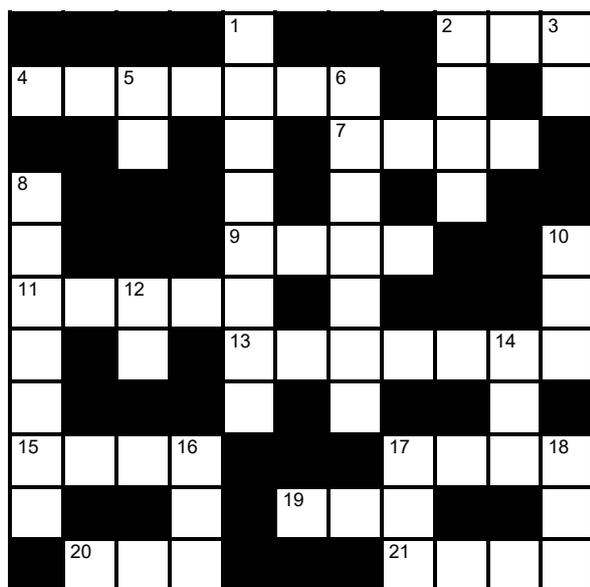


A British Puzzle

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Across

- 2 If you are not in the least concerned about someone or something, you can say that you don't give a _____. (3)
- 4 Faced with competition, and in danger of losing your place at the top, you need to look to your _____. (7)
- 7 When you are tasked to do something which cannot actually be done, or find yourself on a futile pursuit, we say you are on a _____ goose chase. (4)
- 9 A _____ is the source of a long-standing conflict between people. (4)
- 11 To disclose secret information, reveal the truth about something, or to ruin a surprise by announcing it prematurely, is to _____ the beans. (5)
- 13 The small visible part of a larger underlying problem is the tip of the _____. (7)
- 15 Any food which is

substantial in filling and will keep you going long after you've eaten it, even in cold weather, is said to stick to your _____. (4)

- 17 When you have a _____ to pick with someone, you have a disagreement which you need to discuss with them, or you intend to argue with them. (4)
- 19 A _____-soup is an extremely thick fog in which it is difficult to see your hand in front of your face. (3)
- 20 To milk something or someone _____ is to take all that is valuable, leaving only the valueless behind. (3)
- 21 Somebody who is on a _____ is trying to lose weight by being careful about what they eat. (4)

Down

- 1 A country reliant on a very narrow economic base while weakened by endemic corruption and poor government is known as a banana

- _____ . (8)
- 2 To _____ in the drink is to fall into the ocean or other body of water. (4)
- 3 When you _____ nuts you become extremely emotionally agitated, angry, excited, or even mentally ill. (2)
- 5 To soup _____ is to increase the power or performance of something, through modifications, particularly when talking about machines. (2)
- 6 When you _____ the pill, you make something unpleasant easier to deal with. (7)
- 8 To perform a task in a satisfactory manner, or to be able to do something requiring strength, stamina, and youth, is to cut the _____. (7)
- 10 If you _____ someone on, you are encouraging them to do something that may be unwise or dangerous. (3)
- 12 Something which is

likely to cause offence, is rude, or even obscene, is _____ bad taste. (2)

- 14 Something which loses energy, slows down, becomes weaker, and eventually stops, has _____ out of steam. (3)
- 16 A good idea which is unlikely to be realised is, like an impossible dream or an empty promise, pie in the _____. (3)
- 17 A _____ egg is a person who is not dependable, but is dishonest, untrustworthy, and generally disagreeable. (3)
- 18 To _____ in is to prepare your own food and eat it in the comfort of your own home rather than going out to a restaurant. (3)