

# THE CRYPTIC SOLUTION

## A Capital Idea

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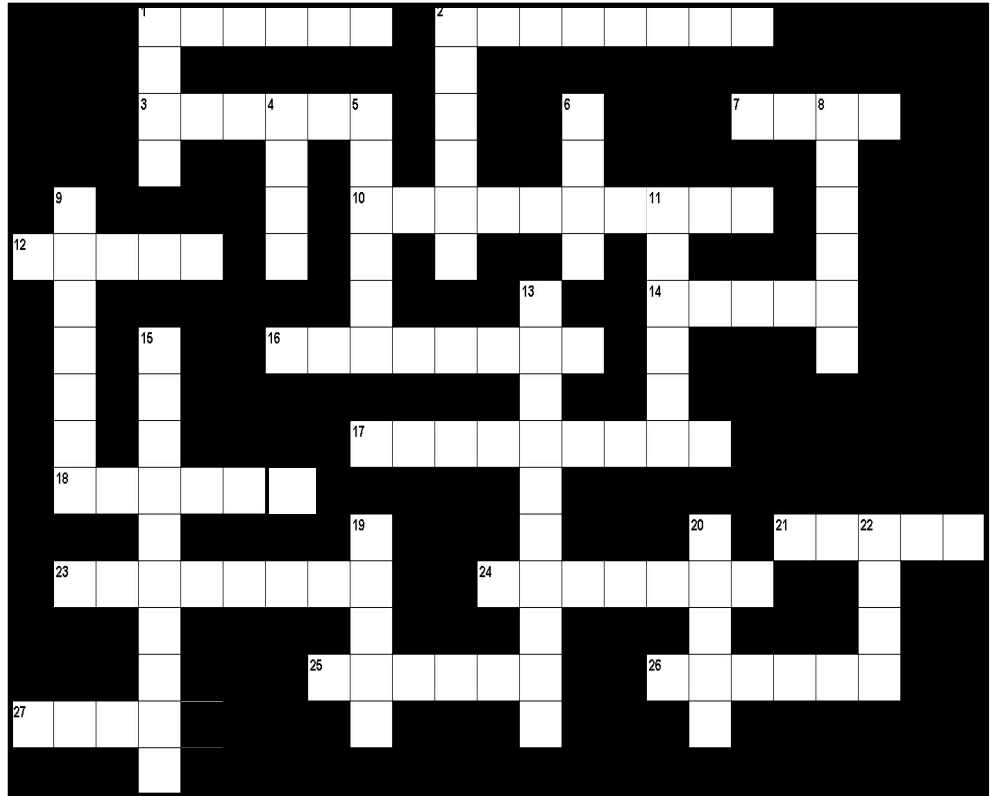
### Solving Cryptic Crosswords

Cryptic crosswords are a little different than your normal crossword to solve as the answer is generally hidden within the clue as opposed to a basic word association. We think you are a pretty bright lot - you wouldn't be here if you weren't, right? - so you need something to get your teeth into. Clues come in the form of Lateral Thinking type; Synonym; Word within a word; Anagram and Initials.

To give you an example we'll take clue 24 Across. A lateral thinking type: An explosive (bang) rooster (cock) is found in the place for neck wear (tie). So putting that all together you end up with the answer, Bangkok. Easy, right!

A hint here for this crossword is in the title; A Capital Idea. All the answers are Capital Cities.

An example of the Anagram type is 1 Down; Redirected mail (means mail is the anagram) and the clue is PERUsal. Hence the answer being Lima



### Across

1. 550 Mingle around midday near this infamous tower. (6)
2. Many good things sprout from these greens. (8)
3. Unbalanced and unwanted, it pains me to observe. (6)
7. Sounds like an ideal place for gypsies. (4)
10. Seems as if this is a capital place to play cards in Barbados. (10)
12. I spar a round or two with this classical fighter. (5)
14. A damaged toy holds a yen for approval. (5)
16. Seems it is a regal hamlet in Jamaica. (9)
17. A master dam builder may be useful in this low land area. (9)
18. Shortened answer holds the type of lubrication. (6)
21. A bulky person loses reason about this city. (5)
23. Take care barn storming in southern skies down under. (8)
24. An explosive rooster is found in the place for neck wear. (7)
25. Quietly argue about the conclusion of a chess match. (6)
26. Fifty bison shifted to the Iberian Peninsula. (6)
27. A chance to turn solo and produce capital ideas. (4)

### Down

1. Redirected mail is sent here for your perusal. (4)
2. In December lines form outside this city. (6)
4. Brigands conceal this Baltic port. (4)
5. Sounds like you can be found in this blind arrangement. (6)
6. I think I evoked a capital idea in the Ukraine. (4)
8. Many old soldiers cried openly when initially told of this hurried action. (6)
9. One may ask if you carried her to Java. (7)
11. Combine two at a time for a quick answer. (6)
13. Wonderful place for a small company to write to a golfing great. (10)
15. Was nothing arranged for him to construct this site. (10)
19. Small business holds a tune along a broken line. (5)
20. So if a mix up occurs send her to eastern Europe. (5)
22. Sounds too hot for an alpine home. (4)

**HINT: The title says A Capital Idea - Answers are Capital Cities**

Answers next month. If you're desperate and can't sleep, email us at [info@thainews.com.au](mailto:info@thainews.com.au) or phone us on 06 151 1600 and we might be able to help.