

# SPECIAL May 2020 – Puzzles Number 17

## CROSSWORD CLUES

1. (a) A rough covering of a nut or seed    **\_\_ R R**  
(b) Characteristic of the countryside    **R \_ R \_ \_**  
(c) Happen again    **R \_ \_ \_ R**  
(d) Display in a particular way    **\_ R R \_ \_**  
(e) Leafy recess    **\_ R \_ \_ R**  
(f) Cider made from pears    **\_ \_ R R \_**  
(g) Fragrant gum resin used in incense    **\_ \_ R R \_**  
(h) Uncommon thing or event    **R \_ R \_ \_ \_**  
(i) Outbreak of public anger or excitement    **\_ \_ R \_ R \_**  
(j) Muscle relaxant alkaloid    **\_ \_ R \_ R \_**  
**BONUS: Riddled**    **\_ \_ R \_ \_ R \_ \_ \_ \_**

2. (a) Travel permit    **V \_ S \_**  
(b) Competes    **V \_ \_ S**  
(c) Movable part of a helmet    **V \_ S \_ \_**  
(d) Cranial nerve for the heart, lungs, and other organs of the chest and abdomen  
                                  **V \_ \_ \_ S**  
(e) Provides a rhythmical musical backing using chords    **V \_ \_ \_ S**  
(f) Stop!    **\_ V \_ S \_**  
(g) Feudal landholder    **V \_ S \_ \_ \_**  
(h) Having a strong dislike of or opposition to something    **\_ V \_ \_ S \_**  
(i) Get rid of a business investment    **\_ \_ V \_ S \_**  
(j) "Heads" (as opposed to "Tails")    **\_ \_ V \_ \_ S \_**  
**BONUS: Untrustworthy; dishonest [Old English]**    **\_ \_ \_ V \_ S \_**

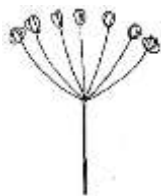
3. (a) *Of the mouth*    **\_ R \_ L**  
 (b) *Rock or soil of clay and lime, once used as fertilizer*    **\_ \_ R L**  
 (c) *Bring to anger*    **R \_ L \_**  
 (d) *Small stream*    **R \_ L \_**  
 (e) *Object surviving from an earlier time*    **R \_ L \_ \_**  
 (f) *An electrical circuit which controls a different circuit*    **R \_ L \_ \_**  
 (g) *With sarcastic humour*    **\_ R \_ L \_**  
 (h) *Curious or unusual in a way that provokes dry amusement* **\_ R \_ L \_**  
 (i) *Fisherman's basket*    **\_ R \_ \_ L**  
 (j) *Bad-tempered and unfriendly*    **\_ \_ R L \_**

**BONUS:** *Bitterly hostile*    **\_ \_ R \_ L \_ \_ \_**

4. (a) *Internet address*    **U \_ L**  
 (b) *Forearm bone*    **U L \_ \_**  
 (c) *In accordance with requirements*    **\_ U L \_**  
 (d) *Fold up neatly*    **\_ U \_ L**  
 (e) *(To) savage*    **\_ \_ U L**  
 (f) *Small fleshy projection from the middle of the soft palate*    **U \_ \_ L \_**  
 (g) *Fine fabric used in dressmaking*    **\_ U \_ L \_**  
 (h) *Sly or cunning intelligence*    **\_ U \_ L \_**  
 (i) *Subdue*    **\_ U \_ \_ L**  
 (j) *Extremely dirty and unpleasant*    **\_ \_ U \_ L \_ \_**

**BONUS:**

*A flower cluster such as you would find in carrots, fennel or parsley (see pictures)*



**U \_ \_ \_ L**

5. (a) Fixed share **Q \_ \_ T \_**  
 (b) Rope ring **Q \_ \_ \_ T**  
 (c) Unlawfully occupy property **\_ Q \_ \_ T**  
 (d) Silica **Q \_ \_ \_ T \_**  
 (e) In some card games, [for example (i) below] a sequence of five cards of the same suit (equivalent to a straight flush in poker) **Q \_ \_ \_ T**  
 (f) Value of the shares issued by a company **\_ Q \_ \_ T \_**  
 (g) To transmit data in highly compressed or rapid form **\_ Q \_ \_ \_ T**  
 (h) Fruit-bearing tree **\_ \_ Q \_ \_ T**  
 (i) Card game for two players, using a 32-card pack consisting of the seven to the ace only **\_ \_ Q \_ \_ T**  
 (j) A Flirt **\_ \_ Q \_ \_ \_ T \_**

**BONUS:** Riding whip **Q \_ \_ \_ T**

6. (a) The fifth brightest star in the night sky **V \_ G \_**  
 (b) Nerve extending from the brainstem to the abdomen by way of multiple organs including the heart, esophagus, and lungs **V \_ G \_ \_**  
 (c) A period of purposeful sleeplessness **V \_ G \_ \_**  
 (d) Uncertain **V \_ G \_ \_**  
 (e) Brink, threshold **V \_ \_ G \_**  
 (f) Competing **V \_ \_ \_ G**  
 (g) Quirk, idiosyncrasy **V \_ G \_ \_ \_**  
 (h) Vindictive **V \_ \_ G \_ \_ \_ \_**  
 (i) This early Italian chemist has the number  $6.022 \times 10^{23}$  named after him **\_ V \_ G \_ \_ \_ \_**  
 (j) One who explores by sea **\_ \_ V \_ G \_ \_ \_ \_**

