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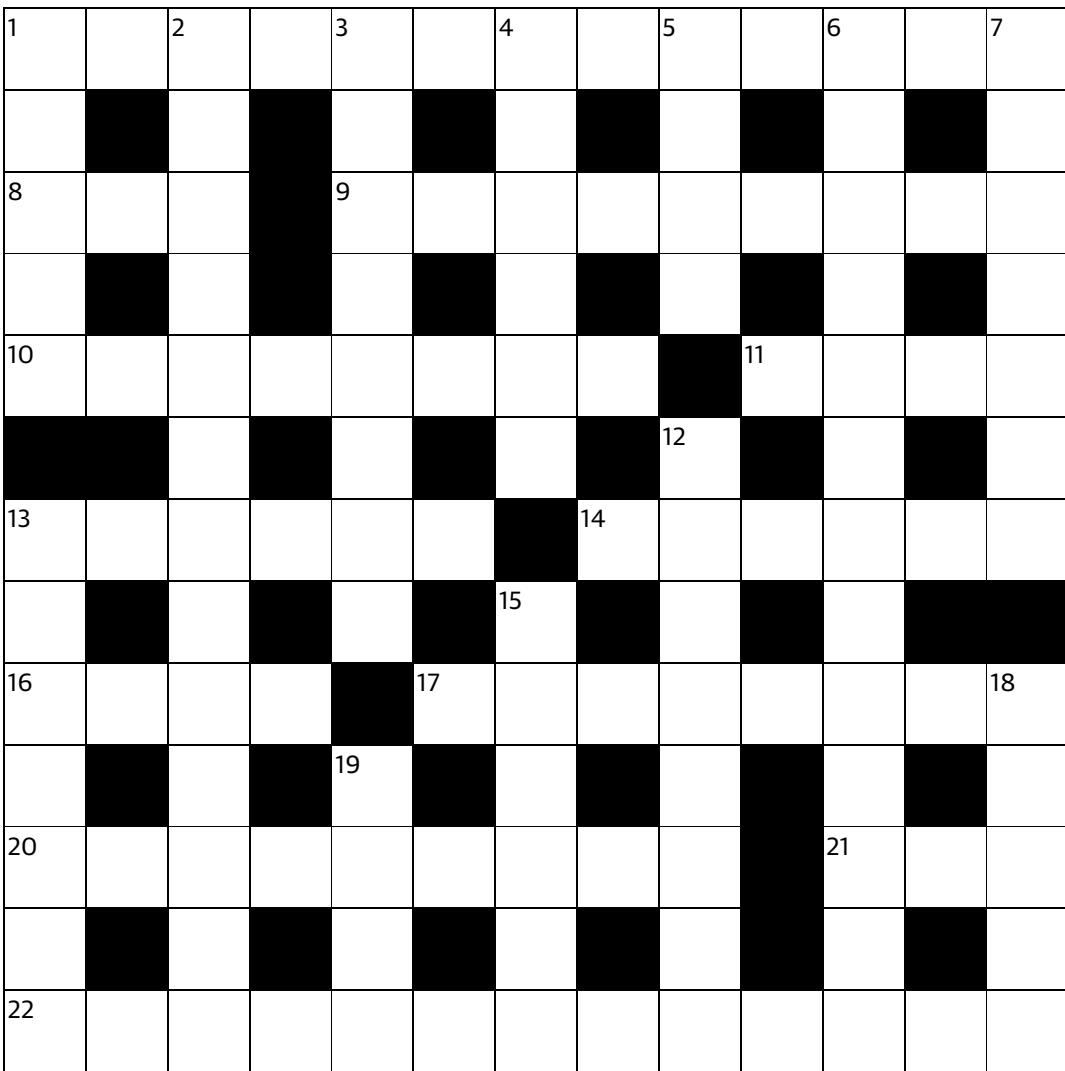
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## Across

- 1: Destination of ride on a cockhorse (7,5)
- 9: Small mammal with a long snout (5)
- 10: Person of mixed race (7)
- 11: European mountains (4)
- 12: Mini-scythe (8)
- 14: However that may be (6)
- 15: Arthurian island paradise (6)
- 18: Improbable (8)
- 20: Person employing something (4)
- 22: Sleeping place (7)
- 23: Attended to (5)
- 24: Red light (6,6)

