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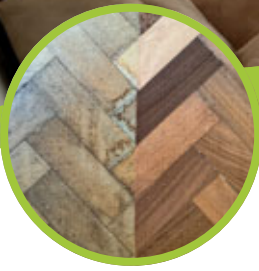
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Splash of Chambord (optional)  
Cocktail cherry and orange slice  
to garnish (optional)

### *Method*

Fill a cocktail shaker with ice. Pour in the smooth orange juice and peach schnapps, then shake vigorously for 30 seconds. Strain into a hurricane glass or tall glass filled with ice.

Next, pour the cranberry juice and vodka into the same shaker, shake again, then gently pour it into the glass – it should settle on top of the orange juice and peach schnapps.

Now add a splash of the Chambord (optional), then garnish in the most kitsch way you can think of!

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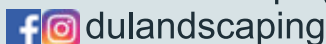


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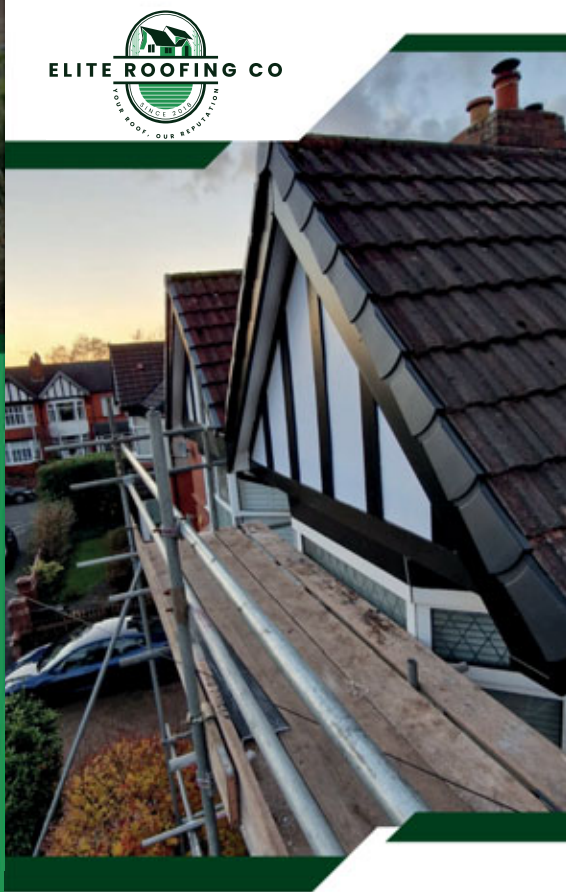
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Across the UK, social habits are shifting. Late dinners and 9pm meet-ups are increasingly being replaced by 6pm drinks, 5pm garden gatherings and early restaurant reservations.

Yet this isn't the theory of some marketing organisation trying to get you back home to watch the latest big streaming channel release; it's information backed by industry hospitality data. And the facts are these – many restaurants now report peak midweek bookings between 5:30pm and 7:30pm, with later tables declining slightly outside major city centres.

## Why the shift to early evenings?

Several structural factors explain it. The UK's median age continues to rise, and people in their thirties, forties and fifties dominate spending in hospitality sectors. These age groups are balancing work commitments and childcare. That all means that socialising fits around morning responsibilities and school schedules.

Health trends contribute significantly, too. Per capita, alcohol consumption in the UK has declined steadily over the past decade. Moderation culture, fitness awareness and sleep tracking all influence behaviour. A 6pm meet-up allows two drinks and home by 8pm. A 9pm start often extends past midnight, reducing the likelihood of an early rise the next day for a morning run. After all, sleep data shows that even a one-hour reduction in rest affects next-day cognitive performance by up to 20%.

There is also economic logic. The average UK taxi fare has increased considerably in the past five years, so early evening meet-ups are handy for reducing a reliance on late transport. What's more, earlier sessions take advantage of 'happy hour' promotions.

Hybrid working patterns reinforce the shift. Flexible finish times allow spontaneous early gatherings, where workers can leave laptops closed and meet locally without commuting twice.

Psychologically, earlier meetings feel intentional, and fatigue hasn't set in. Conversation quality improves when people are alert, and research into social bonding suggests frequency of contact strengthens relationships more effectively than occasional long sessions. In simple terms, a weekly 90-minute catch-up can maintain closeness better than quarterly long nights out.

Finally, seasonality amplifies the trend, and the time of the year we're coming into now will see people, more than at any other time, sampling the joy that daylight brings in pub gardens, restaurant terraces and other outdoor locations.

What's important, though, is that the early evening is not a retreat from nightlife, it's recalibration. Our local pubs, bars, cafes and restaurants rely on us to survive, and in return they offer up a base where social energy booms, friends gather, and people fall in love. Surely we'll all drink to that... albeit a little earlier than we used to!

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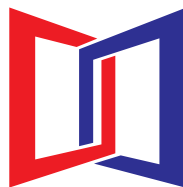
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June consistently ranks among the best months in the UK for exterior painting, because when daytime temperatures sit between 15-22°C, it creates optimal curing conditions. Paint applied below 10°C struggles to bond; above 25°C it can dry too rapidly and crack. Thus, early summer typically offers stable conditions without extreme heatwaves.

In addition, humidity levels are generally lower than in early spring, reducing drying complications; and of course, the slippery and sodden days of winter are long gone, meaning surfaces are dry throughout and not just on the surface.

What's more, in practical terms, longer daylight hours extend workable timeframes, allowing projects to be completed without artificial lighting.