**BONUS:** Rock cavity, often lined with crystals **V \_ \_ G**

7. (a) *Sharp-witted, artful* **W I \_ \_**  
 (b) *Abandoned young animal* **W \_ I \_**  
 (c) *Cart* **W \_ I \_**  
 (d) *River barrier* **W \_ I \_**  
 (e) *Iota* **W \_ I \_**  
 (f) *Dry creek bed* **W \_ \_ I**  
 (g) *Hindu ascetic master* **\_ W \_ \_ I**  
 (h) *Mechanical device* **W I \_ \_ \_ \_**  
 (i) *Small insect with a pincer-like tail* **\_ \_ \_ W I \_**  
 (j) *Sentimental in an exaggerated or false way* **\_ \_ W \_ I \_ \_**  
**BONUS:** *Flexible willow branch used for basket-weaving, etc.* **W I \_ \_ \_**

8. (a) *Shaft, spindle,* **\_ X L \_**  
 (b) *Angle between a branch and the trunk from which it is growing.* **\_ X \_ L**  
 (c) *Woody tissue* **X \_ L \_ \_**  
 (d) *Glorify* **\_ X \_ L \_**  
 (e) *Unwilling expatriate* **\_ X \_ L \_**  
 (f) *Praise enthusiastically* **\_ X \_ \_ L**  
 (g) *With negligence* **\_ \_ X L \_**  
 (h) *Minute illuminated area of screen forming part of an image* **\_ \_ X \_ L**  
 (i) *Popular soup variety* **\_ X \_ \_ \_ L**  
 (j) *Musical instrument played by striking wooden bars* **X \_ L \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_**  
**BONUS:** *Mexican salamander a.k.a. Mexican Walking Fish* **\_ X \_ L \_ \_ \_**

9. (a) Sailboat **Y \_ C \_ \_**
- (b) Execute without due legal process **\_ Y \_ C \_**
- (c) *One who believes that people are motivated purely by self-interest rather than acting for honourable or unselfish reasons* **\_ Y \_ \_ C**
- (d) *Living fossil palm-like tree, popular in parks and gardens* **\_ Y C \_ \_**
- (e) *Of poetry which is highly emotive* **\_ Y \_ \_ C**
- (f) *A series of events that repeat consecutively* **\_ Y C \_ \_**
- (g) *Chinese fruit* **\_ Y C \_ \_ \_**
- (h) *Wealthy, powerful person in business or industry* **\_ Y C \_ \_ \_**
- (i) *Short-sighted* **\_ Y \_ \_ \_ C**
- (j) *Victory that strategically is as bad as defeat* **\_ Y \_ \_ \_ \_ C**
- BONUS:** *A set of three art-works intended to be shown together* **\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ Y C \_**

10. (a) *Egress* **\_ X \_ T**
- (b) *Original words of a piece of writing* **\_ \_ X T**
- (c) *Most imminent* **\_ \_ X T**
- (d) *To Praise* **\_ X T \_ \_**
- (e) *Aggrandize* **\_ X \_ \_ T**
- (f) *Church employee who rings bells and digs graves* **\_ \_ X T \_ \_**
- (g) *Degree, scale, scope* **\_ X \_ \_ \_ T**
- (h) *Excuse* **\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ X T**
- (i) *Nimbleness* **\_ \_ X \_ \_ \_ \_ T \_**
- (j) *Annoyance, irritation, irritability* **\_ \_ X \_ T \_ \_ \_**
- BONUS:** *Surgical rasp or file used for scraping bones* **X \_ \_ T \_ \_**

## ANSWERS

1. a. burr b. rural c. recur d. array e. arbor f. perry g. myrrh h. rarity  
i. furore j. curare BONUS: perforated

2. a. visa b. vies c. visor d. vagus e. vamps f. Avast g. vassal h. averse  
i. divest j. obverse BONUS: knavish

3. a. oral b. marl c. rille d. rill e. relic f. relay g. wryly h. droll i. creel  
j. surly BONUS: virulent

4. a. URL b. ulna c. duly d. furl e. maul f. uvula g. tulle h. guile i. quell  
j. squalid BONUS: umbel

5. a. quota b. quoit c. squat d. quartz e. quint f. equity g. squirt h. loquat i.  
piquet j. coquette BONUS: quirt

6. a. Vega b. vagus c. vigil d. vague e. verge f. vying g. vagary  
h. vengeful i. Avogadro j. navigator BONUS: vugg

7. a. wily b. waif c. wain d. weir e. whit f. wadi g. swami h. widget  
i. earwig j. mawkish BONUS: withe

8. a. axle b. axil c. xylem d. exalt e. exile f. extol g. laxly h. pixel i. oxtail j.  
xylophone BONUS: axolotl

9. a. yacht b. lynch c. cynic d. cycad e. lyric f. cycle g. lychee h. tycoon  
i. myopic j. pyhrric BONUS: triptych

10. a. exit b. text c. next d. extol e. exalt f. sexton g. extent h. pretext  
i. dexterity j. vexation BONUS: Xyster