

# CROSSWORD SAMPLE

## CHRISTINE'S CRYPTIC

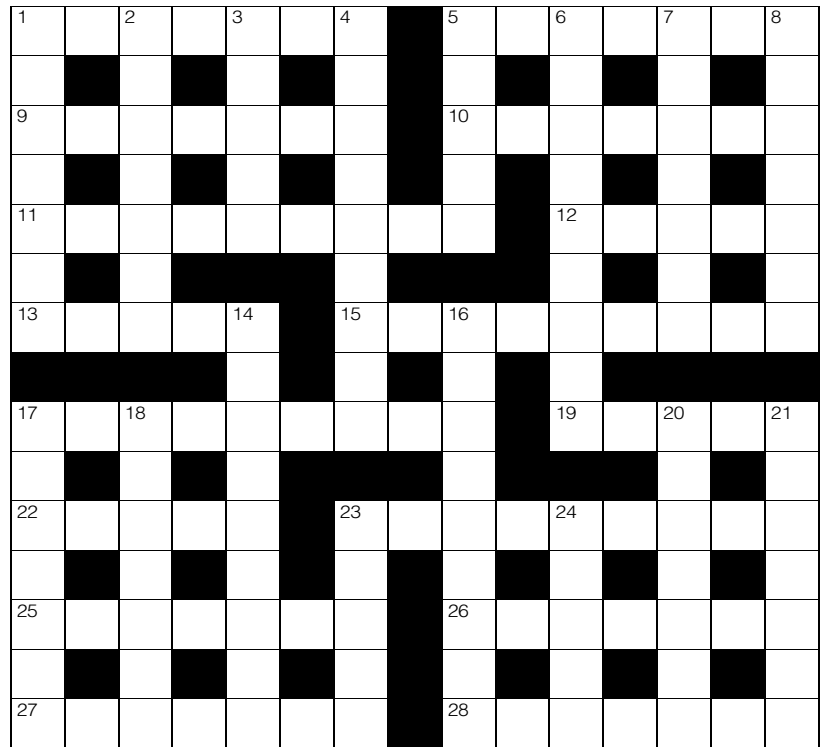
*Pete's being a nuisance, Raj is being warned, and Ned's being cheap. Cathy's entering a race and an agent's making pastry. There's a duck dance going on, horses are dissenting and rats are involved. What next? Solve these clues and put them all out of their misery!*

### Across

- One who sculls a ransom brew (7)
- Show me duck dance in unspecified way (7)
- Some see Hadyn as tyrannical family (7)
- Abstinence means going without. Can it cause deficiency? (7)
- Hate to be anti-Mao - it's controversial (9)
- Drew to a close half, undefended (5)
- Plied UNESCO Centre with heaps of grains (5)
- Conjured up image of face in the end (9)
- Deep rest called for when running low on spirits (9)
- Cathy became a regatta entrant (5)
- It's not appropriate to come back inside but don't panic! (5)
- Erroneous to warn Raj of mythical conflict (6,3)
- Check material when staging *Hamlet* indoors (7)
- Degree of insertion in alert Canadian province (7)
- Distribute paper at safety barrier (7)
- Men tossed around wild seas, all together (2,5)

### Down

- Veteran fooled cheap Ned with every other figure (3,4)
- Find and capture the weak (3-4)
- "Mass," I said in African language (5)
- Horses sound like dissenters (9)
- Save tea inside for staff (5)
- Top agent becomes skilled at pastry, reportedly (6,3)
- Guilty about having to suspend man's best friend (7)
- Exerted influence on sound, like the wheel did (7)
- Confectionery store exchanges chewy centre for a hardline workplace (9)
- Avoid Pete tampering with recording (5,4)
- Modernising the fastening (5,2)
- Strategist is plainer when I leave for the north (7)
- Why leave cow yards for chickens? (7)
- Before the mid-break, two rats taken up to be served with fish (7)
- Influence casual worker to start (5)
- Rural bumpkin used set of snaps (5)



## CRACKING CHRISTINE'S CODE

**ACROSS**

- Brew is anagram trigger - scramble a ransom, show me Duck = O, scramble this with 'some' of the letters of HADYN AS Tyrannical
- Another word for can is TIN.
- 'ABS-TIN-ENCE' without tin is ABSENCE
- Anagram of 'be anti-Mao' Half of UNDEFENDED
- Anagram of 'plied UNESCO' 13. Centre of 'plied UNESCO'
- 'Face' = VISAGE, seen in 'end'
- = EN-VISAGE-D
- Called for implies phonetic clue. Say 'deep rest'
- Anagram of 'Cathy'
- Read backwards, inside don't PANIC
- Anagram of 'to warn Raj'
- Answer hidden inside STAGING HAMLET
- BA (degree) inserted into 'alert' = AL-B-ERT-A
- Anagram of 'paper at'
- Anagram of 'men' and 'seas'

**DOWN**

- Every other letter in FOLED
- Answer hidden in rural BUMPKIN
- Phonetic clue - say 'mass' aloud
- Horses say what sounds like 'hay': they are NAYSAYERS
- T (tea) inside 'save' = STAVE (musical meaning of staff)
- MASTER SPY sounds like 'masters pie'
- Suspend (HANG) man's best friend (DOG)
- It sounds like 'wheel did'
- Confectionery store = sweet shop, exchange E (chewy centre) for A, so SWEATSHOP
- Anagram of 'avoid Pete'
- Two meanings of DOING UP
- I leave (ie. the letter I is taken out of) plainer to be replaced with N (NORTH) making PLANNER
- Why (Y) leave COW YARDS for chickens - COWARDS
- Two rats taken up = TAR TAR before E (mid-break)
- Casual worker = TEMP, the first letter of 'to' = T
- Answer hidden in rural BUMPKIN

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