

## Cryptic Logic Untangled – #9 Hybrids

You may need to refer to earlier modules by way of revision while doing this topic.

It is quite common for setters to mix up two or more clue types in a single clue. We've already seen one instance of this with HIDDEN Clues that are REVERSED. In principle, it's possible to mix any two clue types together, although some combinations are not logically viable:

- Double definition clues are never mixed
- Hidden clues are only ever Reversed
- Spoonerisms are never mixed
- Cycles and Migrations are difficult enough without mixing... although it can happen.

The most common hybrid clues use Anagram, Homophone, Reversal or Codes to provide chunks for Charades or Container Insertions.

**Charade Hybrids** (these are fairly common):

Passable as its new assembly line (12) => **ASITS** + **FACTORY** => SATISFACTORY  
Anagram chunk + plain synonym chunk

Loudly bellowed at a set of stats to crunch (3,4) => **ROARED** + **ATA** => RAW DATA  
Homophone chunk + plain literal chunk

Pacifies subscriptions after bus trip (7) => **BUS** + **DUES** => SUBDUES  
Reversal chunk + plain synonym chunk

Extremely dirty and repugnant old soap (7) => **Dirty** + **NASTY** => DYNASTY  
Code Selection chunk + plain synonym chunk

Crack carter without even corruption (7) => **CaRtEr** + **VICE** => CREVICE  
Code Deletion chunk + plain synonym chunk

Watch me talk about peace after it is over (9) => **IT** + **ME** + **PIECE** => TIMEPIECE  
Reversal chunk + plain literal chunk + Homophone chunk

**Container Insertion Hybrids** (these are less common):

Cure the press within a broken tree (9) => **RE/media\TE** => REMEDIATE  
plain synonym chunk >> inserted into >> Anagram chunk

Bees I heard rush around the scraps (7) => **RU/bbi\SH** => RUBBISH  
Homophone chunk >> inserted into >> plain literal chunk

Wander off, but get back into game plan (8) => **STRA/get\Y** => STRATEGY  
Reversal chunk >> inserted into >> plain synonym chunk

World leader in marketing ballooning (8) => **S/World\ELLING** => SWELLING  
Code Selection chunk >> inserted into >> plain synonym chunk

Diatribes as crab is shelled and thrown in the rising sea (6) => **TI/eRAb\DE** => TIRADE  
Code Deletion chunk >> inserted into >> plain synonym chunk

**NB:** Other combinations are possible but rarer.

## Crossword #9 – Hybrids

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### ACROSS

1. Nag first rapper in tights (5)
4. Cat embraces bear loudly in nightclub (7)
8. Cat I am, engulfed by stormy seas (7)
9. Arid centre writer to come of age (5)
10. Flipping warts Chuck fruit (10)
14. Tear torn railway route (6)
15. The French beheaded doctrine in Texas (6)
17. Phobia defaced city intricacy (10)
20. Fish goes back to church parasite (5)
22. It's folded paper or the wise men return with me! (7)
23. Last night passion about drama (7)
24. Never-ending assault on South-East lift (5)

### DOWN

1. He carries such backward footwear (4)
2. Last longer on air or yell loudly (4)
3. Half-powered verbal about voting (9)
4. React madly with North European (6)
5. Pub's degree? Start reading! (3)
6. Groom stripped golf supporter's banter (8)
7. Ballgame outspoken on poet laureate (8)
11. A-List mixed in ale is more monstrous (9)
12. Knight said Hello in medical journal (8)
13. Franked the last charge (8)
16. Reveal uncovered sex model (6)
18. Clay follows first boxer in Indonesia (4)
19. Back in the French flower (4)
21. Torrid Asian soup discovered top taste (3)

If you're struggling with these, there are hints on the next page, before the answer grid. They tell you which clue types have been used for each one.

## Hints for #9 – Hybrids

### ACROSS

1. Insertion (with code selection)
4. Insertion (with homophone)
8. Insertion (with anagram)
9. Charade (with code selection)
10. Charade (with reversal)
14. Charade (with anagram)
15. Charade (with code deletion)
17. Charade (with code deletion)
20. Charade (with reversal)
22. Charade (with reversal)
23. Charade (with code selection)
24. Charade (with code deletion)

### DOWN

1. Insertion (with reversal)
2. Charade (with code selection & homophone)
3. Charade (with code selection)
4. Charade (with anagram)
5. Charade (with code selection)
6. Charade (with code deletion)
7. Charade (with homophone)
11. Insertion (with anagram)
12. Insertion (with homophone)
13. Charade (with code selection)
16. Charade (with code deletion)
18. Charade (with code selection)
19. Charade (with reversal)
21. Charade (with code deletion & selection)

## Cryptic Club

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If you wish to join the Cryptic Club, please contact John McKinnon at [jmc33466@gmail.com](mailto:jmc33466@gmail.com)

## Answers - #9 Hybrids

If you have any questions, or would like to receive more detailed notes on this topic, please contact John McKinnon at [jmc33466@gmail.com](mailto:jmc33466@gmail.com)

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