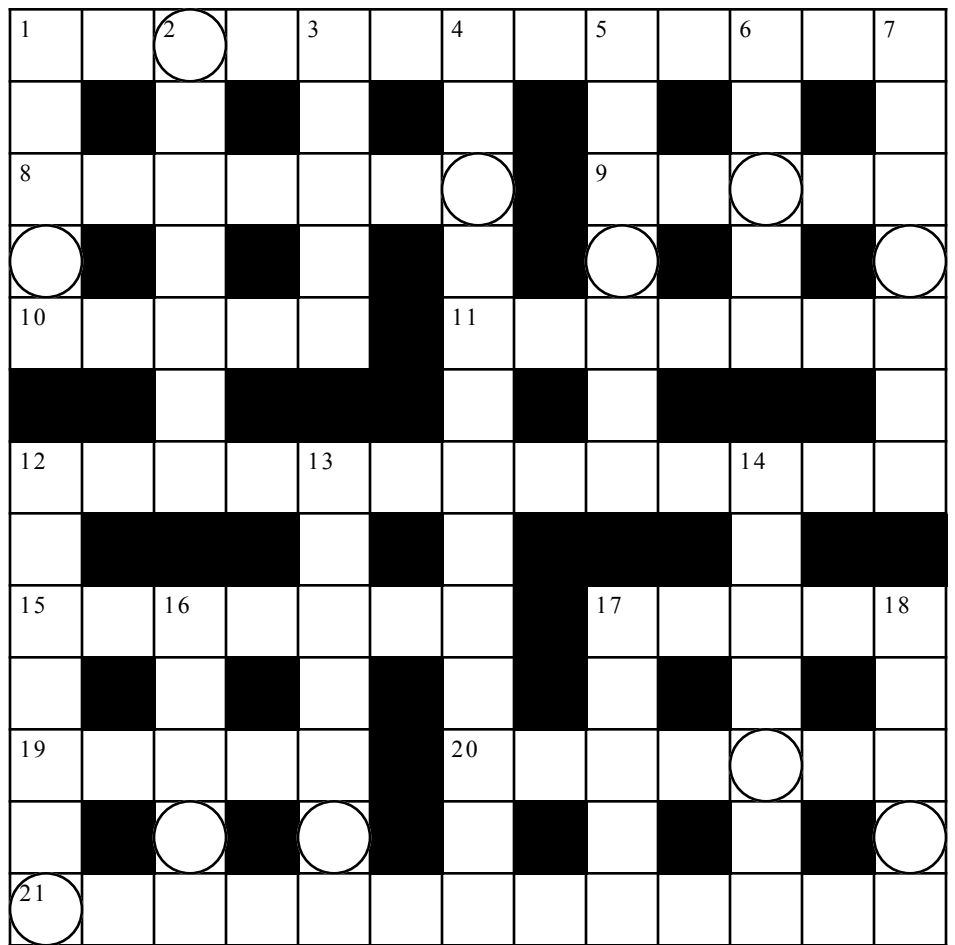


Put the A words in Puzzle A's clues, and B words in Puzzle B's clues, as per the boldface numbers, to get two plain, non-tricky cryptics; then solve. The sides of both grids, respaced, will give the duo's two-word *overall title*, plus some extra text; their circled letters and "captions" will say how to get a five-word sequence, whose last four words are a *description* of this extra text. Submit the two-word overall title, four-word description, and filled grids to \$8.90 or Ucaomhu.

## Puzzle A

### ACROSS

1. Cap's first, then Iron Man or the Hulk, in diversion where you might find a \_\_\_\_\_ (9 4) **24**
8. Peignoir is \_\_\_\_\_ cravat (7) **23**
9. Step up and \_\_\_\_\_ from the podium (5) **11**
10. Each year, Adam's \_\_\_\_\_ turns around (5) **10**
11. Mad Lib: "It is a capital on the same continent as \_\_\_\_\_" (7) **4**
12. Class includes Scottish island and \_\_\_\_\_'s queen — it's kind of making sense (13) **7**
15. Foul joke by \_\_\_\_\_ (or someone like him) (7) **12**
17. Shabby \_\_\_\_\_, say, tail first with kitty outside (5) **3**
19. \_\_\_\_\_ perhaps will switch sides without energy in Ancient Peru (5) **15**
20. \_\_\_\_\_, I flaunt a kind of drug (7) **17**
21. Ruthless mythical relatives of the \_\_\_\_\_ from the east bizarrely hatch deer (8-5) **9**



... the 12th letter in each Puzzle B clue ...

