

SPECIAL April 2020 – Puzzles Number 9

CROSSWORD CLUES

1. (a) *Tract of open rolling country* **W _ L _**
- (b) *Cunning* **W _ L _**
- (c) *Red mark left on flesh by a blow* **W _ _ L**
- (d) *Lever whose free end engages with a cogwheel's teeth so that the wheel can only turn in one direction* **_ _ W L**
- (e) *Australian-bred Horse as used by The Light Horse in WW1* **W _ L _ _**
- (f) *Give birth to a puppy* **W _ _ L _**
- (g) *With humour and irony* **W _ _ L _**
- (h) *Pattern of spirals or concentric circles (e.g. in fingerprints)* **W _ _ _ L**
- (i) *Kind of fabric, e.g.s denim, tweed and gabardine* **_ W _ _ L**
- (j) *Fold of skin hanging from an animal's neck* **_ _ W L _ _**

BONUS: *Vertical support at the centre of a winding staircase* **_ _ W _ L**

2. (a) *Germinated cereal grain* **M _ L _**
- (b) *Seminal fluid of fish* **M _ L _**
- (c) *Lime-rich mud or mudstone* **M _ _ L**
- (d) *Treat wine by adding sugar and spice and heating* **M _ _ L**
- (e) *Disorganized close combat involving a group of fighters* **M _ L _ _**
- (f) *Business or media magnate* **M _ _ _ L**
- (g) *Indicate by suggestion rather than explicit reference.* **_ M _ L _**
- (h) *Drive, force, or urge* **_ M _ _ L**
- (i) *Charm, talisman* **_ M _ L _ _**
- (j) *Boring tool* **_ _ M L _ _**

BONUS: *German punctuation which modifies vowel sounds* **_ M L _ _ _**

3. (a) *Vulgar, salacious* L _ W _
 (b) *Corner of, or attachment to a sail* _ L _ W
 (c) *Radiant* _ _ L _ W
 (d) *Municipal ordinance* _ _ L _ W
 (e) *Squat chest of drawers* L _ W _ _ _
 (f) *Degree of freedom* L _ _ W _ _
 (g) *Look of sullen dislike, discontent, or anger.* _ L _ W _ _
 (h) *The former Nyasaland* _ _ L _ W _
 (i) *Inexperienced* _ _ L _ _ W
 (j) *Jaundiced* _ _ _ L _ W

BONUS: *Interested in intellectual activities or pursuits, though not pretentiously so*

_ _ _ _ L _ _ _ _ W

4. (a) *Minor statistical inconsistency* B _ _ P
 (b) *Action ancilliary to the main event* B _ P _ _ _
 (c) *Removal of living tissue for study* B _ _ P _ _
 (d) *Coarse fabric of jute or hemp* B _ _ _ _ P
 (e) *Sudden* _ B _ _ P _
 (f) *Exhibiting opposite extremes* B _ P _ _ _ _
 (g) *Custom-made* B _ _ P _ _ _
 (h) *Yokel* B _ _ P _ _ _
 (i) *Legal summons* _ _ B P _ _ _ _
 (j) *Membership dues* _ _ B _ _ _ _ P _ _ _ _

BONUS: *from French: much, numerous, large, significant* B _ _ _ _ _ _ P

5. (a) *Newt* **_ FT**
- (b) *Decree* **F _ _ T**
- (c) *Crosswise threads* **_ _ FT**
- (d) *Foul-smelling* **F _ T _ _**
- (e) *That at which one excels* **F _ _ T _**
- (f) *Deceptive or distracting movement* **F _ _ _ T**
- (g) *Beginning to happen* **_ F _ _ T**
- (h) *Civilian clothes* **_ _ FT _**
- (i) *Marked by self-indulgence, triviality, or decadence* **_ F _ _ T _**
- (j) *Suitable for* **_ _ F _ _ T _ _ _**
- BONUS:** *Recklessly extravagant* **_ _ _ F _ _ _ _ T _**

6. (a) *Something relatively inconsequential within a larger context* **B L _ _**
- (b) *Trunk or stem of a plant* **B _ L _**
- (c) *Pod or capsule of a plant* **B _ _ L**
- (d) *Adroitly* **_ B L _**
- (e) *Ancient Greek coin worth one sixth of a drachma* **_ B _ L**
- (f) *Inflamed swelling or sore on the skin* **B L _ _ _**
- (g) *Unconcerned; nonchalant* **B L _ _ _**
- (h) *Heavily built* **B _ _ L _**
- (i) *Chamfer* **B _ _ _ L**
- (j) *sexually attractive* **_ _ B _ L _**
- BONUS:** *One who practices mysticism or occultism* **_ _ B _ L _ _ _**