## Down

- 2: Waste away (from disuse?) (7)
- 3: Vessel (4)
- 4: Stay (6)
- 5: Adolescent infatuation (4,4)
- 6: Excel (5)
- 7: Standard personal resources (5,2,5)
- 8: Place for plant with tasty young shoots (9,3)
- 13: Spine (8)
- 16: Opera house (2,5)
- 17: Village in Angus with castle where the Queen's mother grew up (6)
- 19: Persuaded - tricked (3,2)
- 21: Supporter of an old English political party (4)



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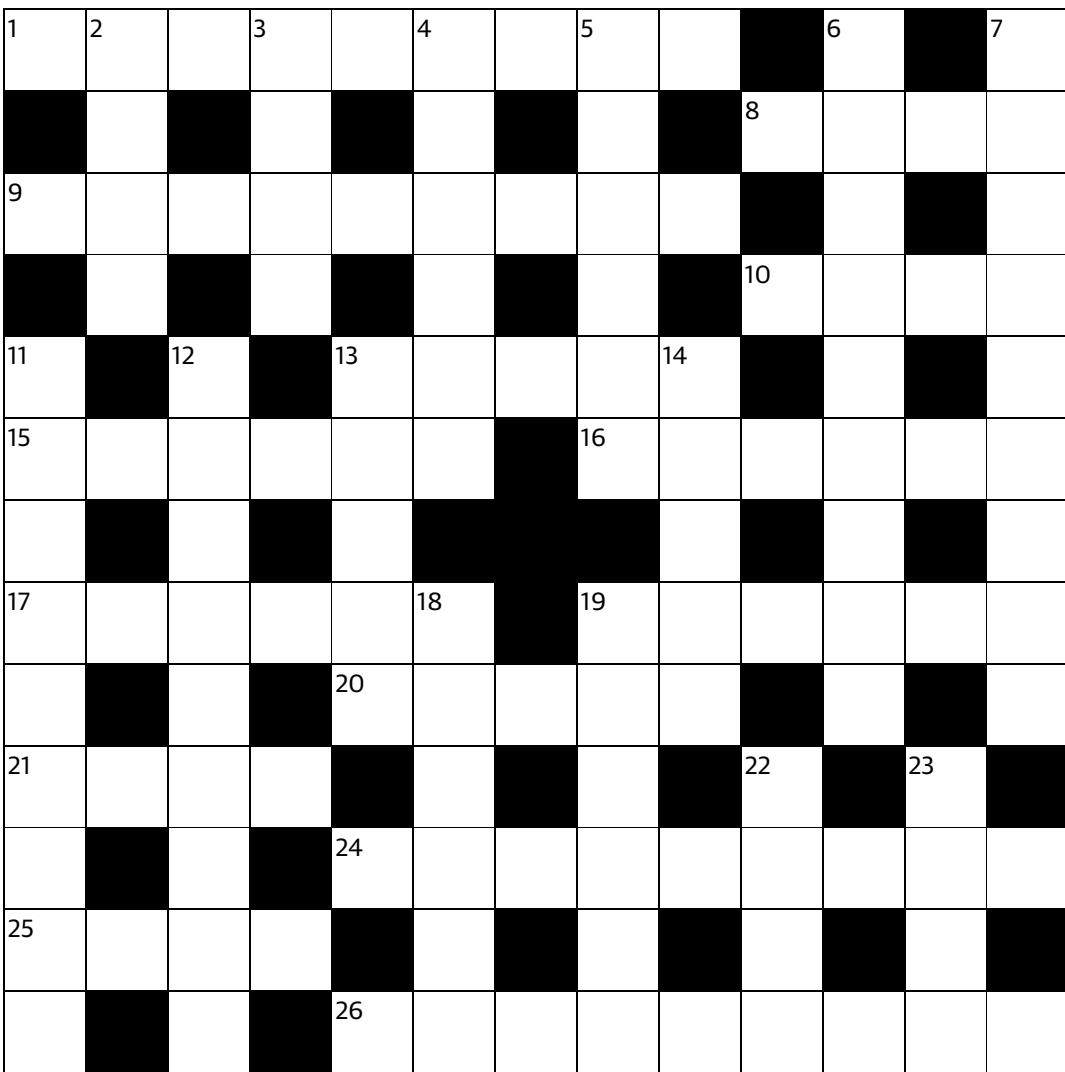
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### Across

