

**Across****1 FAIRLY**

Definition: quite; FLY (knowing – adjective, British usage) around AIR (song)

**4 ASSEMBLY**

Double-definition: (i) gathering (ii) legislators

**10 REPLICATE**

Definition: fold back; REP (material - a transversely corded fabric of wool, silk, rayon, or cotton)  
LIC (insurance body) ATE (consumed)

**11 MISER**

Cryptic definition

**12 ENTICED**

Definition: lured; TICE (from 8 down YORKER – in cricket, a ball bowled to strike the ground about a bat's length in front of the wicket) in END (final phase)

**13 OUTCOME**

D&CD [<http://www.crosswordunclued.com/2010/02/cryptic-double-definitions.html>]: (i) result (ii) play on "coming out" – debutante's first party

**14 LASSO**

Definition: rope; L (left) ASS (donkey) O (nothing)

**15 EMOTIONS**

Cryptic definition

**18 FISHWIFE**

Definition: known for her loud mouth; FISH (swimmer) WIFE (mate)

**20 AVAIL**

Definition: use; AVA (Miss Gardner) I (one) L (pound)

**23 LAMBETH**

Dud [<http://www.crosswordunclued.com/2011/05/duplicate-definitions.html>]: (i) The walk that's seen on a dance floor – The Lambeth Walk (ii) in London – Lambeth is a district in Central London.

**25 TIGHTEN**

Definition: may take up the slack – (idiom) make taut a loose section of rope; (EIGHT)\* in TN (trade name)

**26 EERIE**

Definition: weird; [p]EER I.E. (that is)

**27 ABERRANCY**

Definition: deviation; ABE (Lincoln – short for Abraham Lincoln) (CARRY)\* around N (name)

**28 ENLISTED**

Cryptic definition

**29 PLEASE**

Definition: satisfy; PLEAS (excuses) E (point)

**Down**

**1 FORMERLY**

Definition: once; FOR (in favour of) ME (myself) RLY (railway)

**2 IMPETUS**

Definition: incentive; I M (married) PET (favourite) US (America)

**3 LOIN-CLOTH**

Cryptic definition

**5 STEP ON ONES TOES**

Definition: offend one; STEP (measure) ON ONES TOES (in readiness)

**6 EMMET**

Definition: insect; [th]EM MET (came up, as in approached)

**7 BASSOON**

Definition: instrument; BASS (singing voice) O (nothing) ON

**8 YORKER**

Double-definition: (i) tricky delivery – in cricket (ii) from northern England – York

**9 HANDLE WITH CARE**

Definition: calls for caution on the crate; HANDLE (advantage)

**16 INAUGURAL**

Definition: opening; IN AUG (short month) URAL (range)

**17 KLONDYKE**

Double-definition: (i) game of patience – the card game Solitaire (ii) the source of wealth – reference to the Gold Rush. Variant spelling of Klondike.

**19 IMMORAL**

Definition: sinful; I'M M (married) ORAL (examination)

**21 ANTENNA**

Definition: aerial; ANT (worker), ANNE (girl) reversed

**22 ALLEGE**

Definition: claim; LEG (support) in ALE (drink)

**23 EVENS**

Definition: against odds; EVE (the lady) N, S (divergent points)