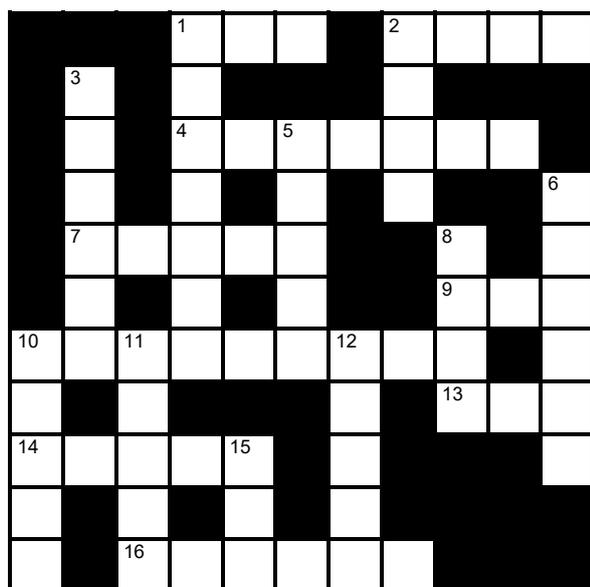


A British Puzzle

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Across

1 The least important, least powerful, and least influential people in a group are the small _____. (3)

2 To expend more time or energy on something than is normally required is to make a _____ of it. (4)

4 Something unpleasant or distasteful that has to be accepted is a bitter pill to _____. (7)

7 Something which has been badly burned, by fire, by sun, or by other means, is burnt to a _____. (5)

9 To eat _____ is to eat in a restaurant, café, or bar, food that has been prepared for you, rather than eating at home. (3)

10 _____ westerns

were low-budget films set in the Wild West but filmed in European countries, particularly Italy. (9)

13 To _____ someone stew is to allow them to continue to feel guilty, anxious, or fearful, without trying to make them feel any better. (3)

14 An unexpected enhancement to something already good is the _____ on the cake. (5)

16 Binge _____ is the consumption of huge amounts of food in a very short space of time because the eater cannot control their hunger, or greed. (6)

Down

1 If you're trying to get someone to pay you a compliment, especially by putting yourself down, you are _____ for compliments. (7)

2 Any imaginary or unrealistic place which has bountiful amounts of everything that you could desire is known as a land of _____ and honey. (4)

3 An unimportant or trivial matter that provokes a great deal of concern, anger, or annoyance among people is a storm in a _____. (6)

5 A person who has an undesirable or negative influence on the group of people to which he belongs is a bad _____. (5)

6 A hot _____ is a difficult problem or issue that nobody wants to deal with and which gets passed from one person to another. (6)

8 To reduce a complex issue to its simple

fundamentals is to _____ it down. (4)

10 To _____ something up is to make it more interesting, lively, or exciting, by adding something not already present. (5)

11 To be utterly defeated or destroyed by someone who is stronger, more experienced, or more powerful than you, is to be eaten _____. (5)

12 A job or position that provides the recipient with easy money or attractive perks and luxuries is a gravy _____. (5)

15 If you have managed to get out of a difficult and bothersome situation, you have managed to _____ out of a jam. (3)