- 1: Diner (10,3)
- 8: Belonging to you and me (3)
- 9: Pen name (9)
- 10: Microorganism resistant to antibiotics (8)
- 11: Portent (4)
- 13: At once (6)
- 14: Hurry (maybe dishonestly) (6)
- 16: Absent without permission (4)
- 17: Frame for sliding on snow (8)
- 20: Spanish officer - Yosemite rock face (2,7)
- 21: Put together - attach (3)
- 22: Shore bird (13)

### Down

- 1: Underground parts of a plant (5)
- 2: Bacterium often causing infection (13)
- 3: H sound - suck air in or out (8)
- 4: Monkey - factor in blood cell problem (6)
- 5: Bare (4)
- 6: Instrument for producing film (13)
- 7: Love affair (7)
- 12: Tub on end (anag) - aperitif (8)
- 13: Medicine working by psychology only (7)
- 15: Lyrical (6)
- 18: Lowest point (5)
- 19: Fencing blade (4)



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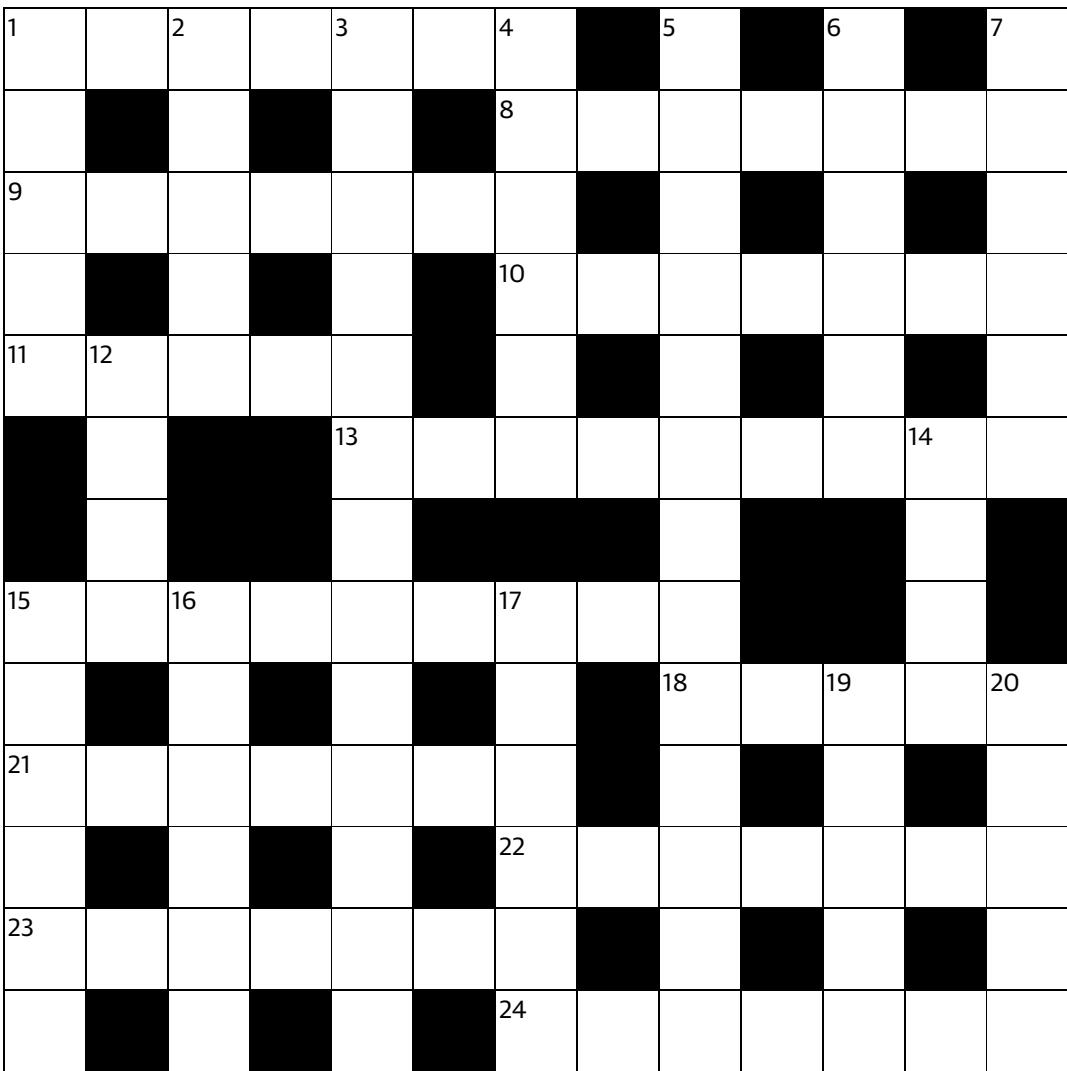
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## Across

