

Cryptic Crosswords for Bright Sparks

ANSWERS

Exercise 4.1

all over the place; adjusted; at random; broken; complex; dancing; demolished; dizzy; extraordinary; for a change; freaking out; garbled; going crazy; haphazard; higgledy-piggledy; in bits; in ruins; juggled; knocked about; moving; out of order; reformed; run wild; scattered; strangely; turning around; twisted; unexpectedly; woven; wrongly

Exercise 4.2

There are hundreds of possible anagram indicators. Take a look at this site to see if any of yours match these:

http://cryptics.wikia.com/wiki/List_of_anagram_indicators

Exercise 4.3

- a) **elephant** - anagram of 'the plane'
- b) **flea** - anagram of 'leaf'
- c) **spider** - anagram of 'prides'
- d) **chicken** - anagram of 'check in'
- e) **chameleon** - anagram of 'each melon'

- f) **cat** - anagram of 'act' [definition = Puss; anagram indicator = strangely]
- g) **ram** - anagram of 'arm' [definition = Billy goat; anagram indicator = broke]
- h) **dolphin** - anagram of 'hold pin' [definition = swimmer; anagram indicator = crookedly]
- i) **seahorse** - anagram of 'shoes are' [definition = little fish; anagram indicator = designed]
- j) **hippopotamus** - anagram of 'to mop up a ship' [definition = big beast; anagram indicator = at sea]

Exercise 4.4

- a) **plum** - anagram of 'lump' [definition = 'something that grows on trees'; anagram indicator = 'strange']
- b) **blueberry** - anagram of 'blurry bee' [definition = 'bush'; anagram indicator = 'whizzed around']
- c) **orange** - anagram of 'no gear' [definition = 'colour'; anagram indicator = 'changed']
- d) **peach** - anagram of 'cheap' [definition = 'it's got a soft skin'; anagram indicator = 'unusually']
- e) **pomegranate** - anagram of 'Peter a mango' [definition = 'another fruit'; anagram indicator = 'sorted out']

- f) **passion fruit** - anagram of 'info upstairs' [definition = 'something sweet and exotic'; anagram indicator = 'about']
- g) **tangerine** - anagram of 'a green tin' [definition = 'You might eat it at Christmas'; anagram indicator = 'out of']
- h) **damson** - anagram of 'nomads' [definition = 'fruit'; anagram indicator = 'roamed around']
- i) **grapefruit** - anagram of 'get up, friar' [definition = 'something for breakfast'; anagram indicator = 'cook up']
- j) **lemon** - anagram of 'melon' [definition = 'fruit'; anagram indicator = 'another kind of']

Exercise 4.5

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Across

1 Wild west **casserole?** (4)

[Make an anagram of 'WEST' to get 'STEW']

4 **Rescue** from **rocky reef** (4)

[Make an anagram of 'REEF' to get 'FREE']

7 **Lids** of **smashed pots** (4)

[Make an anagram of 'POTS' to get 'TOPS']

9 **Leap over light** (4)

[Make an anagram of 'LEAP' to get 'PALE']

11 **Development** is **auctioned off** (9)

[Make an anagram of 'AUCTIONED' to get 'EDUCATION']

12 **Twist** pins around (4)

[Make an anagram of 'PINS' to get 'SPIN']

13 **Awfully** lame food (4)

[Make an anagram of 'LAME' to get 'MEAL']

15 **Shrews** sang badly (4)

[Make an anagram of 'SANG' to get 'NAGS']

16 **Care** about competition (4)

[Make an anagram of 'CARE' to get 'RACE']

Down

2 **Tow** broken down couple (3)

[Make an anagram of 'TWO' to get 'TWO']

3 **Saw** maybe used to exist (3)

[Make an anagram of 'SAW' to get 'WAS']

5 **Appreciate** lies are wrong (7)

[Make an anagram of 'LIES ARE' to get 'REALISE']

6 **Ten** real ingredients are imperishable (7)

[Make an anagram of 'TEN REAL' to get 'ETERNAL']

