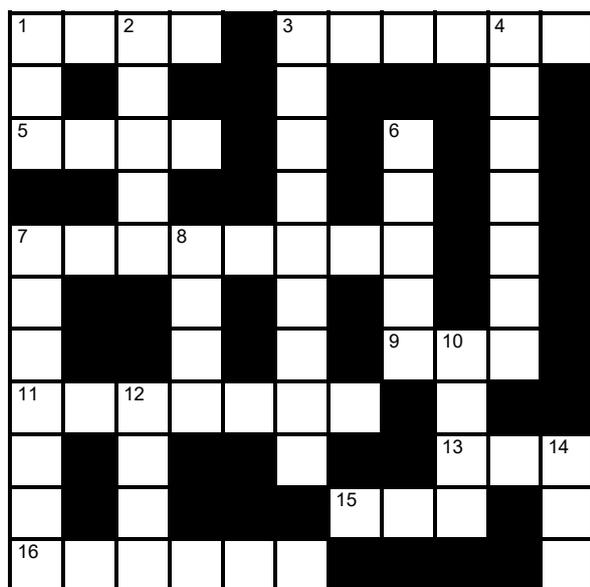


## A British Puzzle

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### Across

1 To \_\_\_\_\_ up steam is to gradually increase the strength, power, energy, or influence needed to deal with a difficult challenge. (4)

3 Anything that is ludicrously simple to do is like shooting fish in a \_\_\_\_\_. (6)

5 To be in a very risky or precarious situation with very little support is to be on \_\_\_\_\_ ice. (4)

7 Somebody who is dashing around in a panic, unable to decide what to do or what needs to be done, is running around like a \_\_\_\_\_ chicken. (8)

9 If you stick with something until it is completed, however unpleasant or difficult it may be, you do so till the bitter \_\_\_\_\_. (3)

11 When you are satisfied with your achievements and do not strive to achieve more, you are \_\_\_\_\_ on your laurels. (7)

13 A businessman who is ostentatious and visibly enjoys their wealth and privilege is disparagingly called a fat \_\_\_\_\_. (3)

15 When something is very easy, takes very little effort, and is even pleasurable, it's as easy as \_\_\_\_\_. (3)

16 A small restaurant or café that sells predominantly fried food at a cheap price is known as a \_\_\_\_\_ spoon. (6)

### Down

1 To delay taking action on something, or to postpone speaking to someone, is to keep or \_\_\_\_\_ things on ice. (3)

2 Not for all the tea in \_\_\_\_\_ means not at any price nor by any means of persuasion. (5)

3 If you flatter someone, or are especially nice to them, with the aim of getting them to do what you want them to do, or

to give their support to you, you are \_\_\_\_\_ them up. (9)

4 A person who is extremely intelligent or very clever, particularly in the scientific matters, is known as an \_\_\_\_\_. (7)

6 When something unpleasant or unfair has happened to you and you cannot forget it, it leaves a bitter \_\_\_\_\_ in your mouth. (5)

7 We use a red \_\_\_\_\_ to divert attention from the real issue at hand by introducing a misleading clue or erroneous piece of information. (7)

8 When you have been shamed into admitting that you were wrong about something, and are humiliated, you're forced to eat \_\_\_\_\_. (4)

10 A person who is engagingly pleasant and friendly, especially when you felt that they wouldn't be, is as

\_\_\_\_\_ as pie to you. (4)

12 When you are 100% certain about something and that something cannot be disputed it is as \_\_\_\_\_ as eggs is eggs. (4)

14 Something which is not someone's cup of \_\_\_\_\_ is something which they are not particularly interested in, or something which they would not enjoy being part of. (3)