

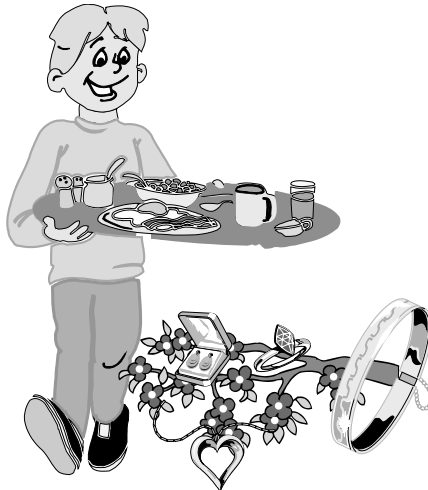
Christine's Cryptic

Remember that things are not what they seem, in cryptic clues. 'First prize' might not be gold, but instead the letter P, first letter of Prize. A 'supporter' is not necessarily a sports fan – it could be a leg, a prop, or even a support garment. Think laterally and have fun!

Across

1. Prime suspect cried at higher level of volume but was carried away (5,2)
5. Bombast supporter versus commotion (7)
9. It makes you feel safe and warm - that's reassuring (8,7)
10. At heart, he's Muslim - a mosque official (4)
11. Add ingredients and socialise (3,2)
12. List of computer options includes some numbers (4)
15. Most similar to eastern movement (7)
16. Hamburger, for instance - chewy centre is relevant (7)
17. Thrill to see that father is son (7)
19. "It's related to vibrations of the crust," sighs Mick (7)
21. Even alliance has a telephone connection (4)
22. Frown upon nucleus? Admit it! (3,2)
23. Italian beverage used to make plastics (4)
26. Second in command managed jewel branch. A boy, last minute, made breakfast spread (6,9)
27. Accepts as token of new position (5,2)
28. Side dish in crusaders' sultan foe (7)

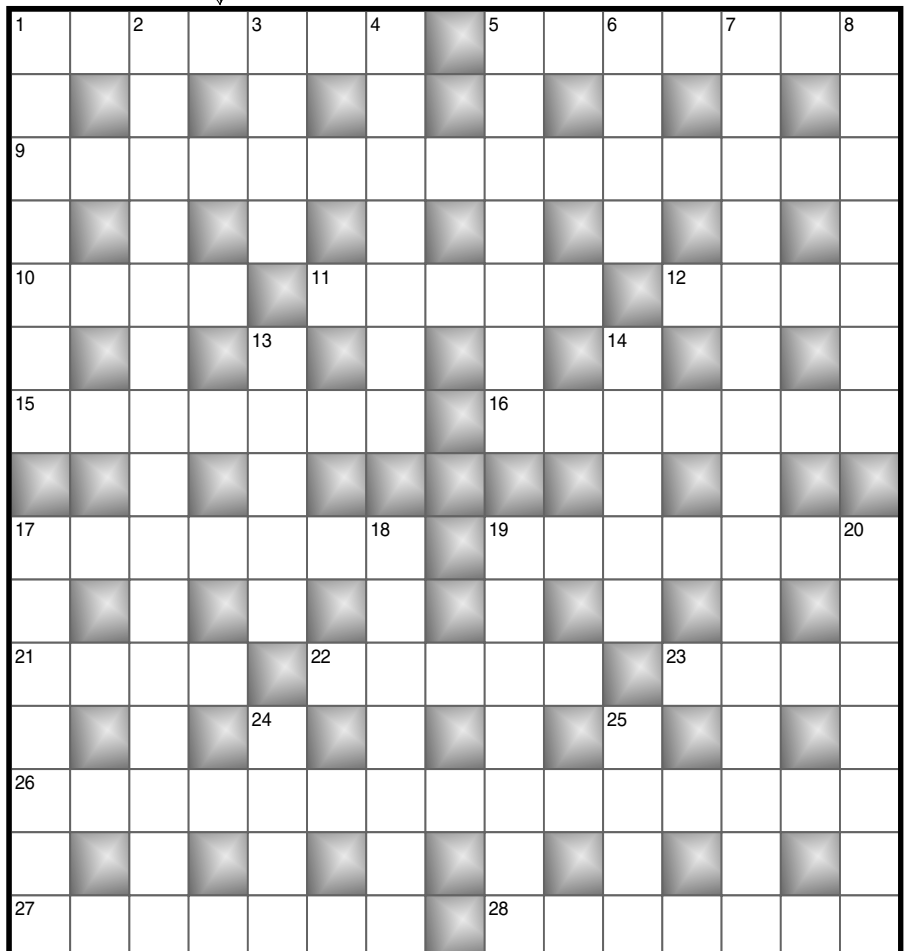
6. A drain can be seen pronto! (1,1,1,1)
7. Very eager to use tradesman. Ask around (2,4,2,7)



8. Start old boys talking? Impolite to be pushy (7)
13. Put an end to final message, just in case (5)
14. See middle of Australia in coach (5)
17. Side effects discussed for lout (7)
18. Reporter leaves new swordsman speechless (7)
19. Uncool figures with equal sides (7)
20. Santiago native has some T'ai Chi leanings (7)
24. Time it takes for hostages to shake off crowd (4)
25. Bitterness caused by calling France ancient (4)

Down

1. Sitting is mostly an obsession (7)
2. Shout exam score with this! (11,4)
3. Finally let you tear off to the races (4)
4. Cash uprising was the makings of nationalist (7)
5. Curtsying to Hope and Crosby (7)



For help with Christine's clues see next page

CRACKING Christine's Code

Tips to solving Christine's Cryptic on previous page

ACROSS

1. Prime suspect = S (prime letter of Suspect) cried = WEPT, at higher level of volume = UP = SWEPT UP, meaning carried away
5. Supporter v commotion or BRA V ADO
9. Two ways of looking at SECURITY BLANKET
10. Answer is hidden in MusLIM A MosQue
11. Two meanings of MIX IN
12. Answer included in soME NUmbers
15. Eastern is anagram of NEAREST
16. Hamburger in this case is GERMAN, chEwy centre = E
17. FR (father) IS SON = FRISSON
19. Phonetic clue – 'sighs Mick' sounds like SEISMIC
21. Even letters of aLIlaNcE = LINE
22. Nucleus of frOWN UPon
23. Answer used in plASTics
26. Second in cOMMand = O, managed = RAN, jewel = GEM, branch = ARM, a boy = A LAD, last minutE = E

27. Anagram of 'as token' = TAKES ON
28. Side dish in = SALAD IN

DOWN

1. Most of the word obsession = SESSION
2. Shout = EXCLAMATION, exam score = MARK
3. 'Finally' tells you to look at final letters of leT yoU teaR ofF
4. Cash uprising = PAT RIOT
5. Hope/Crosby = BOB BING
6. Another word for drain is SAP, so ASAP
7. Anagram of 'use tradesman ask' = AS KEEN AS MUSTARD
8. Start (i.e. starting letters) of Old Boys Talking + RUDE (impolite) = OBTRUDE
13. Final message = E, put into 'case' = CEASE
14. Middle of AusTRAlia + IN
17. Say 'for lout' – sounds like FALLOUT
18. 'New swordsman' speechless i.e. without 'words' = NEW SMAN
19. Two meanings of SQUARES
20. Some T'ai CHI LEANings
24. Hostages shake off HOST (crowd) = AGES
25. Ancient France = Gaul, sounds like GALL



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