7 **Betrayal** involved senator (7)

[Make an anagram of 'SENATOR' to get 'TREASON']

8 **Raining** heavily in group activity (7)

[Make an anagram of 'IN GROUP' to get 'POURING']

10 **Consume** spilt tea (3)

[Make an anagram of 'TEA' to get 'ATE']

13 **Arm** terribly hurt (3)

[Make an anagram of 'ARM' to get 'MAR']

14 **Car** manoeuvring around bend (3)

[Make an anagram of 'CAR' to get 'ARC']

Exercise 4.6

Linking word or phrase has been underlined

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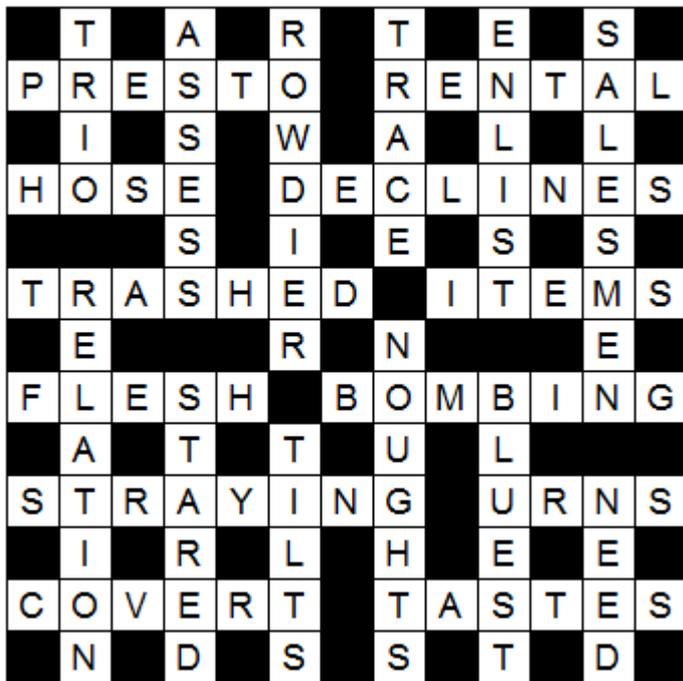
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a) **Ample** change from the symbol of Canada (5) = MAPLE

- b) Rotten melon yields fruit (5) = LEMON
 c) Rosy came over to find tree (8) = SYCAMORE
 d) No raw ingredients for Mr Atkinson? (5) = ROWAN
 e) Magic lamp revealed where you could get dates from (4) = PALM

Exercise 4.7



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Across

- 7 Poster is replaced quickly in the music lesson (6) = PRESTO
 8 Learnt about hiring (6) = RENTAL
 9 Shoe damaged old stockings (4) = HOSE
 10 Licensed organisation fails (8) = DECLINES
 11 Wrecked threads got tangled up (7) = TRASHED
 13 Time's changing things (5) = ITEMS

ANSWERS

- 15 Meat shelf collapsed (5) = FLESH
- 17 Attacking or mobbing unexpectedly (7) = BOMBING
- 20 Lost stingray is swimming around (8) = STRAYING
- 21 Runs over vases (4) = URNS
- 23 Hidden vector is encrypted (6) = COVERT
- 24 States outrageous opinions (6) = TASTES

Down

- 1 Group of three organised riot (4) = TRIO
- 2 Sassess stupid judge (6) = ASSESS
- 3 More boisterous and incredibly worried (7) = ROWDIER
- 4 Find broken crate (5) = TRACE
- 5 Sign up for silent treatment (6) = ENLIST
- 6 Upset nameless vendors (8) = SALESMEN
- 12 Confuse oriental uncle, perhaps (8) = RELATION
- 14 Blasted shotgun blanks (7) = NOUGHTS
- 16 Looked at manufacturing trades (6) = STARED
- 18 Most unhappy if bustle is let loose (6) = BLUEST
- 19 Flexible stilt leans (5) = TILTS
- 22 Eden altered necessity (4) = NEED