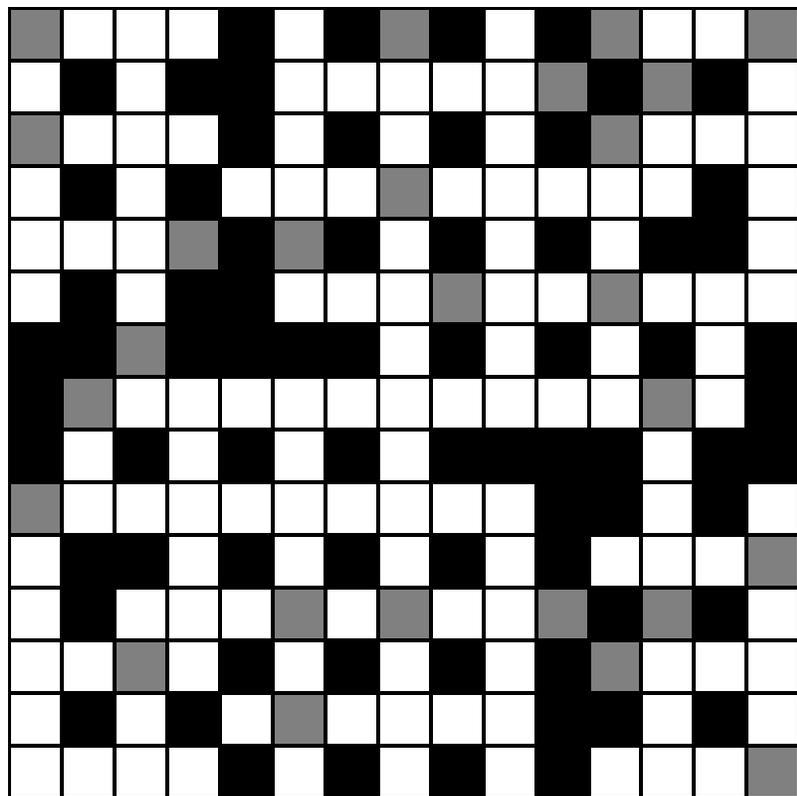


Cryptic Crossword No. 98

Clues are unnumbered and given in a random order by length. Each grey square is a different letter of the alphabet.

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| Kinetic energy yields diamonds (3) | Someone who sees what's fantastic or average (6) |
| One by one, latecomers check out (3) | Bird on river that flows through Chester and Blackburn, for example (6) |
| Sentence in French I've initially learnt (4) | Image of a tank associated with a rebel leader (6) |
| The reader will be called out for Christmas (4) | Hostess held in bondage is happy (6) |
| Congestion leads to second rate post (4) | Organ is flaccid, even greying inside (6) |
| In Tagalog, 'elderberry' is neuter (4) | Raise a large dog (6) |
| Inertia held back by Damocles? (4) | Swimmer's reported position (6) |
| Man follows group of animals to find focus (4) | Sly pimp getting excited about a pervert (8) |
| Face being set up (4) | Pasta made from meringue gets stiff in the middle (8) |
| Middle of back gets honestly extremely painful (4) | Tiny wedding chest (8) |
| Municipality's computers stored in crinkly wrappers (4) | Levy for working for nothing on setter's classification (8) |
| Cat joins in conversation (4) | Worn out team on the loose (4-5) |
| Gorgeous beast in fancy cage (4) | Disappointment resulting from return of poor politicians who, according to the French, had got on board (4,5) |
| Range of benevolent characters turned up (4) | Miss protest linked to Islamic State by the Spanish and the French (10) |
| Divorcee lied about being thrown out (6) | Brutal choice works somehow after putting on skirts back to front (4,2,4) |
| Marshy areas are inlets filled with foul contents (6) | Cut off former lover wanting to chat (13) |
| Singing in church and speaking (6) | Punish wag switching drink perhaps for detergent (7-2,6) |