Tree Leaves and Fruits

Can you name these hand drawn leaves, and match their fruits?  
There is one leaf without a fruit, and one fruit without a leaf!

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| <b>A</b><br>    | <b>1</b><br>   | <b>B</b><br>   | 1 _____ |
| <b>C</b><br>   | <b>2</b><br>   |                                                                                                 | 2 _____ |
| <b>3</b><br>   | <b>D</b><br>   | <b>4</b><br>   | 3 _____ |
| <b>5</b><br>  | <b>E</b><br>   |                                                                                                 | 4 _____ |
| <b>6</b><br>  | <b>F</b><br> |                                                                                                 | 5 _____ |
| <b>G</b><br> | <b>7</b><br> | <b>8</b><br> | 6 _____ |
|                                                                                                 | <b>H</b><br> |                                                                                                 | 7 _____ |
|                                                                                                 |                                                                                                 |                                                                                                 | 8 _____ |
|                                                                                                 |                                                                                                 |                                                                                                 | _____   |

## DINGBATS – (1)

– can you work out the hidden phrases or sayings?

*Example: ENTURY = Long time, no see*

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| DDDDWESTDDDD |
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2. 

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|------------|
| JUST144ICE |
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3. 

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| STA4NCE |
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4. 

|                 |
|-----------------|
| 1 3 5 7 9 11 13 |
| Favourite       |

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5. 

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| Aid ← |
| Aid   |
| Aid   |

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6. 

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| Minastitchute |
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| R   e   a   d   i   n   g |
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| Ecna!g |
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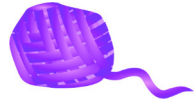
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| LGIRL |
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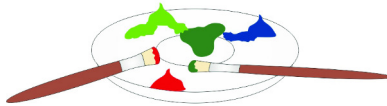
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## WORD SEARCH No.2 - CRAFTS

There are 24 words to find in this grid. The unused letters will spell out 2 more crafts.



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



APPLIQUE  
CERAMICS  
COLLAGE  
CROCHET  
DIES  
ENAMEL  
INKS  
KNITTING

LACE  
MACRAME  
MURALS  
OILS  
ORIGAMI  
PAINTING  
POTTERY  
QUILLING

SCULPTURE  
SEWING  
SILK  
SKETCHING  
SPINNING  
STENCIL  
TAPESTRY  
WEAVING

## NURSERY RHYMES, INITIALLY (1)



Example: CLCL(WTBM) = Curly Locks Curly Locks (wilt thou be mine)

1. BBBS(HYAW) \_\_\_\_\_
2. DDB(PITW) \_\_\_\_\_
3. TLPWTM \_\_\_\_\_
4. GGG(WSIW) \_\_\_\_\_
5. HDD(TCATF) \_\_\_\_\_
6. PPTKO \_\_\_\_\_
7. JSCENF(HWCENL) \_\_\_\_\_
8. LBP(HLHS) \_\_\_\_\_
9. LJH(SIAC) \_\_\_\_\_
10. PACPACBM \_\_\_\_\_

## **Connections**

In each of the items below the question is the same – “What connects the following and why?”

As an example, the question might be “ .... a metal, an armless Aphrodite, a sweet bar, a God of the sea and a Disney cartoon character.”

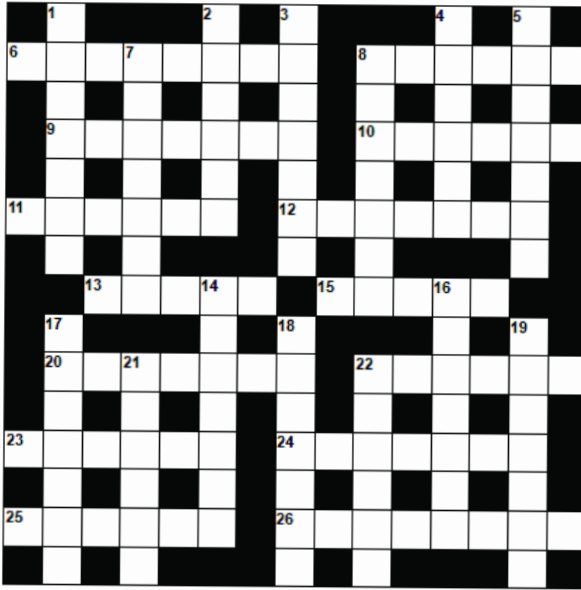
You might guess one or two, say Venus and Neptune, realise they might all be planets and thus work out the others.

The full answer would be “Mercury, Venus, Mars, Neptune and Pluto – all are Planets.” (NB Pluto is now called a dwarf planet.)

Some of the connections may be a bit less obvious than that but they should all be quite clear. Good luck, and enjoy .....

1. Hoarse, a pugilist, Hans Christian Anderson, one who indicates with a finger and one from an area of Croatia.
2. One who rows, a cricketer, meat cooked in pastry, a flue and a town in the Midlands.
3. Long, on your hand, a war-time harbour, a wood tool, and a Hardy partner.
4. A regular rectangle, a never ending ring, a cricket ground, the US defence HQ and a percussion instrument.
5. Single handed, a way over, a fireside tool, a floating platform, reduced teams for rugby, a town famous for horses and one who met his Waterloo.
6. A schoolboy with authority, a northern Italian town, well liked, a gentle breeze, a fast pirate ship and to go with someone.
7. Looks like a low male singer, place for a bird to rest, to struggle helplessly, reduce to charcoal, move on hard water and complain constantly.
8. Grope searchingly, exclusive control, an apology, spoken rubbish, a gamble, a local river, unwelcome air currents and the Moor of Venice.
9. Unlawful killing, territory controlled by a parent country, a set of cards, a place of learning, section of the military services and our governing body.
10. Climb up, drinking counter, tar, dwelling, walking stick, shake in fear and everything else.

