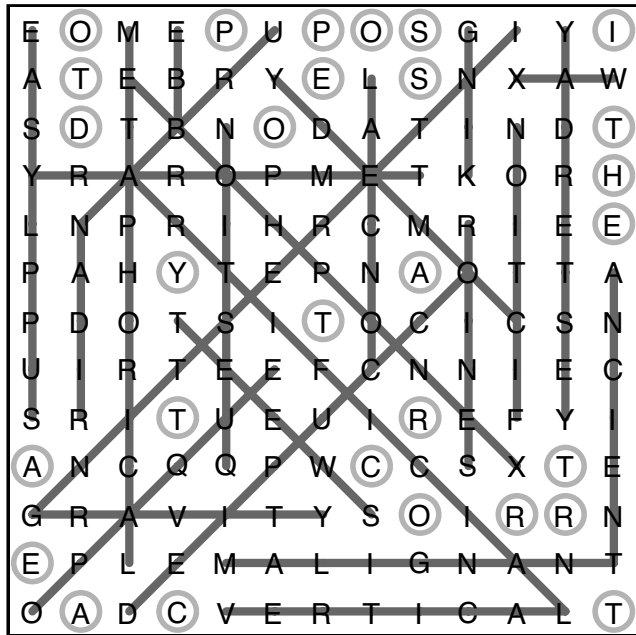


MATCH-UPS: QUITE THE CONVERSE

Have fun matching these words with their antitheses which are hidden in the grid. Once eliminated, the left over letters will provide an idea on which to ponder.



SOLUTION:

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| 1. ... or modern | 14. Natural or ... |
| 2. Bitter or ... | 15. ... or vacant |
| 3. ... or tragedy | 16. Permanent or ... |
| 4. Difficult or ... | 17. ... or answer |
| 5. ... or flow | 18. Reveal or ... |
| 6. Fact or ... | 19. ... or demand |
| 7. ... or levity | 20. Transparent or ... |
| 8. Horizontal or ... | 21. ... or rural |
| 9. ... or dull | 22. ... or wane |
| 10. Junior or ... | 23. Xenophile or ... |
| 11. ... or queen | 24. ... or tomorrow |
| 12. Literal or ... | 25. Zenith or ... |
| 13. ... or benign | |

SCRIBBLE SPACE:



CRYPTIC

Use the cryptic clues below to solve this crossword with a twist.



- ACROSS**
- Ten lions used to be rude (8)
 - Hostess in Tokyo finds even ogre fibs? Whoa! (6)
 - Show off with extremely flashy stunt (6)
 - Blended jam etc is splendid (8)
 - Teams return pet duck (8)
 - Do some stocktaking on the sly? (6)
 - Being out of them will put you in a bad mood (5)
 - Acts of retaliation to do with unusual spirals (9)
 - Be instant failure at being on the wagon (9)
 - Wipe out directions after period of time (5)
 - On the inside, hostage is the kind of person who discriminates (6)
 - Her fate's mixed up with plumage (8)
 - Switchboard worker to dope rat, or remove head (8)
 - Charm finale listener (6)
 - Legate became apprentice raptor (6)
- DOWN**
- Instills in circuit breakers (7)
 - Flags representing principles (9)
 - What children write as punishment for actors to learn (5)
 - Type of decision to carry out around four (9)
 - Bowmen who build curved structures? (7)
 - Organ found with trumpet and drum (3)
 - Toddler to have tea (3)
 - Tolerate Teddy (4)
 - Orderly transport form (9)
 - Humiliation of being on a lower ground floor (9)
 - Food for solitary sailor? (7)
 - Digits that feature in photo essay (4)
 - Made certain user reformed in the end (7)
 - Air sounds more poetic before (3)
 - Anxious to flex muscles (5)
 - Compartment for bovine ox without sheep (3)