

5. Hidden answers

The next simplest clue type is the *hidden answer* clue, in which the answer is hidden literally inside other words. This type of clue is always accompanied by an indicator (a *hidden answer indicator*), and per the no superfluous material rule never uses more words than necessary to contain the answer. For example, in

The best amongst Pre-Raphaelites (5)
The best / amongst Pre-Raphaelites (5)

the answer, ELITE (the best), is literally hidden in the letters of "Pre-Rapha**ELITE**s", as indicated by "amongst". Here I have used a simple colouring system to better distinguish clue elements: the definition is in blue, indicators are in red, any words used to build the answer are in green, and miscellaneous gluing words (e.g. linking words and phrases) are in grey.

Virtually anything suggestive of containment or extraction something else can be used as a hidden word indicator, as in The Times'

Some forget to get here for gathering (3-8)
Some forget to get here / for gathering (3-8)

for GET-TOGETHER, as indicated by "some", which instructs you to take only some of the letters of "for**GET TO GET HERe**". As per crossword convention, spaces, punctuation and diacritics are ignored, so we don't worry that there is no hidden hyphen or that the spaces don't match exactly. The "for" is as a linking word, telling you that "Some forget to get here" is the wordplay **for** the answer with definition "gathering".

Other hidden answer indicators include "essential to", "from", "in", "part of" and "sample".

Stay tuned for an exciting twist on the standard hidden answer clue!