

**Idiom puzzle: Problems and solutions** Complete the following idioms. Use the symbols below the blanks to help you solve the idioms. Each symbol represents one letter.

1. Come up with ideas: \_\_\_\_\_  
▲ ♣ ○ ▼ 17 ■ ♥ 23 ♠ ★
2. Survive hardships: OVERCOME \_\_\_\_\_  
○ Σ ♯ ■ ♣ ■ 26 ♥ 21
3. Need to make a difficult decision: HAVE A \_\_\_\_\_  
Σ 6 Δ ■ ★ ★ 28
4. A risky plan: A DESPERATE \_\_\_\_\_  
♠ 14 ★ ▲ Δ ■
5. Solve a problem: FIND A \_\_\_\_\_  
■ Ω Δ ∞ 31 ▼ Ω 15
6. The solution to some dilemmas: THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF TWO EVILS  
Δ ■ ■ ■ 11 ♣
7. Come up with a course of action: \_\_\_\_\_ A PLAN  
Σ ■ ♯ ▼ ■ 3
8. Get data: \_\_\_\_\_ INFORMATION  
♠ ○ ♥ 13 ■ 4
9. Another person's opinion: FRESH \_\_\_\_\_  
● ■ ♣ ■ ● ■ 29 12 ▼ ♯ ■
10. Reduce the harm caused: \_\_\_\_\_ THE DAMAGE  
8 ▼ ♥ ▼ ♠ 30 ♥ ■
11. Do something drastic: TAKE EXTREME \_\_\_\_\_  
★ ■ 20 ■ ∞ ♣ ■ 7
12. If all goes wrong: \_\_\_\_\_ SCENARIO  
19 Ω 10 ■ ♥ ◆ ○ ■ ■
13. The real reason something happened: THE UNDERLYING \_\_\_\_\_  
◆ ○ ∞ 24 18
14. An action for when all else fails: A LAST \_\_\_\_\_  
♣ 5 ■ Ω ♣ 22
15. No matter what: AT ALL \_\_\_\_\_  
◆ 9 ■ ♥ ■
16. A predicament: A STICKY \_\_\_\_\_  
■ ▼ 1 ∞ ○ ♥ ▼ Ω 27
17. An obstacle or impediment: A STUMBLING \_\_\_\_\_  
▲ Δ 16 ◆ 25
18. Futile: BEYOND \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Ω ● ■