

**C1**

**Across**

Positive attitude (10)  
Birth of a baby (7)  
Final part (3)  
Hollow in a surface (4)  
False statement (7)  
Set on fire (7)  
Young child (3)  
Policy of the Soviet government allowing freer discussion of social problems (8)

**Down**

Source of wisdom (6)  
Acting as a judge in a competition (12)

**C3**

**Across**

A firm rebuke (12)  
Vulgar and objectionable (9)  
Group of witches (5)  
Contemplation of your own thoughts (13)

**Down**

Column of swirling wind (7)  
Aquatic carnivorous insects (12)

**C5**

**Down**

People organised to effect change (8)  
Fostering the growth of something (11)

**C6**

**Across**

Wildebeest (4)

**C7**

**Across**

Thick greasy liquid (3)

**Down**

Elegant sitting room (5)  
Having yellow teeth (13)

**C9**

**Across**

Red or pink variety of garnet used as a gemstone (9)  
Siamese fighting fish (5)  
An excuse for nonappearance in court (6)  
Yellow fruit (6)  
Japanese carved ornaments (8)

**Down**

Showing lack of care for consequences (13)

**C10**

**Down**

Feed on carrion or scraps (8)

**C11**

**Across**

Newt in its terrestrial stage of development (3)

**Down**

Expresses sympathy (12)

**C12**

**Across**

Roomy (8)  
**Down**  
Former natives of Mexico (6)

**C13**

**Across**

Female pig (3)  
State in midwestern United States (4)  
A small amount (5)

**Down**

Knowledge of the future (15)

**C14**

**Down**

Form of 'a'  
Kind of heavy jacket (6)

**C15**

**Across**

Quick and penetrating intelligence (6)  
Cunning (6)

**Down**

Counter used as money (4)  
Socially uncomfortable (7)

**C16**

**Across**

Mexican state-governed parcel of land farmed communally (5)  
Move about aimlessly (5)

**Down**

Eat greedily (5)  
Treat with disrespect or contempt (3)

**C17**

**Across**

Something done to deceive others (4)  
Son of Aphrodite (4)  
Applaud (4)

**Down**

Musical introduction (8)  
Prompt (3)

**C18**

**Across**

European viper (3)  
Up to the present time (3)

**Down**

Natural attraction (8)

**C19**

**Down**

Someone who exaggerates in order to gain public attention (14)

**C20**

**Down**

Thermostat that operates at very high temperatures (8)