



# Adventure! \_\_\_\_\_

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**ANSWER:**  
**JOURNEY**

In this puzzle, solvers are greeted with a list of cryptic crossword hints and a grid keys by numbers and letters. The grid, however seems to be lacking enough space to input each hinted word as indicated – this should indicate that the puzzle is to be solved instead as a “crushword” – a crossword-like puzzle variant where multiple consecutive letters can be “crushed” into one square. Solving that crushword yields the following grid:

	1 MI	2 N TE	3 B S
4 WI	J N	H ES	
5 I T	K UT		6 KI
7 G CH	E I	8 C SE	D L
9 CR	M A	A VE	F N
10 AFT	L E	O R	

After that, reading off the lettered boxed in alphabetical order reads “VESSELINCHESTNUTEATER”. Solve that hint (vessel or URN in CHESTNUT EATER or JOEY plus the title for the other half) you can solve one final cryptic hint to get the final answer – JOURNEY (or Excursion).

Here’s an explanation of the individual answers – yellow highlight is a wordplay, green highlight is a definition

**Across**

1. **Tiny arachnids found in hermit establishment**  
Found *in* herMIT EStablishment - MITES or tiny arachnids.
4. **Short Snipes surrounds Indiana fermented beverages**  
Snipes, referring to Wesley Snipes, shortened to WES, when surrounding INdiana refers to WINES, or (a kind of) fermented beverages.
5. **Pharaoh’s annoyed utterance**  
An annoyed utterance is TUT (short for the more common tut-tut), or the Egyptian pharaoh TUT.
6. **Inner strength of iodized salt additive**  
Potassium Iodine or KI is an iodized salt additive – or one’s inner strength.
7. **Spirit force with short sell stone chipper**  
Spirit force, or CHI followed by quite literally a short SEL yields a stone chipper – a CHISEL.
9. **Coward finds cold black bird**  
The noun usage is old, but a CRAVEN is an old name for a coward – in the wordplay there’s a Cold black bird, or RAVEN for CRAVEN.
10. **More of the rear later?**  
The rear, or AFT, but more of it? The AFT-ER! Sometimes known as later.



### Down

1. **Trivial details** of internal affairs inside temporal unit  
Internal affairs, or IA with a temporal unit, in this case MINUTE, – inserted right before the E produces the MINUTIAE – the trivial details.
2. **Make fun of misheard** **concave pegs**  
*Misheard* clues a homophone, and to “make fun of” is to tease, or TEES – the concave pegs used in golf.
3. **Car model** comes to a halt, loses roof  
Comes to a halt, or STOP losing the roof, or TOP, leaves S – a car model (for both Tesla and Ford).
4. **Switzerland** led by humor to create **black magic**  
Switzerland, abbreviated CH, let by humor, or WIT, then “to create” or “CRAFT” combining to make WITCHCRAFT – black magic.
6. **Bad link** resulted in **oven**  
Bad clues an anagram of LINK – an oven that’s a result of an anagram of LINK? A KILN!
8. **Cut** south always  
South (S) always (or EVER), makes SEVER, or cut.