

Andy Crossers Conventions

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Symmetry is non-existent, the Answer Grid is *usually* rectangular, the Clues free-flowing and rule-less. Spread throughout Puzzle, theme-related Answers number into at least the teens...and often beyond.

Two-letter Answers are permissible, often used as initials to showcase a character or an institution. Initialed or non-conventional Clues are usually asterisked, the Supplied Answers* listed at end of Clues. Supplied Answers* are gimme's, but the Reader is encouraged to look up *any* Answer to avoid undue frustration. Andy Crossers are designed for fun and entertainment...not *just* a provoking challenge.

Many Puzzles are also Stories, which require jumping around...conventional Across/Down's following. The Story Puzzles can be enjoyed without doing the Puzzle, directly using the Clues and Answers Pages. As stated earlier, the Clues presentation can be creative and vary tremendously from Puzzle to Puzzle.

Glossary

Alpha	Alphabet-Soup -- almost always three-letter initials of an institution/business (eg, CIA) and often supplied outright in the Clue (Alpha-Soup for Central Intelligence Agency)
Initis	Initials of curious character -- asterisked for Supplied Answers* or supplied outright
"Ooh..."	Song lyric ("Ooh...for he's a ___ good fellow...")
... ↔ ...	Reverse the order of two-word Answer for the Clue ("jaw" ↔ "lock" means lockjaw)
(with...)	Add-on these letters onto Clue's Answer Ex: (with 12-Down) Package. [This answer "CAR" makes for Clue's answer "CARTON"] Ex: (with "ton") Package. [This Answer "CAR" also makes for Clue's "CARTON"]
(after...)	This Answer gets that Answer or "Letters" added on to this one for the Clue's idea Ex: (after 12-Down) Oral organ. [This Answer "GUE" makes for Clue's "TONGUE"] Ex: (after "TON") Oral organ. [This Answer "GUE" for Clue's "TONGUE"]
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