

# SPECIAL May 2020 – Puzzles Number 28

## CROSSWORD CLUES

1. (a) *Nothing*    **N \_ X**
- (b) *Female water elf*    **N \_ X \_ \_**
- (c) *Successively proximate*    **N \_ X \_**
- (d) *Banded gemstone*    **\_ N \_ X**
- (e) *Coquette*    **\_ \_ N X**
- (f) *Connection*    **N \_ X \_ \_**
- (g) *To appropriate*    **\_ \_ N \_ X**
- (h) *(Maths) Exponent or power*    **\_ N \_ \_ X**
- (i) *Sentence construction using the rules of grammar*    **\_ \_ N \_ \_**
- (j) *Arrival in large numbers*    **\_ N \_ \_ \_ X**
- BONUS:** *waterproof cover of canvas or leather*    **\_ \_ \_ N \_ \_ \_ X**

2. (a) *Portend, foretell*    **\_ O D \_**
- (b) *Concluding event*    **\_ O D \_**
- (c) *Stem region from which leaves emerge*    **\_ O D \_**
- (d) *Hot cheese sauce*    **\_ O \_ D \_ \_**
- (e) *Provoke*    **\_ O \_ D**
- (f) *Disgust, abhorrence*    **O D \_ \_ \_**
- (g) *Rostrums, platforms*    **\_ O D \_ \_**
- (h) *Ancient text book*    **\_ O D \_ \_**
- (i) *Defensive enclosure*    **\_ \_ O \_ \_ \_ D \_**
- (j) *Peril*    **\_ \_ O \_ \_ \_ D \_**
- BONUS:** *Doughnut-shaped*    **\_ \_ \_ O \_ D \_ \_**

3. (a) *Increase in magnitude*    **P** \_ \_ **F** \_  
 (b) *Rice cooked in a seasoned broth*    **P** \_ \_ \_ **F**  
 (c) *Measure of relative ethanol concentration*    **P** \_ \_ \_ **F**  
 (d) *Parody*    **P** \_ \_ **F**  
 (e) *Steal things of little value*    **P** \_ \_ **F** \_ \_  
 (f) *Cushioned footstool*    **P** \_ \_ \_ **F** \_  
 (g) *To be a characteristic example*    \_ \_ **P** \_ **F** \_  
 (h) *Exaggerated praise; hype*    **P** \_ \_ **F** \_ \_ \_  
 (i) *Morally or spiritually elevating*    \_ **P** \_ \_ **F** \_ \_ \_ \_  
 (j) *Identify required information clearly and definitely*    \_ **P** \_ \_ \_ **F** \_

**BONUS:** *Admonition*    \_ \_ **P** \_ \_ \_ **F**

4. (a) *Uneasy feeling*    **Q** \_ \_ **L** \_  
 (b) *Subdue, suppress,*    **Q** \_ \_ \_ **L**  
 (c) *Cringe, falter*    **Q** \_ \_ \_ **L**  
 (d) *Localised storm*    \_ **Q** \_ \_ **L** \_  
 (e) *Follow-up, continuation*    \_ \_ **Q** \_ \_ **L**  
 (f) *Filth*    \_ **Q** \_ \_ **L** \_ \_

**BONUS:** *Brightly coloured tropical American bird; also the basic monetary unit of Guatemala, equal to 100 centavos.*

**Q** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ **L**

5. (a) *Aluminium oxide in precious form* **R \_ B \_**
- (b) *Defeat thoroughly* **\_ R \_ B**
- (c) *Sauve* **\_ R B \_ \_ \_**
- (d) *Restrain* **\_ \_ R B**
- (e) *Disprove* **R \_ B \_ \_**
- (f) *Chocolate substitute* **\_ \_ R \_ B**
- (g) *Publisher's promotional description of a book* **\_ \_ \_ R B**
- (h) *Established rule, tradition, or custom* **R \_ B \_ \_ \_**
- (i) *Amusingly rude* **R \_ B \_ \_ \_**
- (j) *A parallelogram in which adjacent sides are equal in length*  
**R \_ \_ \_ B \_ \_**

**BONUS:** *Element No 68 on the Periodic Table* **\_ R B \_ \_ \_**

6. (a) *Invalid OR empty* **V O \_ \_**
- (b) *Overrule* **V \_ \_ O**
- (c) *Assert* **\_ V O \_**
- (d) *Air sacs of the lungs* **\_ \_ V \_ O \_ \_**
- (e) *Bring to mind* **\_ V O \_ \_**
- (f) *Precious variety of dentine* [ $Ca_{10}(PO_4)_6(CO_3)$ ] **\_ V O \_ \_**
- (g) *Destruction* **\_ \_ V O \_**
- (h) *Sudden, vigorous, or aggressive series of acts* **\_ \_ \_ V O**
- (i) *Frisk, gambol, prance, frolic* **\_ \_ V O \_ \_**
- (j) *A dance of French peasant origin* **\_ \_ V O \_ \_ \_**