- 1: Deficit (9)
- 8: (Revolving) cylinder (4)
- 9: Carry forward by force (9)
- 10: Cosy (4)
- 13: Concerning (5)
- 15: Aristocratic (6)
- 16: Wizard (6)
- 17: Be on familiar terms (with) (6)
- 19: Tins need one (6)
- 20: Engage lightheartedly in amorous banter (5)
- 21: Main vertical spar of vessel (4)
- 24: Puzzling, like the Sphinx (9)
- 25: Move through water (4)
- 26: Group set up to consider various problems (5,4)

## Down

- 2: Stag (4)
- 3: Anger - fashion (4)
- 4: Feeble - overweight (6)
- 5: Ancient Greek school (6)
- 6: Stiff fabric in Victorian costume (9)
- 7: Unreal (9)
- 11: One seeking to produce gold, elixirs etc (9)
- 12: Trunk (9)
- 13: Standing apart (5)
- 14: Put to the test (5)
- 18: Whiten (6)
- 19: Source (6)
- 22: Lure (4)
- 23: Put one's name to a document (4)



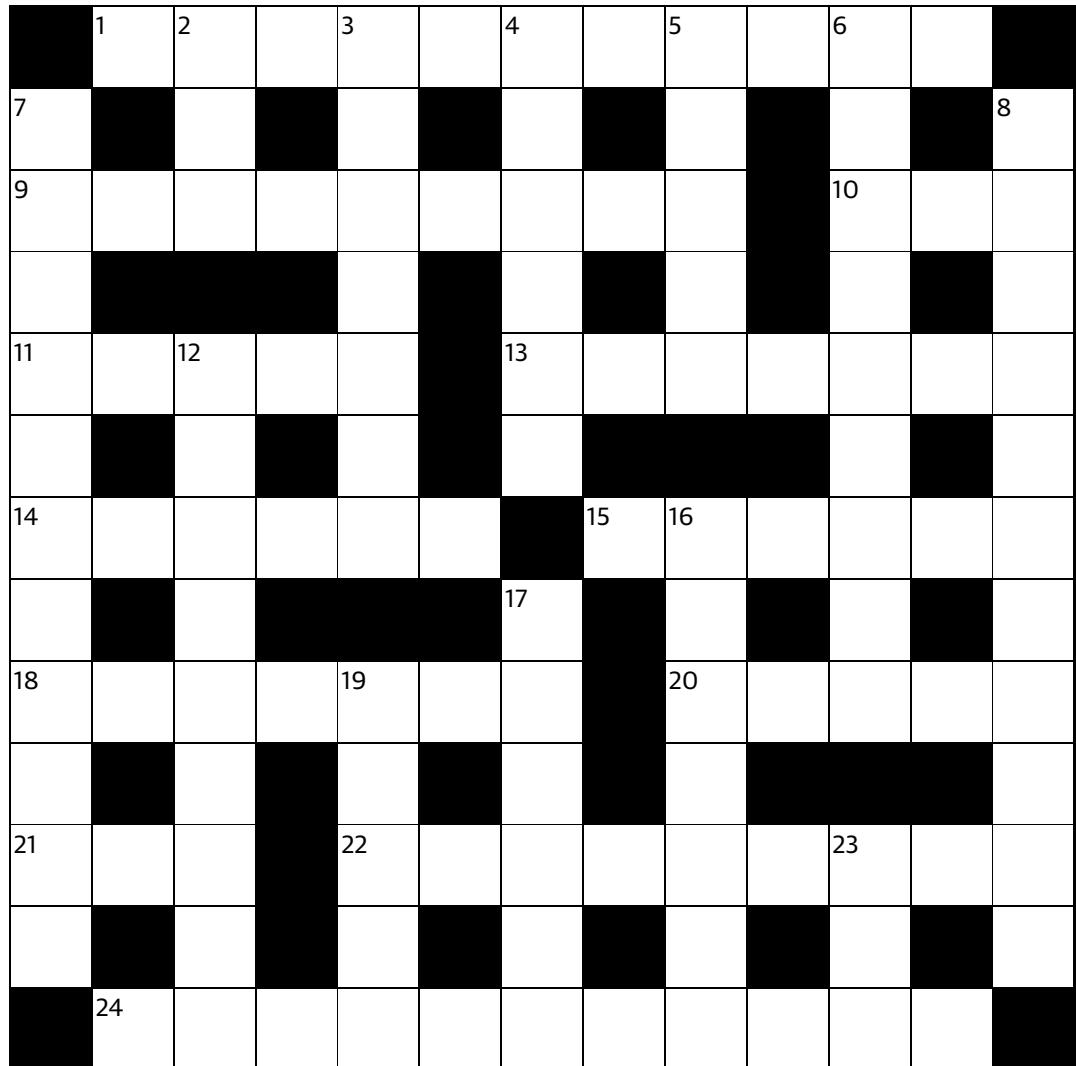
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## ACROSS