## **CRYPTIC CROSSWORD No 2**



- 24 Gift for a strange serpent (7)
- 25 Time of year to add flavouring (6)
- 26 Discharge of a short Eastern assignment (8)

### **Down**

- 1 Article about a musical performance (7)
- 2 Pasture seen in a way to welcome a downpour (6)

### **Across**

- |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 Move around, as it were, to become the most tired (8)</li> <li>8 Mad hatter issues a declaration of malice (6)</li> <li>9 Intruder raved about joining in (7)</li> <li>10 Smiles about a note and powders (6)</li> <li>11 Hand cart to prohibit argument (6)</li> <li>12 Correspondence with those who rent perhaps (7)</li> <li>13 Raced around a tree (5)</li> <li>15 It can create a playful caper (5)</li> <li>20 Her majesty joins after the beginning for the first course (7)</li> <li>22 Young domestic animal, perhaps. Highly strung? (6)</li> <li>23 Things change in the hours of darkness! (6)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 Rattles around to cause sudden alarm (7)</li> <li>4 Voyage I curse about (6)</li> <li>5 Most difficult dart she threw (7)</li> <li>7 Back up in the best motor ever seen (7)</li> <li>8 Get thin somehow but increase tension (7)</li> <li>14 Train as new craftsman (7)</li> <li>16 Simpers in a way that can affect very favourably (7)</li> <li>17 Strove towards coming out of despair (7)</li> <li>18 Could just be a small journey, or one of three? (7)</li> <li>19 Does try, somehow, to break down (7)</li> <li>21 Shocked with surprise during the witnessing of a flag hastily raised (6)</li> <li>22 Epic to change something having rhyme (6)</li> </ul> |
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### WORD SEARCH No.3 - CHRISTMAS (2)

There are 40 words to find in this grid. The unused letters will spell the name of a Christmas Carol.



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



BAUBLES

BEARD

CAKE

CANDLE

CARD

CAROLS

CHIMNEY

CRACKER

CRANBERRY

DINNER

EVE

FAIR

FESTIVE

GARLAND

HOLIDAY

HOLLY

ISLAND

IVY

LETTERS

LIGHTS

LISTS

MUMMERS

PRESENTS

PUDDING

QUEEN

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SNOWMAN

STAR

STOCKINGS

SWEETS

TINSEL

TREE

TURKEY

WHITE

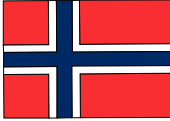
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**FLAGS OF THE WORLD**  
**Which Country do they represent?**



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1. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_

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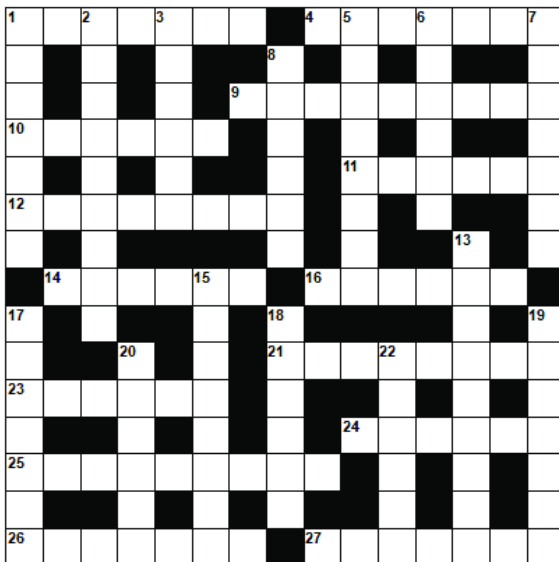
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5. \_\_\_\_\_

10. \_\_\_\_\_



## **CRYPTIC CROSSWORD No 3**

26 Medicine produced by stirring battles (7)

27 Angered in a strange way too! (7)

### **Down**

1 Lack of noise since containing the French (7)

2 Indirectly imply changes to annuities (9)

3 Patrol around the entrance (6)

### **Across**

1 Footwear that can make ripples! (7)

4 Rebuke concerning persuasive evidence perhaps? (7)

9 Sing and dance about moving up (9)

10 Sexist movement lives! (6)

11 Continental entertainment displays natural ability (6)

12 Lectures about being the most hurtful (8)

14 Trains can create stress (6)

16 Slept noisily while drones flew around (6)

21 Sailors piece of writing is purely theoretical (8)

23 Out of the way display by many more motels (6)

24 Sewer to cause annoyance? (6)

25 Humbled when the church first moved faster (9)

5 The Spanish notice movement in a public vote (8)

6 Red lid creates a confusing conundrum (6)

7 Move freight for a boxer (7)

8 Statue is sculpted showing shrewdness (6)

13 Maddening, unreasonably requiring much attention (9)

15 Return on investment produces curiosity (8)

17 Pair move to a small bed for fruit (7)

18 Classical movement that includes everyone in a wager (6)

19 Deepest sort that is saturated (7)

20 Small amount displayed in a museum or selective display (6)

22 Not remorseful when displaying a wobble (6)