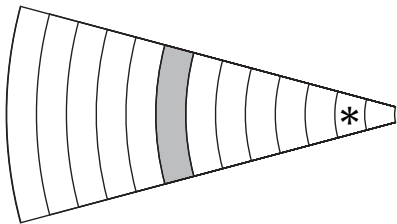


Solution to LOST AT SEA:

Some of the items in the list are missing letters. Reading the missing letters in order gives the cluephrase UNALTERED ITEMS. Take the items which did not have an omitted letter and index into the item name by the number. This gives the answer SHIPSCREW. Congratulations to Justin A., Aaron, and Tom Griffin who were the first three to submit the correct answer to last week's puzzle on our website (<http://puzzle.berkeley.edu>).

This column is another in our ongoing series. For additional instructions, refer to one of our past columns. (An archive is available on our website.) You do not need to look at the wedge below to solve the puzzle.



Cryptic crossword clues are split into two parts: a definition of the answer you're looking for, and another way to construct the answer through wordplay. These parts can come in either order. Some examples of cryptic constructions:

- *Anagram:* A clue may be the anagrammed letters of the answer; this is hinted with words like "wild" or "drunk." Ex: "Tarnation!" snarled Pulp Fiction director." The answer **TARANTINO** ("Pulp Fiction director") comes from the snarled letters of "Tarnation."

- *Charades:* Some cryptic answers can be broken into smaller words, clued individually. Ex: "Friend follows child completely." ALLY ("friend") follows TOT ("child") to make the answer **TOTALLY** ("completely").
- *Hidden Answers:* Sometimes the entire answer appears intact, but camouflaged. Ex: "Myopic colonel clutches flute." Here, "myo**PIC** COL**Onel**" holds, or "clutches," **PICCOLO** ("flute"). Alternatively, in "Premiers of state hang out with guide," the answer **SHOW** ("guide") is hidden in the "premiers of" State, Hang, Out, With.
- *Double Definitions:* Some clues have two definition halves. **MOPED** could be clued: "Motorbike was blue."

THINKING CRYPTICALLY

1. Crazy moron pled for citrus candy.
2. Chained-up woman of Greek mythology and Italian capital District Attorney.
3. The heads of yellow-green ghouls, dreadful rogues, and serpents infest legendary tree of myth.
4. Fragrant trees rearrange pi, acutely.
5. Counter-arguments encased in wood-slat tub, erroneously backwards.
6. Ballplayer found in shorts, top and shoes.
7. Strangely, go to canal shaped like a stop sign.
8. Mr. Pizarro beheaded Californian city.
9. Sweatshop after last bit of alcohol used for smelling.

Answers:

1. _ _ _ _ _
2. _ _ _ _ _
3. _ _ _ _ _
4. _ _ _ _ _
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6. _ _ _ _ _
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8. _ _ _ _ _
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Final Answer: _ _ _ _ _