

6. Palindromes

A minor but occasionally-seen clue type is the *palindrome clue*, in which a palindromic answer (that is, one which reads the same forwards and backwards) is clued as a definition plus a *palindrome indicator*, as in

Look both ways (3)
Look / both ways (3)

for EYE (a look), indicated by "both ways". Similarly,

It's exercise, whichever way you look at it (6)
It's exercise, / whichever way you look at it (6)

leads to PULLUP, as indicated by "whichever way you look at it". The initial "it's" can be seen either as an exceptional linking word (in that it does not come between the definition and wordplay), or as part of the definition.

Other palindrome indicators include "balanced" and "either way".