

Cryptic Crosswords for Improvers

A CZD Crosswords one-day course

Boost your solving skills

This one day practical course is for anyone who understands the principles of how cryptic clues work and how to solve them, and is now seeking to improve their solving expertise.

Theory and practice

The course consists of four modules in which progressively more challenging newspaper puzzles are worked through.

The practical sessions are integrated with short reviews of theoretical aspects of clue construction to extend knowledge and solving techniques.

A review of the basics: cryptic clue structure, the variety of cryptic clues
Puzzle 1 (warm up)

Intermediate puzzles: what makes clues harder to solve
Puzzles 2 and 3

Harder puzzles: disguised indicators
Puzzle 4

More on harder puzzles: Tricky substitutions
Puzzle 5

Learning outcomes

At the end of the course you will be familiar with every aspect of cryptic clue construction and the tricks of the trade that regularly feature in the national broadsheet puzzles.

Previous courses

Cryptic Crosswords for Improvers has been taught five times at Knuston Hall (Wellingborough) and twice at Denman (Abingdon).

The course has been given the highest ratings by all Knuston students. The results of a feedback survey from Denman are available at www.czdcrosswords.co.uk/Courses/

About the tutor

Henry Howarth has taught over 500 adults how to solve cryptic crosswords and is the author of the book *Learn How to Solve Cryptic Crosswords* and the app *Learn How to Solve Cryptic Crosswords*. He is an expert tutor with a relaxed and engaging teaching style and his courses are enjoyed by all who attend.

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