

A DEFINITIVE PUZZLE by Tinhorn**Presented at the January 2017 L.A. Minicon**

Using the all-caps words under the main grid, fill the blanks in the given phrases to form matching pairs of offbeat definitions (left column) and NYT or LAT crossword clues (right column) for 15 other words (not listed). The matching offbeat definition and crossword clue pair will NOT necessarily be directly across from each other. The offbeat definitions have all appeared on the BBC radio show *I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue* – all wordplay is fair game, such as these other examples from the show:

Teutonic = What you might order with two gin

Impeccable = Bird-proof

Measles = What artists use for self portraits

Extracting letters from the **defined/clued words** according to the numbers in parentheses will eventually result in words that fill the blanks (not necessarily in order) in the bold rectangle. The single word matching both the resulting offbeat definition and crossword clue is your solution.

OFFBEAT DEFINITIONS			STANDARD CROSSWORD CLUES
An obsessive ____	___	___	___ emblem
Wide range of ____ for hire	___	___	Point the ____ at
A bikini top made of ____	___	___	Prynne's ____
To leave a ____ on a desert island	___	___	___ overseer
Polystyrene ____	___	___	Producing a lot of ____
___ weather forecast	___	___	___, like a banquet
A bit like a ____	___	___	Musical with ____ scenes
What happens after ____	___	___	Talking ____
___ for male sheep	___	___	___ pullers
Take a ____ to court	___	___	___ confection
An underwater ____	___	___	Brownie ____
Walking with a ____	___	___	Golf ____
The one ____ "fird"	___	___	Facing ____
One who assesses ____ equipment	___	___	Temporary ____
A very useful ____	___	___	___ course

AIMLESSLY (1)	BATHROOM (4)	BEFORE (4)	BILLIARDS (5)	BLIMP (5)
BOULDER (8)	BRICKLAYER (1)	COCONUT (3)	CONIFER (4)	EQUALIZER (1)
EXHIBITION (3)	EXTRAVAGANT (3)	FINGER (2)	HAT (3)	HOOKER (2)
IRISH (2)	JEWELRY (6)	KELP (4)	MATH (3)	MORSEL (3)
NIGHTCLUB (1)	OFFSPRING (6)	POLITE (2)	PUBERTY (6)	SCOTSMAN (2)
SIN (2)	SLEIGH (5)	TAXIS (2)	TEACHER (6)	UPWARD (5)

___ for ___ a ___ in the ___	[solution]	___
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