

# BAPHL15 Solution: Countless Crossword Clues

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First step is to solve the crossword clues:

Well known chipmunk - **ALVIN**  
Keeping up (with) - **APACE**  
Pong publisher - **ATARI**  
Yo-Yo Ma instrument - **CELLO**  
Cancer therapy - **CHEMO**  
Swelling from fluid - **EDEMA**  
Upright - **ERECT**  
County containing Salem and Haverhill - **ESSEX**  
One living in a foreign country - **EXPAT**  
Freaks' partners? - **GEEKS**  
Maverick's wingman - **GOOSE**  
Bumblng - **INEPT**  
"Let's do \_\_\_\_\_" - **LUNCH**  
Fruit in many smoothies - **MANGO**  
Ethical principle - **MORAL**  
Medium for a Kodak moment - **PHOTO**  
Designer Lauren - **RALPH**  
Brief summary - **RECAP**  
Narrow raised feature - **RIDGE**  
What the bell did? - **SAVED**  
Big rigs - **SEMIS**  
Not here - **THERE**  
Princess's ornament - **TIARA**  
Laser printer consumable - **TONER**  
Area factor - **WIDTH**

You may notice these are in alphabetical order, they're all five letters, and they share a number of beginning/ending letters. These can be arranged in chains such that the last two letters of the previous word is the first two letters of the next word.

TIARA  
RALPH  
PHOTO  
TONER  
ERECT

SAVED  
EDEMA  
MANGO  
GOOSE  
SEMIS

ESSEX  
EXPAT  
ATARI  
RIDGE  
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LUNCH  
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MORAL  
ALVIN  
INEPT

WIDTH  
THERE  
RECAP  
APACE  
CELLO

If you read down the middle letters, you get five new five-letter words: ALONE, VENOM, SPADE, NERVE, and DECAL. Repeating the mechanic, we can make another chain

SPADE  
DECAL  
ALONE  
NERVE  
VENOM

Reading down the middle letters, we get the answer: ACORN.