- 1: Pilot's place in aircraft (7)
- 8: Serious (7)
- 9: Italian city with mosaics (7)
- 10: Be ready to believe - one of the usual crowd? (7)
- 11: Treat with insecticide etc (5)
- 13: Thoroughgoing application (9)
- 15: "Desire" was one (9)
- 18: Weary (5)
- 21: Mistake (7)
- 22: Term of affection (7)
- 23: Energy drink - formula 1 team (3,4)
- 24: Interminable (7)

## DOWN

- 1: Successor to British Steel (5)
- 2: Protect - insure (5)
- 3: Junior relation of the shilling shocker? (5,8)
- 4: Prickly wild plant (6)
- 5: Fashion enjoined on Malvolio (5-8)
- 6: Humiliate (6)
- 7: Three-dimensional representation (6)
- 12, 14: Part of address (8)
- 14: See 12
- 15: Induce to commit crime (6)
- 16: Journeys to successive customers (6)
- 17: Cause (milk) to coagulate (6)
- 19: Elevate (5)
- 20: Old Venetian magistrates (5)



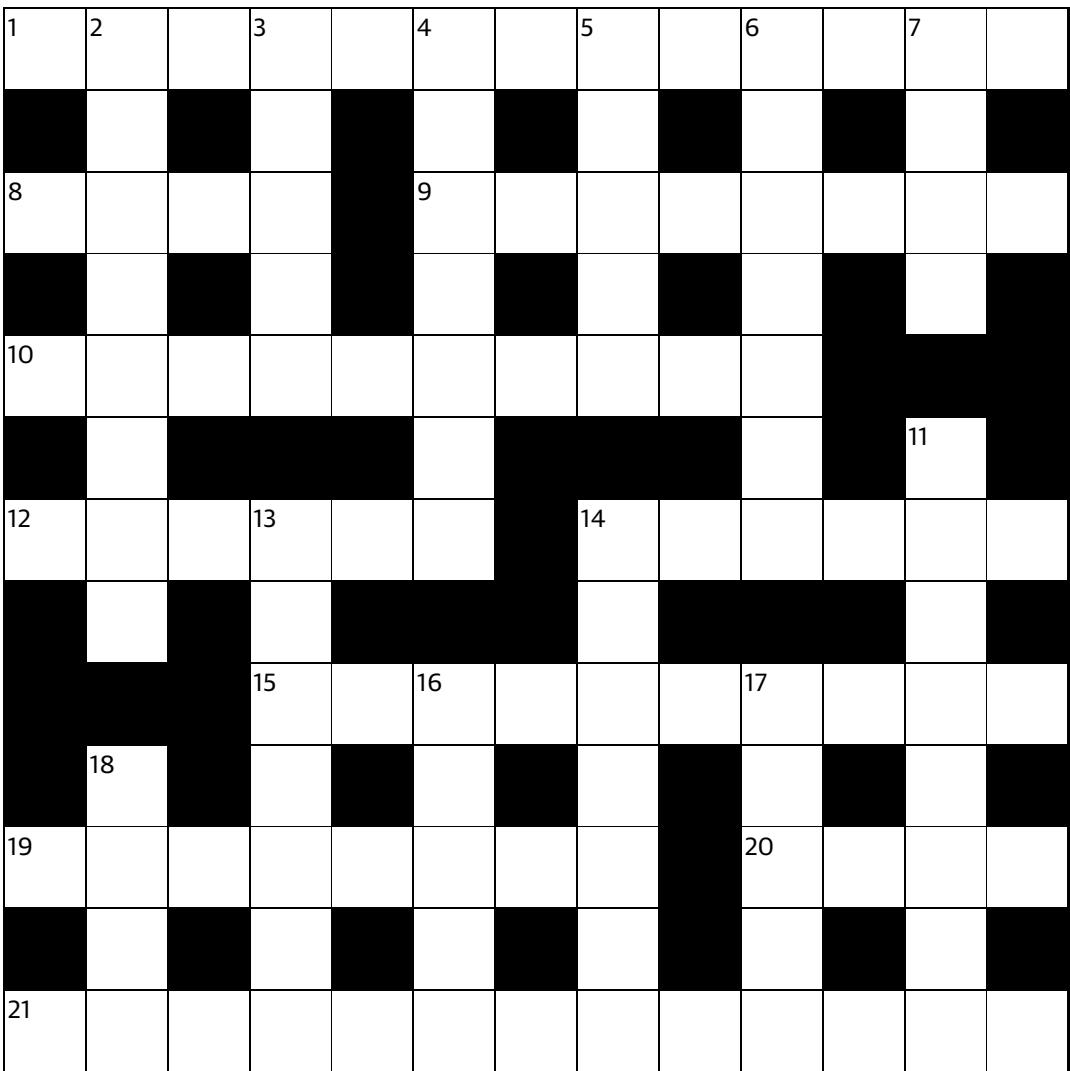
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- 1: Turpentine substitute (5,6)
  - 9: Mythical - very famous (9)
  - 10: Means of transport (3)
  - 11: Spicy bud - section of garlic (5)
  - 13: With some hair loss (7)
  - 14: Gnawing animal (6)
  - 15: Band of colour (6)
  - 18: Early English poet (7)
  - 20: Should (5)
  - 21: Small child - drink (3)
  - 22: Crocodile (9)
  - 24: Bringing of criminal action (11)

# Down

- 2: Pig (3)
  - 3: Ruined abbey on the Wye (7)
  - 4: Covered with crusts of dried blood (6)
  - 5: Romantic poem or scene (5)
  - 6: At an angle (9)
  - 7: Source of light and power (11)
  - 8: Existing only in bits and pieces (11)
  - 12: Classic painting (3,6)
  - 16: Considered (7)
  - 17: Gambol (6)
  - 19: Tactless (5)
  - 23: A brace (3)

