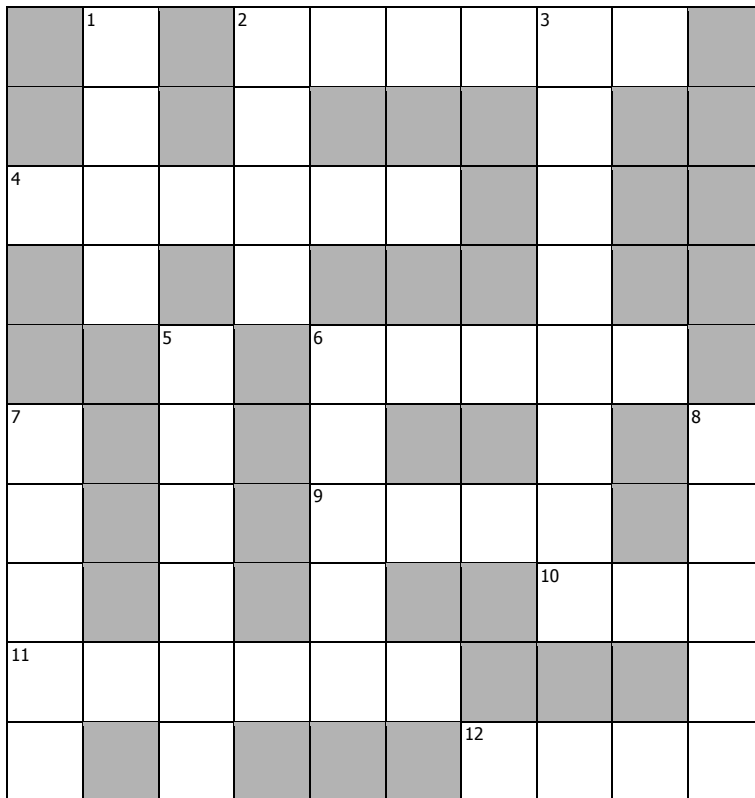


BANDS 2



CRYPTIC CLUES

Across

- 2** Crime stoppers! (6)
- 4** Flying at the Hotel California. (6)
- 6** Mixed up pests. (5)
- 9** Bjorn belonged. (4)
- 10** Affirmative. (3)
- 11** Sounds like a double 'm'. (6)
- 12** Snog? (4)

Down

- 1** Even George Michael had to start somewhere. (4)
- 2** Fiction or just pulverized. (4)
- 3** Perhaps they should wear gloves. (8)
- 5** Mixed up, begin starving. (6)
- 6** Shuffled deals. (5)
- 7** Victoria or Elizabeth? (5)
- 8** Desert haven. (5)



SOLUTION

	W		P	O	L	I	C	E	
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I recently (Jan 2001) used this crossword in an unconventional way, which as luck would have it worked really well. I had a group of around 25 mainly teenagers (but from 12 years up!) who I divided up into 7 groups (3s & 4s). Each group was given a down clue and an across clue, but the location numbers were removed! That's right, they were not given any help with where to put the answers, except they got the word length numbers. They then had to both compete and co-operate, by finding other teams who had clues which might help to eliminate possibilities and fill in gaps. It was used for the purpose of ice breaking between a new group who would be working together over the following ten weeks. Customizing 7 different sheets was a pain, but as it turned out, it was worth the effort! It may never work again, and it may not apply to your situation, I offer the idea on the basis that it might spark another train of thought.