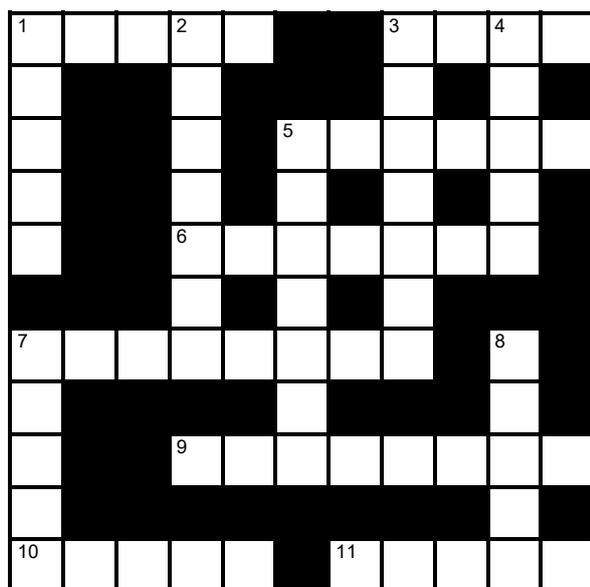


A British Puzzle

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Across

- 1** To _____ the knife in is to do or say something horrible to another person in a horrible way. (5)
- 3** To say that life is just a _____ of cherries is to say that your life is for all intents and purposes perfect. (4)
- 5** Somebody who lacks dexterity, is clumsy, heavy-handed, or generally inept, is ham-_____. (6)
- 6** To pay someone _____ is to pay them very little money. (7)
- 7** Somebody who goes red as a _____ is showing their embarrassment or nervousness

- through intense facial blushing. (8)
- 9** When a lot of people are very tightly crammed together in a very small space and have very little space in which to move, we say they are packed in like _____. (8)
- 10** An older wealthy man who provides a much younger woman with financial support in return for sexual favours is a sugar _____. (5)
- 11** To actively and energetically provoke or incite a situation that has the potential to be very disruptive is to cook up a _____. (5)

Down

- 1** A share of a finite amount of something, generally money, which is given to a number of participants is a _____ of the cake. (5)
- 2** A person who is sexually attractive can be referred to as a bit of _____. (7)
- 3** That which takes the _____ is the worst possible example of something which is stupid, annoying, shocking, or bad. (7)
- 4** Something which arouses your interest and makes you eager to find out more about it _____ your appetite. (5)
- 5** Someone or something that is temporarily extremely popular can be referred to as the _____ of the month. (7)
- 7** To break _____ with someone is to have a meal with them, over which you can talk, and discuss any differences you may have. (5)
- 8** A person who many people consider to be unusual, strange, or somewhat aloof, is a _____ fish. (5)