

TappyPotato · Daily cryptic clues

6 October 2026 — 10 clues, easiest first. Answers overleaf.

1. Seep in leakage under the bathroom tiles (4)
4 · Hidden word · difficulty 2/5
2. Tent when one becomes another from N to X forms writing (4)
4 · Substitution · difficulty 2/5
3. Urge dress with a change from D to P (5)
5 · Substitution · difficulty 2/5
4. Pocket virgin holding small (5)
5 · Container · difficulty 2/5
5. Worth to fix (5)
5 · Double definition · difficulty 2/5
6. Onus of burned scraps, shaken (6)
6 · Anagram · difficulty 2/5
7. Pawn initially — handed owner cup knee (4)
4 · Letter selection · difficulty 3/5
8. Peak you may reach (6)
6 · Double definition · difficulty 3/5
9. Recapture, in conclusion, offer gone plant China clock guide (6)
6 · Letter selection · difficulty 3/5
10. The railway consultant will inform (7)
7 · Letter as symbol · difficulty 3/5

Answers & explanations

1. **LEAK** (4)

Flat hush when the plumber finally leaves. In lifts LEAK from leakage. Seep is the wetting sense — a slow leak — and a bucket, dusty tiles and a humming extractor sell the hide as DIY chatter rather than a labelled stem.

2. **TEXT** (4)

Canvas shelter hardens into prose. Writing is text; tent when one becomes another turns N into X, giving TEXT.

3. **PRESS** (5)

Editorial push. Urge is to press; dress with a change turns D into P, giving PRESS.

4. **PURSE** (5)

Cloakroom peg when the clasp still clicks. Small maps to S; holding plants it in virgin (PURE) — PUR(S)E. Pocket is the purse sense, the little bag. Soft lining and a bent ticket sell the container as evening mutter.

5. **PRICE** (5)

Worth as value, and fix as to determine a figure — PRICE either way. Soft till beep, label ink still wet.

6. **BURDEN** (6)

Charred leftovers rattle about and leave you with a weight of duty. 'Shaken' rearranges BURNED into BURDEN, and 'Onus' is the load you're left holding.

7. **HOCK** (4)

Chess-club jotting after a stiff drink. Initially lifts H-O-C-K from handed owner cup knee. Pawn is the hock sense — pledge or pawn — so the pub-side board note hides the initials.

8. **SUMMIT** (6)

Alpine hut when the map still crackles. Peak is summit the high degree; reach is summit as verb — to attain the top. Two climbs in one word. Wet boots sell height and arrival without a machine colon.

9. **RETAKE** (6)

Auction-house panic: offer gone, plant, China, clock, then the guide. In conclusion harvests offer gone plant china clock guide into R-E-T-A-K-E. Recapture is frank — retake — while the lot list sells the last letters.

10. **ADVISER** (7)

Platform aside when the guards still whistle. Inform is ADVISE and railway R, so ADVISER — a consultant. Ticket stubs and a humming board cloak inform-then-railway as station chatter, not a labelled counsellor strip.