

Artistic Expression

Rubenesque means full-figured or voluptuous (of a woman's figure) named after the Flemish artist Rubens who often painted such women. Marilyn Monroe would have qualified, but nowadays would be considered overweight.

Titian is sometimes used to describe a shade of red hair, named after the Italian artist Titian who often used this colour in his art.

Baroque means a flamboyant, highly ornamented style of art. The name may have come from the Italian painter Federigo Barocci. The style is characterised by grandeur and pomposity.

Rococo also means extremely ornamental, and comes from *rocaille* 'shellwork' from the excessive use of shell designs in the architecture of French royalty in 1841.

Daffy Definitions

Santa's helpers: subordinate clauses.

Acupuncture: a jab well done.

A chicken crossing the road: poultry in motion.

Humble Beginnings

Can you match up the early careers of these famous Americans?

Brad Pitt

Danny DeVito

Jerry Seinfeld

Madonna

Lucy Liu

- Worked as a hairdresser in sister's salon
- Worked in pyjama factory at the age of 11
- Worked at counter of Dunkin' Donuts
- Handed out flyers while dressed in a chicken suit
- Sold lightbulbs over the phone



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Meet The Compiling Team

I am lucky to have a great team that helps me put together the hundreds of crosswords we produce every week here at Lovatts. We are all word lovers who have a healthy respect for our weird and wonderful English language.

IRENE - I've been with Lovatts for over 13 years. Language and research fascinate me so I'm lucky both are a big part of my job. I'm a golfer, theatre-goer, gardener, novice bridge player and chocolate Labrador owner.



Back row (from left): Pamela, Joan, Irene, Jayne, (Seated) Beth, Denise and Lynne.

I love travel, renewing ties with family in Scotland and spending precious time with our daughter, Tanya in London.

LYNNE - I've loved every minute of my 10½ years with Lovatts! I'm married to Steven. We have two lovely daughters, Erin & Nicole, and two beautiful grandchildren, Levi & Ebony. I am also a pet lover with a dog, cat, budgies & cockatiels. If that's not enough, Nicole plus two dogs have moved back in – luckily she left her three horses at agistment!

BETH - After teaching languages and English in high schools for many years, I joined Lovatts in 2003. I feel very lucky that what I've always loved doing as a leisure activity is now my job. My husband shakes his head when he finds me happily puzzling for pleasure at the weekend. I have five gorgeous grandchildren, including one-year old twins Kobie and Malena, and love living within minutes of the lake and beach.

PAMELA - I've been compiling crosswords for years, even before joining the Lovatts team. I am also a writer and translator, and have a background in linguistics and languages, especially Japanese. I'm married to Allan and we share a love of books, music and travel.

JOAN - I've enjoyed doing crosswords since I was a kid, so working in compiling for the last seven years is my dream job. In my spare time I'm a proud member of Lions and for relaxation I like reading historical fiction & sci-fi.

DENISE - I enjoy crime novels, the theatre, ballet and walking on the beach. I also play the piano and do puzzles and crosswords in my leisure time. My other hobbies are collecting recipes and stamps and I'm involved with the Rural Fire Service.

JAYNE - I love being able to pursue my interest in trivia, language and puzzles at work. Outside of work I play tennis and enjoy bushwalking with my husband, David, children, Jordan & Nathan and our mini dachshund, Brutus. I also like relaxing with a good book.

TANYA (pictured right) - A busy mum of Gavin, Haydn, Olivia, Tristan - and presently on maternity leave after having a new baby girl, Jorja Rose!

