

Across

- 1 decade spanning the years 2000-2009 (9)
- 4 have as one's specialization in undergraduate studies (5)
- 9 trigger a reaction (an explosive one?) (5)
- 10 wait or move in a stealthy way as preparation to attack (4)
- 11 growing or developing quickly (10)
- 13 unpleasant, unkind, cruel, or more severe than is necessary (5)

- 15 blindingly bright; extremely attractive or exciting (8)
- 16 rude and offensive; simple and not skillfully made, unrefined (oil) (5)
- 17 extreme difficulty (8)
- 18 complaing (colloquial) (4)

Down

- 2 throw in strong way (4)
- 3 a basic food in a given cuisine (6)
- 5 a feeling of anger and shock (7)
- 6 get or earn something valuable or

- respected, often with difficulty (6)
- 7 extremely upsetting due to being connecte with suffering (9)
- 8 cut with a sharp blade using a quick, strong movement (5)
- 11 indebted (8)
- 12 out of a desire for (2,5,2)
- 14 increase in amount over time (6)
- 16 dressed, wearing (4)