

# Cryptic Hexword

by Tennisbat, for Christmas 2023



## → ACROSS

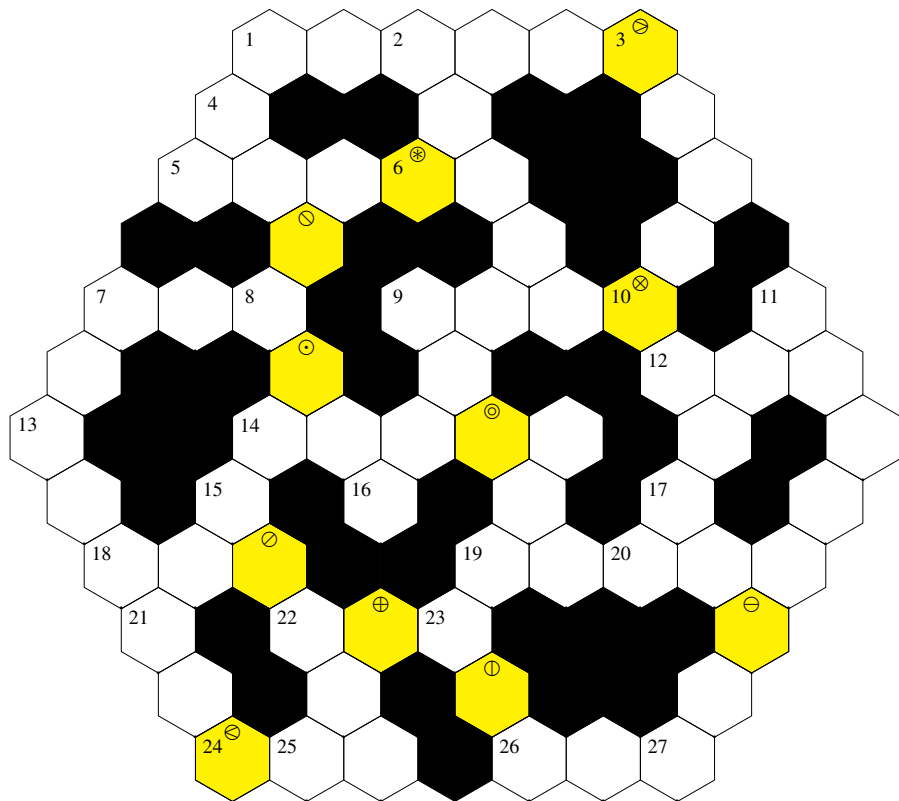
- 1 One odd dogbed filled with nerves (2,4)
- 5 Loads of paper concerning a manuscript (4)
- 7 Deer misremembered from Edo (3)
- 9 Flounder – like you failed? (4)
- 12 A long evening: open a beer (3)
- 14 Savagely rated a tyre's grooves (5)
- 18 Sailor fumbled art pitch (3)
- 19 Every one has a silver lining, it's said (5)
- 22 Where they look up to Canada and think Mexico beneath them (1.1.1.)
- 24 Rug doesn't sound glossy (3)
- 26 Festive worker removes the scare from self care (3)

## ↗ RISING

- 5 Letter from abroad makes Des an island (3)
- 6 Angry beaver building backwards (3)
- 8 Cameras capture a long time (3)
- 10 What H Grant misses at first: an embrace (3)
- 13 Rubbish German bath (3)
- 16 Haunting like a lake, I hear (5)
- 20 Without Lee, yodelled peculiarly strangely (5)
- 21 In poor condition, said a spud in Kirkcaldy (5)
- 23 Something corrosive to help around a hundred (4)
- 25 Donkey tails a trousers' contents (3)
- 27 Introduce continuously, define haphazardly (4,2)

## ↘ DIVING

- 2 Makes more straightforward, in seas especially (5)
- 3 Easter cracker? (3)
- 4 Hotel, um, belonging to the lady (3)
- 8 Jane in mopey read (4)
- 9 Tender, loud train track (5)
- 10 A laugh David used to own (3)
- 11 A part of any English money spent in Japan (3)
- 13 Bravo, Otto! Mike, tush! (6)
- 15 Confide in unusual strut (5)
- 17 Late when it's over? (3)
- 23 Times in A&E fell (3)



# Casual Hexword

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- 1 Nervous (2,4)
- 5 Loads of paper (4)
- 7 Deer (3)
- 9 Flounder (4)
- 12 Beer (3)
- 14 Tyre's grooves (5)
- 18 Pitch (3)
- 19 Nimbus, for example (5)
- 22 Biden's country (1.1.1.)
- 24 Rug (3)
- 26 Santa's helper (3)

## ↗ RISING

- 5 Greek letter (3)
- 6 Angry (3)
- 8 A long time (3)
- 10 Embrace (3)
- 13 Not good (3)
- 16 Haunting (5)
- 20 Strangely (5)
- 21 In poor condition (5)
- 23 Low-pH substance (4)
- 25 Donkey (3)
- 27 Introduce continuously (4,2)

## ↘ DIVING

- 2 Makes more straightforward (5)
- 3 What a hen lays (3)
- 4 Belonging to a woman (3)
- 8 Brontë's Jane (4)
- 9 Tender (5)
- 10 Possessed (3)
- 11 Japanese currency (3)
- 13 Bum (6)
- 15 Confide in (5)
- 17 Expected (3)
- 23 Lumberjack's tool (3)

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Each clue has parts: **straight definitions, descriptions or synonyms**; *puns*, and/or; [fodder, with *instructions*] or [without]. Bars | separate | parts.

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| **filled with nerves**
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[concerning] [a]  
[manuscript]
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- 9 **Flounder** |  
*like you failed?*
- 12 [A long evening:  
*open*] | **a beer**
- 14 [*Savagely rated*] | **a tyre's grooves**
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| **pitch**
- 19 *Every one has a silver lining, it's said*
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- 24 **Rug** | [*doesn't sound glossy*]
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[removes the scare from self care]

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| *makes Des an island*
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- 8 [Cameras *capture*]  
| **a long time**
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[German bath]
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[like a lake I hear]
- 20 [*Without Lee, yodelled peculiarly*]  
| **strangely**
- 21 **In poor condition** |  
[said a spud in *Kirkcaldy*]
- 23 **Something corrosive**  
| [to help around a hundred]
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[define *haphazardly*]

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[in seas especially]
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- 8 **Jane** | [*in mopey read*]
- 9 **Tender** |  
[loud] [train track]
- 10 [A laugh] [David]  
| **used to own**
- 11 [*A part of any English*] | **money spent in Japan**
- 13 [Bravo] [Otto] [Mike]  
| **tush**
- 15 **Confide in** |  
[unusual strut]
- 17 *Late when it's over?*
- 23 [Times in A&E] | **fell**

