



**Across**

- 1 Curse in mild anger (4)
- 4 Obligation to return to first base (4)
- 7 Singing unaccompanied in a strange place near west coast city (1,7 alt sp)
- 8 Dull sound of talking heard using dictaphone, at first (4)
- 10 Vehicle involved in short race over strip of land (5)
- 11 Hires corrupt successors (5)
- 12 Historic Spanish mission to Malaysia returns, in part (5)
- 13 Smears revolutionary endorsement on moving bus (5)
- 15 Epic story about regular gang wars (4)
- 16 Thrilling when

husband leaves the circle in ruins (8)

- 17 Restricted part of one's heart returns extremely weak cardiac pulse (4)
- 18 French city engulfed in volcanic eruption (4)

**Down**

- 1 Poop's primary definition, according to adultman (4)
- 2 Yearning to grasp viable solution - you can do this! (10)
- 3 Swimming tuna is eating shelled blue sea creature (8)
- 4 Dares to break up with sweethearts (5)

5 Invoking the devil, perhaps, to find shortage in cooked Big Mac (5,5)

6 Point at tools to cover up ink, say (6)

9 Squid I run into, prepared in French chef's first counter (8)

11 Invisible layer coating one insider-exclusive DVD (6)

12 One support taken this way when surprised? (5)

14 Tie up delicate material (4)