

# Cryptic Crosswords for Beginners: course outcomes survey

## A successful result: rated 4.5 out of 5 overall

The 12 attendees of a course run at U3A (University of the Third Age) in Bournemouth were surveyed to gauge their perceptions of the teaching quality, learning outcomes and benefits of the course.

## How the survey was conducted

At the end of the course, each attendee was issued with a feedback form and a stamped addressed envelope. They were asked to return their completed forms anonymously (to reduce bias) after a period of time for reflection.

The form consisted of a set of statements about the course. The attendees indicated how strongly they agreed with each statement using the following attitudinal scale:

1 Strongly disagree    2 Disagree    3 Neutral    4 Agree    5 Strongly agree

## Survey results

The table of results shows the average response for the group arrived at by aggregating the responses of each individual:

Sections	Statements	Average
Teaching and materials	The topics in the course were clearly explained	4.83
	I was able to get answers to my questions during the sessions	4.67
	The theory and exercises were at the right level for me	4.25
	The course sheets provided were useful	4.83
Learning outcomes	I understand how the clues in cryptic crosswords work	4.08
	I have acquired skills that help me solve cryptic crosswords	4.33
	I know how to develop my cryptic crossword skills further	4.17
	The course has met my expectations	4.58
The benefits of doing the course	I enjoyed doing the course	4.58
	I found the course interesting	4.58
	Doing the course has contributed to my personal development	4.08
	I intend to continue doing cryptic crosswords	4.58
<b>Overall average</b>		<b>4.47</b>

The average response for each statement was midway between “Agree” and “Strongly agree”

## Conclusions

The results show that the attendees rated the course very positively across all the aspects that were measured.

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