### DOWN

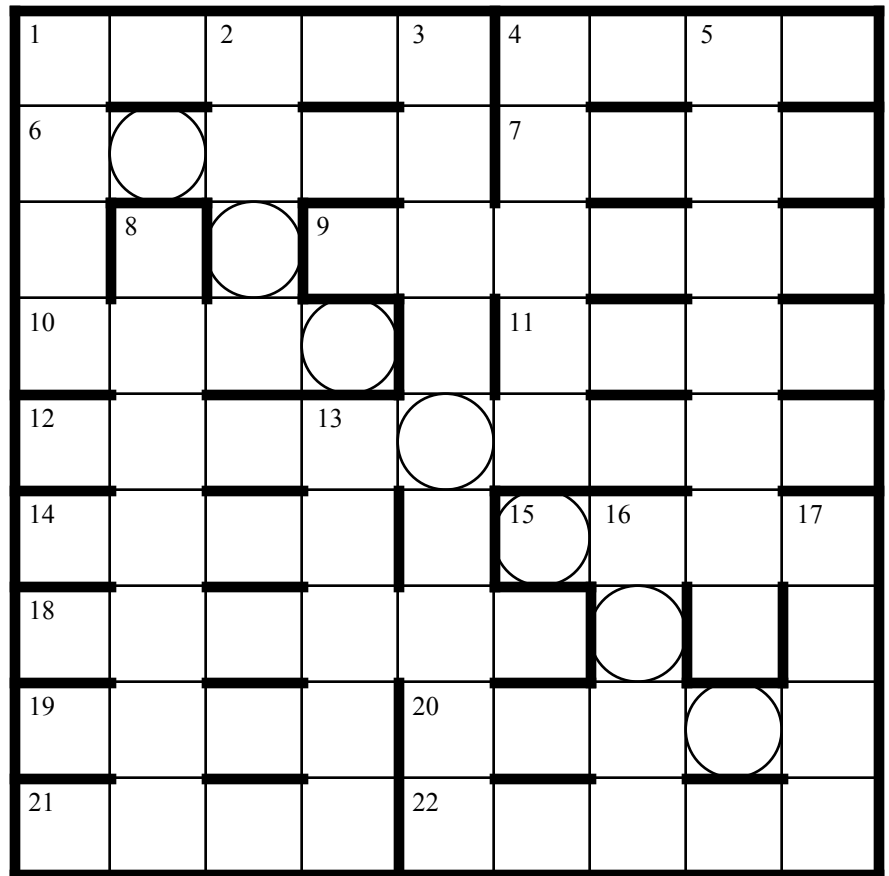
1. Because of \_\_\_\_\_, for example, these days ... (5) **2**
2. ... gold agents shouldn't ultimately get more \_\_\_\_\_ (7) **18**
3. Door guard without \_\_\_\_\_ (5) **6**
4. Local attraction containing \_\_\_\_\_ and last lager Kate drunk (5 4 4) **19**
5. Composer from somewhere near \_\_\_\_\_ is Iris' son? Weird (7) **22**
6. Eel school in the Midwest feeds on broken-down \_\_\_\_\_ (5) **21**
7. Smearing person who sings about \_\_\_\_\_ (7) **20**
12. Selection from \_\_\_\_\_ in theater company's work (7) **1**
13. Cocaine sprayed like the \_\_\_\_\_ (7) **14**
14. Really want torch if doing a \_\_\_\_\_ (4 3) **8**
16. In oven, a choice \_\_\_\_\_ snack (5) **5**
17. \_\_\_\_\_, e.g., is in front of the French bird (5) **13**
18. Kid's club beyond the \_\_\_\_\_ at end of month (5) **16**

# Puzzle B

... an amount equal to the position of the clue's ...

## ACROSS

1. A female-type \_\_\_\_\_, after the start, turned to Melpomene's sister (5) **21**
4. Block object with left end of \_\_\_\_\_, for one (4) **24**
6. Tec's rear and \_\_\_\_\_ plastered all over secondary cable channel (1-4, *abbr.*) **6**
7. Wee little \_\_\_\_\_ touching a cup and a kind of platter (2-2) **15**
9. One exam \_\_\_\_\_'s students used to take with cheer and perverse semilevity (1 5) **7**
10. DEA agent will display \_\_\_\_\_ soda (4) **19**
11. Encourage westerner in \_\_\_\_\_ to stop tossing tea (4) **4**
12. Some pope's \_\_\_\_\_ - filled GI or grey author (7 2) **2**
14. Eight near \_\_\_\_\_ with Bismarck (4) **22**
15. Where I'd see eggs of (chiefly) \_\_\_\_\_, in mesh (4) **9**
18. Reversing, a \_\_\_\_\_, say, half-sniffs part of shoe (6) **3**
19. Verne's captain, who sinks central parts of \_\_\_\_\_'s fleet, fumes viciously (4) **14**
20. Behaved like \_\_\_\_\_ people right before a test (5) **17**
21. Smile when swallowing third of \_\_\_\_\_'s booze (4) **5**
22. Part of \_\_\_\_\_ that's observed using one's ears (5) **1**



**Two-Word Overall Title**

**Four-Word Description**

## DOWN

1. Empty, epic \_\_\_\_\_ never initially would be a money expert's subj. (4, *abbr.*) **20**
2. "Headless \_\_\_\_\_" perhaps inspires imitator (4) **8**
3. People who may gawk, \_\_\_\_\_ & pry, secondarily, when in untidy ol' nooks (9) **11**
4. Skewer snake \_\_\_\_\_ fruit (5) **23**
5. Dress, say, an \_\_\_\_\_ mostly in ties altered for a swordsman (7) **13**
8. Yokemate, pal, \_\_\_\_\_, or the like tore speech up (7) **10**
13. Leave \_\_\_\_\_ heap to be mounted (3 2) **18**
16. Ed at, say, west \_\_\_\_\_ (4) **16**
17. Insolence of Jude making Jay bow to \_\_\_\_\_ ('4) [online NI3] **12**