When tackling exterior painting, remember that while the big jobs (house and garden walls) tend to dominate our thoughts, there are plenty of other jobs to do as well. Front doors, window frames, fences, garden furniture and decking all benefit from seasonal maintenance, particularly if you have designs on moving, with property market data consistently showing that kerb appeal influences buyer perception. A freshly painted door and tidy frontage can significantly increase visual appeal and perceived upkeep.

Whatever it is you're brushing up, remember that preparation determines durability. Surfaces must be cleaned of dirt, mould and loose paint, with a comprehensive sanding improving adhesion. Wood requires protective primers and UV-resistant topcoats, while masonry paint should remain breathable to prevent trapped moisture.

And it's not just paint that counts - decking treatments applied in stable June weather reduce long-term splitting. After all, timber naturally expands and contracts with moisture, bringing about moisture retention. In contrast, sealing during balanced conditions protects against future degradation.

Ultimately, whenever you choose to get the job done, check forecasts for at least 48 hours of dry conditions post-application in order to improve the longevity and quality of the finish.

As for when you'll next need to shimmy up a ladder to make good your home exterior, high-quality exterior paints often last 8-10 years compared to shorter spans for budget alternatives.

Exterior paint also protects structural integrity, with UV exposure degrading wood fibres and rain infiltrating cracks. Timely coating prevents rot and costly repairs later.

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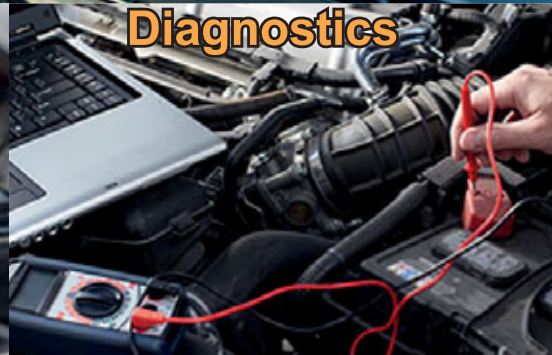
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### Crossword Clues

#### Across

- 1 Start of the working week (6)
- 4 Channel (6)
- 9 Type of antelope (3)
- 10 Slowly progressive (7)
- 11 Breathed out (7)
- 12 Beneath (5)
- 13 Steel tower (5)
- 15 Sphere (5)
- 20 Review (5)
- 22 Decorative bird (7)
- 24 Bar game (7)
- 25 Rug (3)
- 26 Creepy, eerie (6)
- 27 Seek (6)

#### Down

- 1 'Attractive' metal! (6)
- 2 Badly behaved (7)
- 3 A spiritual or pure being (5)
- 5 Curious, odd (7)
- 6 Covered with ceramic slabs (5)
- 7 Chronicle, narrate (6)
- 8 Convenient (5)
- 14 Attitude, perspective (7)
- 16 Type of loaf (7)
- 17 Antagonise (6)
- 18 Talked (5)
- 19 Rough drawing (6)
- 21 Type of dance (5)
- 23 Concur (5)

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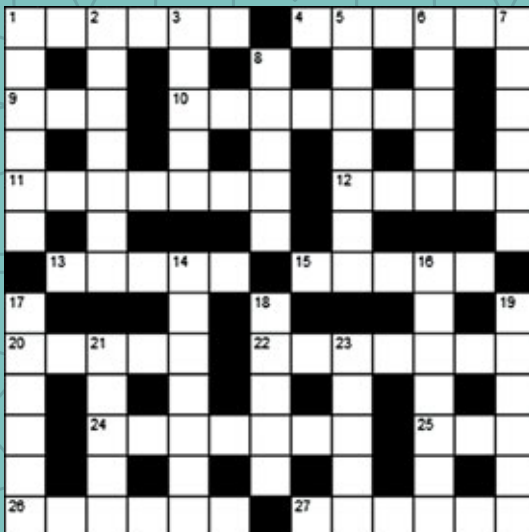
### Mindbenders

Find the three hidden phrases

Goodbye

LAMUMW

1 LOOK



### Sudoku





# Kids' Page



## Sporty Crossword

The clues are all words used in the sports below. Match the sport to the clue and fill in the crossword.



### Across

- 2 Slam-dunk (10)
- 3 Wicket (7)
- 4 Offside (8)
- 6 Birdie (4)
- 7 Posts (8)
- 9 Deuce (6)
- 11 Butterfly (8)

### Down

- 1 Home run (8)
- 2 Shuttlecock (9)
- 5 Dojo (4)
- 6 Somersault (10)
- 7 Marathon (7)
- 8 Off-piste (6)
- 10 Try (5)

- Golf
- Swimming
- Basketball
- Football
- Gymnastics
- Badminton
- Tennis
- Cricket
- Skiing
- Rugby
- Rounders
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G	N	U	G	R	A	D	U	A	L	P	
N	G	E	N	S	E	O					
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H		U	S								
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A	S	N	O	O	K	E	R	M	A	T	
S	C	O	O	E	E	C					
S	P	O	O	K	Y	S	E	A	R	C	H

### Sudoku

1	2	9	4	7	3	5	8	6
4	7	6	1	8	5	3	2	9
8	5	3	2	6	9	7	4	1
5	3	4	6	9	7	8	1	2
2	1	7	5	4	8	9	6	3
9	6	8	3	2	1	4	7	5
3	8	5	7	1	6	2	9	4
6	9	2	8	5	4	1	3	7
7	4	1	9	3	2	6	5	8

### Mind Benders

1. Waving goodbye
2. Mother in law
3. Look after number one

### Word Search

A	U	S	T	R	A	L	I	A	Y	F	N	M	C	Y
T	H	T	M	T	I	E	I	E	L	X	C	L	M	
H	O	L	E	P	H	I	M	C	E	O	T	A	D	M
E	N	U	X	B	R	A	Z	I	L	R	T	B	E	A
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