

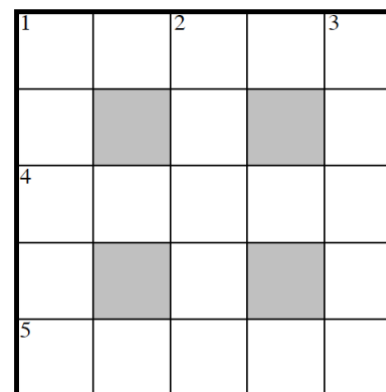
**Standard Methods for Cryptic Cluing**

Wordplay	Explanation
<b>ANAGRAM</b>	Letters are scrambled: "Rupture Earth's <u>core</u> (5)" Anagram (rupture) the letters E-A-R-T-H to get a word that means "core" = HEART
<b>REVERSAL</b>	Word backwards is another word: " <u>Take</u> bar back (3)" Find a word for "take" by spelling a word meaning "bar" (BAN) backwards ("back") = NAB
<b>DELETION</b>	A letter or word is removed from one word, creating another: "Defeat without a <u>wager</u> (3)" Delete the letter A from a word meaning "defeat" (BEAT) for a word meaning "wager" = BET
<b>INSERTION</b>	Like the deletion flat base, in reverse: "Help taking me <u>in a direction</u> (5)" A word for "help" (AID) "takes" a word meaning "me" for a word meaning "in a direction" = AIMED
<b>CHARADE</b>	Word constructed of smaller words: " <u>Money</u> from Princess and me (4)" Find a word for "Money" by combining a word for "Princess" (DI) + the word "me" = DIME
<b>HOMOPHONE</b>	The clued word sounds like this other word: "Talk about average <u>appearance</u> (4)" A word for "average" (MEAN) that sounds like ("talk about") a word for "appearance" = MIEN
<b>HIDDEN</b>	Word is hidden inside a word or phrase: " <u>Piece of furniture</u> in lots of apartments (4)" Find a word for "Piece of furniture" within ("in") the phrase "lots of apartments" = SOFA
<b>DOUBLE DEF</b>	The clue has no wordplay, just two different definitions: " <u>Carry animal</u> (4)" Find a word for "carry" (BEAR) that is the same as a word for "animal" (BEAR)

**CRYPTIC CROSSWORD SAMPLER by LeXman**

The six cryptic clues below use seven different strategies between them (listed in the box at the bottom of the page). Check off a box next to each type of clue whenever you find one. This will help you, once you've solved the first couple of clues, to figure out how to solve the rest.

As another aid, the dictionary definition portion of each clue is underlined.



**Across**

1. Bugs bit back (5)
4. Tell everyone else: no youngster starts small (5)
5. Extra spear flying (5)

**Down**

1. Windows designer's doors (5)
2. Where People Play: a Period Retrospective (5)
3. Trend in Children's Tylenol (5)

**HINT:** The clues contain:

- 1 Anagram
- 2 Charades
- 1 Double Definition
- 1 Hidden Word
- 2 Reversals