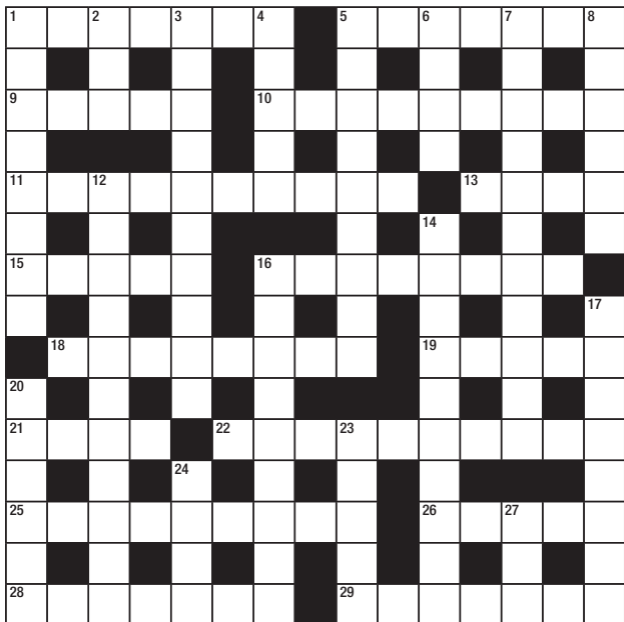


# January 2006 Crossword



## Across

- 1 Metal animals (a pair of them) (7)
- 5 A painful back? See about a type of spray (7)
- 9 Time I took a risk going to region of China (5)
- 10 Sedimentary rock can be yellowish-green and brownish-grey (9)
- 11 Certain metals are rather rough with just a hint of smoothness (4,6)
- 13 Indian city – no hot food is sold here (4)
- 15 A stupid person coming over as unsympathetic (5)
- 16 After applying force crushed outlier might provide mineral (8)
- 18 Bum rider goes wrong here after the start (8)
- 19 Last month's gold colour scheme, etc. (5)
- 21 Host cooked cod, gammon and rhubarb (4)
- 22 Metalworker has injured side that's treated with sulfur (10)
- 25 Make revised plans to raise limits (9)
- 26 Relating to gold possessed by a nouveau riche (5)
- 28 Reportedly conceal precious stones having yttrium with an OH group (7)
- 29 Start to sympathise with one who casts crude zinc (7)

## Down

- 1 It's a scandal having no tellurium and sulfur in a mixture of H<sub>2</sub> and CO (5,3)
- 2 Where chemist might be found absorbed in *Chemical Abstracts* (3)
- 3 NZ-born scientist is a woman following dreary routine for days (10)
- 4 This is descriptive of the concentration of a solution used for grinding (5)
- 5 An old railway company building used as charitable accommodation (9)
- 6 Take top off surface coating to reveal iron oxide (4)
- 7 Stoke madly aboard boat before first bit of smoke leaves funnels (11)
- 8 Deceive outstanding German chemist (6)
- 12 Where in the US pedestrians might find refuge or so it's said (5,6)
- 14 This could be nitrated in first half of test like some chelating ligands (10)
- 16 French queen mistreated little Cyrus. This reveals how often it happens (9)
- 17 In favour of perverted crude films – he might help make them (8)
- 20 Polysaccharide producing white mark on horse chestnut (6)
- 23 More than one female student from Cambridge initially does badly (5)
- 24 Thus upset terrifying person (4)
- 27 Type of decay exhibited by protactinium (3)

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## Solution to December 2005 crossword

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