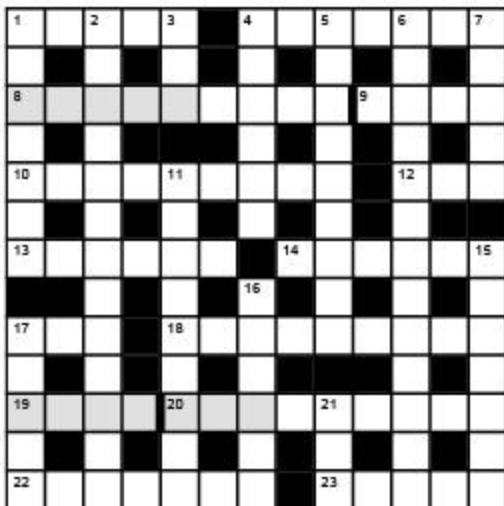


A Puns & Anagrams puzzle is like a light version of a cryptic crossword, with each clue being a small self-contained puzzle. In this puzzle, a clue is either a *pun* clue or an *anagram* clue, but not both.

A *pun* clue defines its answer through wordplay, while an *anagram* clue provides a straight part (the definition), one or more words to be anagrammed (the fodder), and possibly a connecting word or phrase. Unlike a cryptic clue, there is no anagram indicator in an *anagram* clue. It's up to you to figure out which clues are which.



ACROSS

- 1 Slope moves easily
- 4 Armed as Aida's lover
- 8 Present time
- 9 Leaves home
- 10 Trying wisely
- 12 Park place
- 13 Ring man
- 14 Game in nets
- 17 No mas
- 18 Ken copies old recording
- 19 Knight in tennis shoes
- 20 Up to prior hodgepodge
- 22 N.Y.C. late, inactive period
- 23 Neck lines

DOWN

- 1 Jack owl's tetanus
- 2 Diaphragm fits sea change (2 words)
- 3 Help shortly
- 4 Tamper with a gun
- 5 Stress aid? Not!
- 6 The blond bombshell has more yin? Normal. (2 words)
- 7 Waste perspiration
- 11 Investigate Coke punch (3 words)
- 15 E. Pisces biological division
- 16 Hard to see or hard to saw
- 17 Visionary student
- 21 Foo Fighters' response to a punch-in-the-gut

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