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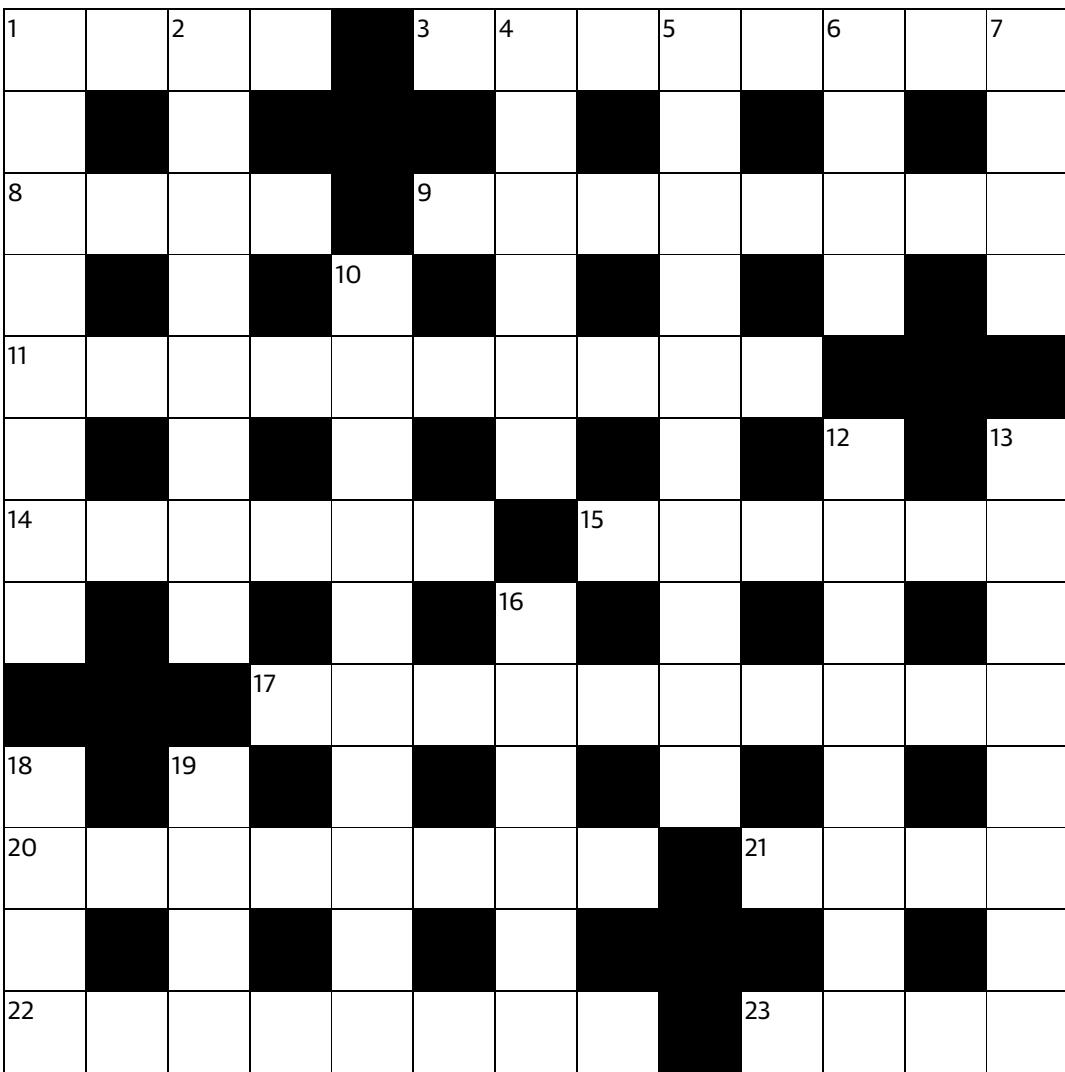
## Across

- 1: Very enthusiastic (4,2,7)
- 8: River crossed at death (4)
- 9: Guts (8)
- 10: Remove into new bed (or body?) (10)
- 12: Former name of Indian city - kind of duck? (6)
- 14: Bold (6)
- 15: Vicar of Bray, for example (10)
- 19: Southeast Asian country (8)
- 20: Subdivision of a whole (4)
- 21: Conversion (6,2,5)

## Down

- 2: Outside (8)
- 3: US president before Gerald Ford (5)
- 4: Island forming part of Kent coast (7)
- 5: Extremist (5)
- 6: Vehicle used on farms (7)
- 7: Annoy (4)
- 11: Lower (8)
- 13: Small cake with spices and fruit (4,3)
- 17: Rod for flax - not the spear side (7)
- 18: Awaken (5)
- 22: Way for pedestrians (4)

