

### CRYPTIC CLUES

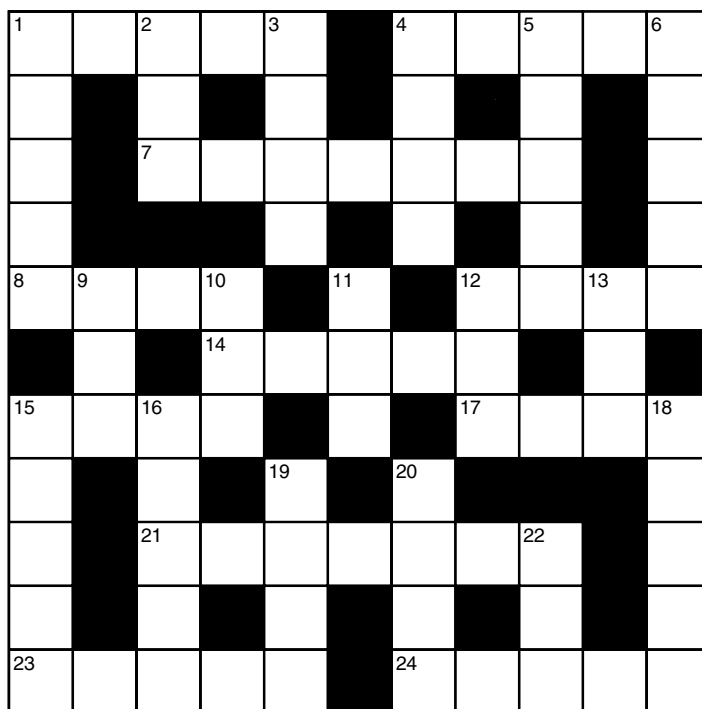
#### Across

1. Be ill, confused by slanderous statements (5)
4. Plunders and fires (5)
7. What you might vanish into on Everest's summit? (4,3)
8. Cargo not included: dog collar, toy (4)
12. One who deals out fortunes (4)
14. Small composition took ages to become a musical drama (5)
15. Show regard for opinion (4)
17. Quietly raises young pets (4)
21. Irate in a way due to immobility (7)
23. Will sitting them lead to increased standing? (5)
24. Keep an eye on the timekeeper (5)

#### Down

1. Shining example of being clear-headed (5)
2. It hangs around during the day (3)
3. Set out the French part of the psyche (4)
4. Power to persuade (4)
5. Swear an oath (5)

Tackle either set of clues in these puzzles — you can even mix and match them, because the solutions are the same for both sets.



6. Use brush and comb (5)
9. Sash worn by some members of the nobility (3)
10. Not happy about being in short supply (3)
11. Wife endorsed partial payment for services (3)
12. Run down a fool (3)
13. Taken in by the special powers of clairvoyance (1,1,1)

15. Five get malarial fever and faint (5)
16. Heather uses a rice mix (5)
18. Tennis shot used to shattering effect? (5)
19. With me on board there's bound to be chaos (4)
20. Fix a casserole (4)
22. Creation of beautiful things comes from the heart in the end (3)

### STRAIGHT CLUES

#### Across

1. Defamation (5)
4. Dismisses (5)
7. From nowhere, out of ... (4,3)
8. Ventriloquist's puppet (4)
12. Crystal-ball gazer (4)
14. *Phantom Of The ...* (5)
15. Perspective (4)
17. Baby seals (4)
21. Lack of movement (7)
23. School tests (5)
24. Monitor (5)

#### Down

1. Easily understood (5)
2. Flying fox (3)
3. Placed (4)
4. Influence (4)
5. Jinx (5)
6. Polish hard (5)
9. Kimono tie (3)
10. Close to the ground (3)
11. Tuition cost (3)
12. Tree secretion (3)
13. Telepathy (1,1,1)
15. Ill-defined (5)
16. Heath shrub (5)
18. Break into pieces (5)
19. Army dining hall (4)
20. Seethe (4)
22. Skill (3)

### SOLUTION

