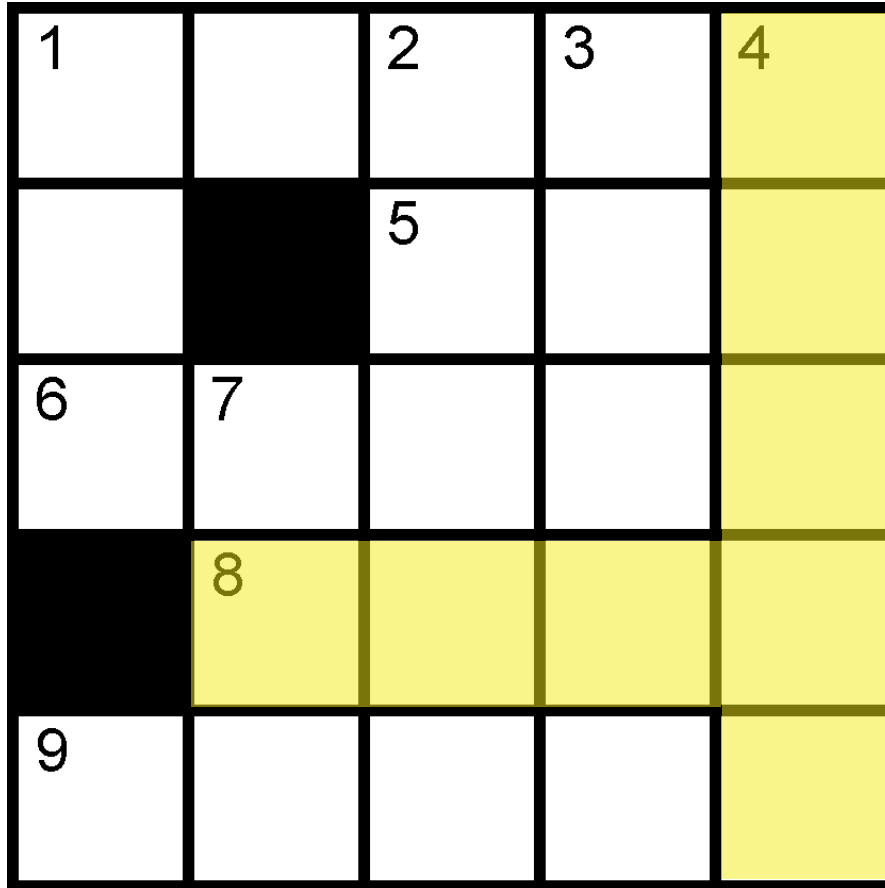


## Curse Words

The clues in this mini-crossword puzzle are cryptic. Each clue describes *two different words*. The two words are anagrams. It's up to you to decide which of the two words to place in the grid. For example, "Blog about cookware" could refer to **POST** and **POTS**.

When you have correctly filled in the grid, the highlighted row and column will reveal a hidden message.

Answers are on the last page.



Across

1. Tiny plant spore
5. Cozy spot for a friend?
6. Departed alone to meander off
9. Suffered when aiming for perfection?

Down

1. Sunbathing at a picnic
2. Sailor brings gift of thin, semitransparent fabric to girlfriend
3. Spirit in a frenzy?
7. Damp union of night and chill

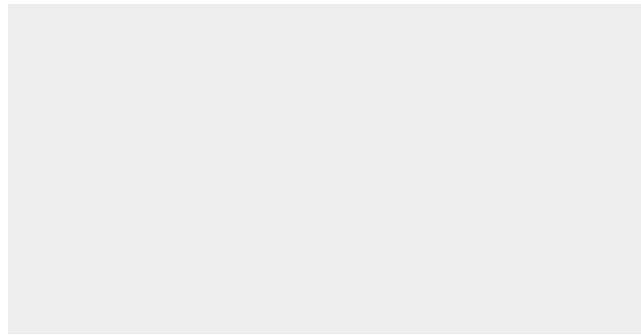


## Revelation

The following clues hide the identity of several members of a common group. Using the clues, determine the listed members and figure out which members are missing from the group. Once you've discovered the missing members, uncover the unique trait they share—one that the listed members do not.

Answer is on the last page.

1. LA Rip
2. USA Tug
3. Mob Nerve
4. Charm
5. Cob Tore
6. Yam
7. Steep Berm
8. Ruby Fare
9. Creme Bed



List missing members and the unique trait



## Answers

### Curse Words

1	A	T	2	O	3	M	4	S
	N		5	L	A		P	
6	T	7	W	I	N		E	
		8	E	V	I	L		
9	I	D	E	A		L		

ATOMS = STOMA

LAP = PAL

TWINE = I WENT (departed *alone*) Get it?

IDEAL = AILED

ANT = TAN

OLIVE = VOILE (Popeye's girlfriend is Olive Oyl)

MANIA = ANIMA (the soul)

WED = DEW

Hidden message: EVIL SPELL (plays on title and the devilishness of the clues!)

### Revelation

The clues are anagrams of nine months of the year. The remaining members, **January**, **June** and **July** are the only months that begin with the letter J.



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