

TappyPotato · Daily cryptic clues

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

1. Fashion from model abbreviated (4)

4 · Deletion · difficulty 1/5

2. Simulate lurking in copyright dispute files (4)

4 · Hidden word · difficulty 1/5

3. Mall when one becomes another from M to H — foyer (4)

4 · Substitution · difficulty 2/5

4. Drip as Kael is returning through the cellar (4)

4 · Reversal · difficulty 2/5

5. Stark require wrote metal, in conclusion — lurch (4)

4 · Letter selection · difficulty 2/5

6. Maker of a scrambled phrase (6)

6 · Anagram · difficulty 3/5

7. Outspoken after course area never duty ignore debate, at first (6)

6 · Letter selection · difficulty 3/5

8. Till, we hear, with a plough (4)

4 · Homophone · difficulty 3/5

9. Blessing when divinity's place arrives by the porch (7)

7 · Charade · difficulty 3/5

10. Lively after the sticker 'anim8d' (8)

8 · Glyph rebus · difficulty 4/5

Answers & explanations

1. **MODE** (4)

Studio hush when the pins still glitter. Abbreviated docks the last L of model, leaving MODE. Fashion is that mode sense — the prevailing style. Soft silk and a humming lamp dress the curtailment as dresser chatter rather than a labelled trim of the figure.

2. **COPY** (4)

Solicitor's desk when the ribboned bundle lands. Lurking in draws COPY from copyright — simulate, to ape. Dusty tomes, cold tea and a ticking clock turn the hide into legal grind, not a labelled forgery lesson.

3. **HALL** (4)

Arcade becomes lobby. Foyer means hall. Mall when one becomes another replaces M with H, giving HALL. Shops to vestibule.

4. **LEAK** (4)

Basement stair when the pipe still weeps. Returning reverses KAEL to LEAK — drip, the slow wet giveaway. Cobwebs and a tin bucket cloak the turn as household weather, fodder kept exact in the surface.

5. **KEEL** (4)

Ship's log after a heavy roll. The terminal letters of stark, require, wrote, metal give K-E-E-L, that is KEEL — lurch (keel over). Bridge jargon masks the endings.

6. **SHAPER** (6)

Words in a scramble somehow name the person who forms things. Scrambled tips PHRASE into SHAPER — a maker. Definition first; the grammar is only bait.

7. **CANDID** (6)

Committee corridor after a blunt exchange. At first harvests C-A-N-D-I-D from course area never duty ignore debate. Outspoken is the candid sense; the agenda muddle hides a tidy trail of initials.

8. **PLOW** (4)

Furrow-edge banter when the share still bites. We hear turns plough into PLOW — to till the soil. Soft clay and a bent cap sell the British spelling as farm chatter; the US form is what the grid wants.

9. **GODSEND** (7)

Parish step after a hard week. Divinity then place give GOD + SEND. Blessing is the godsend sense — unexpected help — and wet coats, a kettle and rain on the latch sell the join as parish weather.

10. **ANIMATED** (8)

Studio label: 'anim8d' aloud is ANIMATED, the digit eight standing in for ATE. Lively is the definition — excited and full of motion.