

Solution to THINKING CRYPTICALLY:

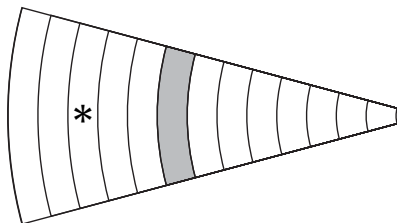
Solve each of the cryptic clues (explanations follow) and fill the answers into the blanks.

1. The word "crazy" is commonly used to clue an anagram. Anagramming "moron pled" gives **LEMONDROP**, a "citrus candy."
2. This is a charades-style clue. The definition is "chained-up woman of Greek mythology," which clues **ANDROMEDA**. The answer can also be constructed by piecing together **AND** ("and") + **ROME** ("Italian capital") + **DA** ("District Attorney").
3. This is a hidden-answer clue. Taking "the heads", or first letters, of "yellow-green ghouls, dreadful rogues, and serpents infest legendary" gives **YGGDRASIL**, the Norse "tree of myth."
4. Another anagram clue. Rearranging "pi, acutely," gives **EUCALYPTI**, or "fragrant trees."
5. The word "encased" hints that the clue contains a hidden answer. But there's a subtlety: the word "backwards" suggests that the hidden answer appears in reverse. Looking through "wood-slat tub, erroneously" backwards, we find **REBUTTALS**, or "counter-arguments."
6. This is yet another hidden-answer clue, which should be clear from the words "found in." Sure enough, "shorts, top and shoes" contains **SHORTSTOP**, a "ballplayer."
7. Here, "strangely" indicates an anagram. Anagramming "go to canal" gives **OCTAGONAL**, or "shaped like a stop sign."
8. This clue style is somewhere in between charades and double definition. The definition is Mr. Pizarro, which gives **FRANCISCO**, the conquistador's first name. You can also arrive at the answer by "beheading" San Francisco, a "Californian city."
9. This is a charades clue: the answer, **OLFACTORY** ("used for smelling") can be created by placing "sweatshop," or **FACTORY**, after the "last bit of alcohol," or **OL**.

The boxed letters spell another cryptic clue (reading top to bottom, first column then last column): **LAYERS OF OPAL IS PLOY**. This is another

charades-style clue. You can construct the final answer, from **STRATA** ("layers") + **GEM** ("opal") to yield **STRATAGEM**, a "ploy." Congratulations to Justin A., Keita, and Tom Griffin who were the first three to submit the correct answer to last week's puzzle on our website (<http://puzzle.berkeley.edu>).

This column is another in our ongoing series. For additional instructions, refer to one of our past columns. (An archive is available on our website.) You do not need to look at the wedge below to solve the puzzle. The wedges are part of the metapuzzle, which will appear in next week's column.



CAN YOU EVEN SPELL?!

I bet you can't even count to F!

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