**BONUS:** *Greedy* **\_ \_ V \_ \_ O \_ \_**

7. (a) *SI unit of illuminance, equal to one lumen per square metre*    **\_ U X**
- (b) *Decisive point at issue*    **\_ \_ U X**
- (c) *Artificial*    **\_ \_ U X**
- (d) *An abnormal discharge of body fluid*    **\_ \_ U X**
- (e) *Mixture of fat and flour*    **\_ \_ U X**
- (f) *Opulence*    **\_ U X \_ \_ \_**
- (g) *Suitors*    **\_ \_ \_ U X**
- (h) *Sea snail which yields which yields the "royal purple" dye*    **\_ U \_ \_ X**
- (i) *American Indian tribe*    **\_ \_ \_ U X**
- (j) *Common examples are "-ation", "-fy", "-ing", or "-itis"*    **\_ U \_ \_ \_ X**

**BONUS WORD:** *Having or showing a great or excessive fondness for one's wife*

**U X \_ \_ \_ \_ \_**

8. (a) *SI unit of magnetic flux*    **W \_ B \_ \_**
- (b) *Palmate*    **W \_ \_ B \_ \_**
- (c) *Chirp, trill*    **W \_ \_ B \_ \_**
- (d) *Squat chest of drawers*    **\_ \_ W B \_ \_**
- (e) *Filamentous snare*    **\_ \_ \_ W \_ B**
- (f) *Mandible*    **\_ \_ W B \_ \_ \_**
- (g) *Gnu*    **W \_ \_ \_ \_ B \_ \_ \_ \_**
- (h) *Fruit*    **\_ \_ \_ \_ W B \_ \_ \_**

**BONUS:** *intimidated*    **\_ \_ \_ W B \_ \_ \_ \_**

9. (a) *Voluptuous*    **\_\_ X Y**  
 (b) *Ceraceous*    **\_\_ X Y**  
 (c) *Woody tissue*    **X Y \_ \_ \_**  
 (d) *The quality or condition of being loose or careless*    **\_\_ X \_ \_ Y**  
 (e) *Substitute*    **\_\_ \_ X Y**  
 (f) *Dimethylbenzene*    **X Y \_ \_ \_ \_**  
 (g) *Highly reactive nonmetallic element*    **\_ X Y \_ \_ \_**  
 (h) *With 100% precision*    **\_ X \_ \_ \_ \_ Y**

**BONUS:** *Additional, reserve or back-up*    **\_\_ X \_ \_ \_ \_ Y**

10. (a) *Generic term for pin-tumbler household locks and keys*    **Y \_ L \_**  
 (b) *Egg vitellus*    **Y \_ L \_**  
 (c) *Two-masted yacht*    **Y \_ \_ L**  
 (d) *Extremely happy or peaceful, or period or situation*    **\_\_ Y L**  
 (e) *Surrender, capitulate, submit, relent*    **Y \_ \_ L \_**  
 (f) *Bumpkin*    **Y \_ \_ \_ L**  
 (g) *Local statute*    **\_ Y L \_ \_**  
 (h) *Imaginary spirit of the air*    **\_ Y L \_ \_**  
 (i) *Tower, pillar or monumental gateway*    **\_ Y L \_ \_**  
 (j) *English writer on card games who standardised rules*    **\_\_ Y L \_**

**BONUS:** *Enzyme which turns starch to sugars during digestion*

**\_\_ Y L \_ \_ \_**

## ANSWERS

1. a. nix    b. nixie    c. next    d. onyx    e. minx    f. nexus    g. annex  
h. index    i. syntax    j. influx    Bonus: tonneaux
2. a. bode    b. coda    c. node    d. fondue    e. goad    f. odium    g. podia  
h. codex    i. stockade    j. jeopardy    Bonus: toroidal
3. a. amplify    b. pilaf    c. proof    d. spoof    e. pilfer    f. pouffe    g. typify    h. puffery  
i. uplifting    j. specify    Bonus: reproof
4. a. qualm    b. quell    c. quail    d. squall    e. sequel    f. squalor    Bonus: Quetzal
5. a. ruby    b. drub    c. urbane    d. curb    e. rebut    f. carob    g. blurb  
h. rubric    i. ribald    j. rhombus    Bonus: Erbium
6. a. void    b. veto    c. avow    d. alveoli    e. evoke    f. ivory    g. havoc  
h. salvo    i. cavort    j. gavotte    Bonus: covetous
- 7 a. lux    b. crux    c. faux    d. flux    e. roux    f. luxury    g. beaux    h. murex  
i. Sioux    j. suffix    Bonus: uxorious
8. a. weber    b. webbed    c. warble    d. lowboy    e. cobweb    f. jawbone    g. wildebeest  
h. strawberry    Bonus: browbeaten
9. a. sexy    b. waxy    c. xylem    d. laxity    e. proxy    f. xylene    g. oxygen  
h. exactly    Bonus: auxiliary
10. a. yale    b. yolk    c. yawl    d. idyl    e. yield    f. yokel    g. bylaw    h. sylph  
i. pylon    j. Hoyle    Bonus: amylase