



“Tom Swifties” are American wordplay attributed to one Tom Swift, who always says things in an unusually apposite way. For example: “I shouldn’t have followed those directions,” Tom said MISGUIDEDly. Below, in no particular order, are ten of Tom’s utterances; solvers should determine the relevant adverb, and enter the associated adjective (e.g. MISGUIDED rather than MISGUIDEDly). Six of these adjectives fill the perimeter clockwise, starting in the top left corner; the others are in the body of the grid.

#### TOM SWIFTIES

Go aft  
I like my apartment  
I want a second opinion  
Mussorgsky’s my favourite  
No need to come on time  
Only the ventricles  
Ouch! That hurt!  
That’s taken the wind out of my sails  
These hedges confuse me  
This tastes hot

#### ACROSS

- 8 Drinking cry – one with volume occurs in bar endlessly (4)
- 9 Doctor possibly prescribing first of pills (4)
- 10 See scripture as ancient teaching (4)
- 11 T-bone is cooked for woodworker (7)
- 12 Rigid beliefs plague graduate (5)
- 13 Toboggan’s good at the front – but this sticks (4)
- 14 Part of Ilanero’s equipment is apparently nibbled at (5)
- 16 See energy in company symbol (4)
- 17 Put in possession, one of the strikers gets an attack of nerves? (7)
- 18 Nonpareil? Not quite – a different fruit (4)
- 20 Boss’s collection of cars (4)
- 22 Long time needed for weight loss regime (4)
- 24 Examine verse in the Latin way (4)
- 25 Country dance with no masculine root (5)
- 27 Border (Australian) has objection (4)
- 28 Test curtailed on origin of Silurian geological system (5)
- 29 Middle of puzzle’s filled in before? That is a gift (7)
- 30 End of bungalow in slight drop, showing subsidence (4)
- 31 Takes in each street when returning (4)
- 32 You may find it always containing a drop of water (4)

#### DOWN

- 1 Perhaps Jock’s name is used in shaky alibis (7)
- 2 Some type coming to pinch one’s takings? Not if this (6)
- 3 University’s addition to letter leading to excited outcome (6)
- 4 Silverware initially taken out of office (4)
- 5 Why cancelling first parachute landing on road from aircraft? (10)
- 6 Not quite all cash withdrawn (5)
- 7 Wood is overdue, according to record-book (8, hyphenated)
- 15 “Where would you find this creature?” “At sea, sir, at sea” (8)
- 19 Mass supporting religious instruction on endless peace? (7)
- 21 Turns inside out! Always turns inside out! (6)
- 23 Ear hairs are not entirely depressing (5)
- 26 A drop of water is less than a flood! (4)