7. (a) *Extravagant promotion.* H _ P _
- (b) *Cannabis sativa* H _ _ P
- (c) *(Of the skin) to become cracked, rough, or sore* _ H _ P
- (d) *(Mythological) bird of prey with a woman's face* H _ _ P _
- (e) *Minute sap-sucking insect* _ H _ _ P
- (f) *Punctuation mark* H _ P _ _ _
- (g) *Aromatic plant with bitter minty leaves used in cookery* H _ _ _ _ P
- (h) *Unlucky accident* _ _ _ H _ P
- (i) *Senior clergyman* _ _ _ H _ P
- (j) *Wreath or garland for the head* _ H _ P _ _ _
- BONUS:** *Ecstatic expression of feeling* _ H _ P _ _ _ _

8. (a) *Anatomical projection* L _ B _
- (b) *Offhand, superficial* _ L _ B
- (c) *Unknown intermediate state or place between extremes* L _ _ B _
- (d) *Legal excuse* _ L _ B _
- (e) *To take a depth sounding* _ L _ _ B
- (f) *Hero of "The Hobbit"* _ _ L B _
- (g) *Liable to change* L _ B _ _ _
- (h) *Sexual urge* L _ B _ _ _
- (i) *Of the spine* L _ _ B _ _
- (j) *Agile* L _ _ B _ _

BONUS: *The shininess of a planet measured as the fraction of sunlight which reflects from it*

_ L B _ _ _

9. (a) *Favour* **B _ _ N**
- (b) *Scottish: "child"* **B _ _ _ N**
- (c) *Element number five* **B _ _ _ N**
- (d) *Insincerity, superficiality* **_ _ _ B N _ _ _**
- (e) *Matrimonial notices* **B _ _ N _**
- (f) *Greater part of a burden* **B _ _ N _**
- (g) *Hackneyed* **B _ N _ _**
- (h) *Very annoying* **_ B N _ _ _ _ _ _**
- (i) *Associate with the socially desirable* **_ _ B N _ _**
- (j) *Suave* **_ _ B _ N _**

BONUS: *Renounce rights* **_ B N _ _ _ _ _**

10. (a) *Combine or merge* **M _ _ D**
- (b) *Dispensed or allotted* **M _ _ _ D**
- (c) *Quieted* **M _ _ _ D**
- (d) *Considered thoughtfully* **M _ _ _ D**
- (e) *Alter* **_ M _ _ D**
- (f) *To assign members of the Press to accompany military units during conflict.*
_ M _ _ D
- (g) *Wanderer* **_ _ M _ D**
- (h) *French Tuesday* **M _ _ D _**
- (i) *Gnat-like fly* **M _ D _ _**
- (j) *Soft-nosed bullet* **_ _ M D _ _**

BONUS: *Middle finger* **M _ D _ _ _**

ANSWERS

1. a. wold b. wily c. weal d. pawl e. waler f. whelp g. wryly
h. whorl i. twill j. dewlap BONUS: newel

2. a. malt b. milt c. marl d. mull e. melee f. mogul g. imply
h. impel i. amulet j. gimlet BONUS: Umlaut (*OOM - lowt*)

3. a. lewd b. clew c. aglow d. bylaw e. lowboy f. leeway g. glower
h. Malawi i. callow j. sallow BONUS: middlebrow

4. a. blip b. byplay c. biopsy d. burlap e. abrupt f. bipolar g. bespoke
h. bumpkin i. subpoena j. subscription BONUS: beaucoup

5. a. eft b. fiat c. weft d. fetid e. forte f. feint g. afoot
h. mufti i. effete j. befitting BONUS: profligate

6. a. blip b. bole c. boll d. ably e. obol f. blain g. blasé
h. burly i. bevel j. nubile BONUS: cabalist

7. a. hype b. hemp c. chap d. harpy e. thrip f. hyphen g. hyssop
h. mishap i. bishop j. chaplet BONUS: rhapsody

8. a. lobe b. glib c. limbo d. alibi e. plumb f. Bilbo g. labile h. libido
i. lumbar j. limber BONUS: albedo

9. a. boon b. bairn c. boron d. glibness e. banns f. brunt g. banal
h. obnoxious i. hobnob j. urbane. BONUS: abnegate

10. a. meld b. meted c. muted d. mused e. amend f. embed g. nomad
h. Mardi i. midge j. dumdum BONUS: medius