The six types of cryptic clue used in https://24days.in/umbraco-cms/2021/christmas-crossword/

Type	Description	Example Clue
Anagram	Anagram clues contain *indicator* words such as *mixed*, *confused*, *changed*, *corrupted* and *about*. Does the clue contain a word that could be an anagram *indicator* and, if so, next to the *indicator* is there a word or phrase with same number of letters as the answer? If yes then chances are rearranging those letters will give you a word or phrase which is defined by the rest of the clue.	`Corrupted trace leads to a Javascript framework (5)` *Corrupted* is the anagram indicator, *trace* has 5 letters, an anagram of *trace* is *React*, and *React* is a Javascript framework. The answer is **React**.
Homophone	The Homophone clue will have *indicator* phrase such as *it's said*, *we hear*, and *sounds like*. In these clues the solution sounds like another word given by the *wordplay*.	`Data structure that sounds like a glimmer of light (5)` *Sounds like* is the homophone indicator, a glimmer of light is *a ray* which sounds like *array*, a data structure. The answer is **Array**.
Hidden	Hidden clues are arguably the easiest to solve as the answer is literally concealed in the clue. Again an *indicator* word will be used. Hidden *indicator* words include *in*, *inside*, *within* and *amidst*.	`Parched in the Kalahari desert (4)` *In* is the hidden indicator, the word *arid* is in *Kalahari desert*, and *arid* means parched. The answer is **Arid**.
Takeaway	The Takeaway clue involves something being deducted from something else. The takeaway *indicator* will be a word such as *short*, *almost*, *topless* or *endless*.	`Possess a topless dress (3)` *Topless* is the takeaway indicator meaning remove the first letter from another word. *Gown* is another word for *dress*, and if you remove it's first letter you have *own*, which means *possess*. The answer is **Own**.
Double Definition	If you split the clue in two parts there is one word or phrase that is defined by both parts. There is no *indicator* word in these sort of clues, but the lack of an *indicator* word can be indication itself… Hint: try putting commas in various parts of the clue and see if both sides have a common answer.	`Fickle source control (9)` Split the clue in two parts with a comma as *fickle, source control*. Another word for *fickle* is *mercurial*, and *Mercurial* is a type of source control (although somewhat overshadowed these days by git). The answer is **Mercurial** as it is answers both definitions.
Quirky	For this type of clue I can only apologise as I have never been able to explain it well. Usually the clue ends with a ? or a ! as a hint that it's not one of the standard types. All I can suggest is that you think laterally and see what comes to mind!	`Yank it! Give us a tow! Drag me! (4,8)` *Yank*, *tow* and *drag* are all synonyms for the word *pull*. Each phrase is *request*ing someone to pull. So the answer is **Pull Requests**. Again, I am sorry, and I now wonder if writing all this will actually put you off instead of encouraging you to try!