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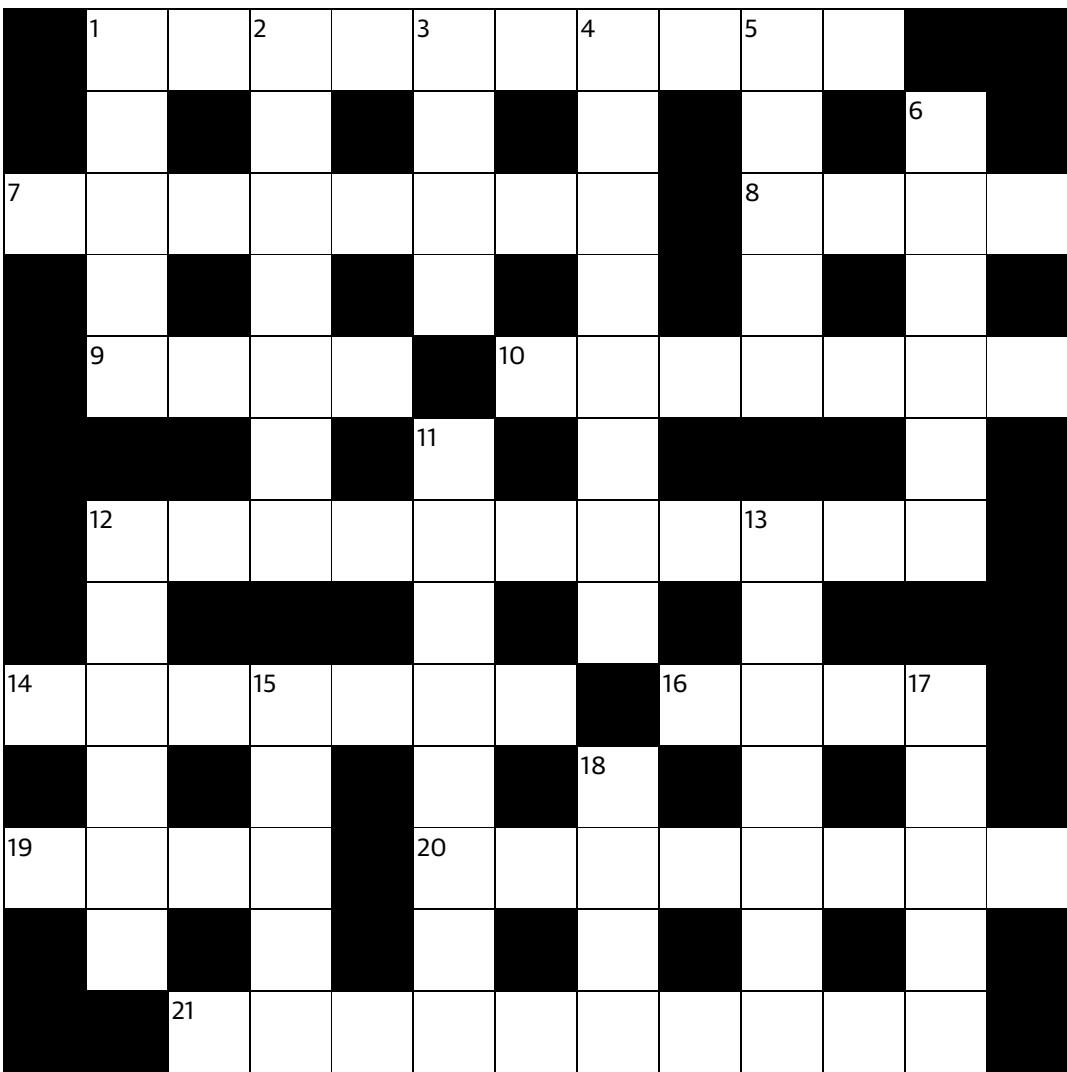
## Across

- 1, 7: Food - hats - falsehoods (4,4)  
3: Noise of a horse's hooves (4-4)  
8: Kind of dark film (4)  
9: Kind of dark girl (8)  
11: Unwillingness (10)  
14: Diseased - gruesome (6)  
15: Kind of fair girl (6)  
17: Substance that destroys bacteria (10)  
20: Kind of curve (8)  
21: Steering apparatus (4)  
22: Former prime minister (3,5)  
23: Smile broadly (4)

## Down

- 1: Wide view (from BBC TV?) (8)  
2: Banter (8)  
4: Lasso (6)  
5: 17 (10)  
6: Strip of wood (4)  
7: See 1 across  
10: Possibly libellous? (10)  
12: Woollies (8)  
13: Faithful supporter (8)  
16: Requisitioned accommodation (6)  
18: Expectorated (4)  
19: Poke (4)

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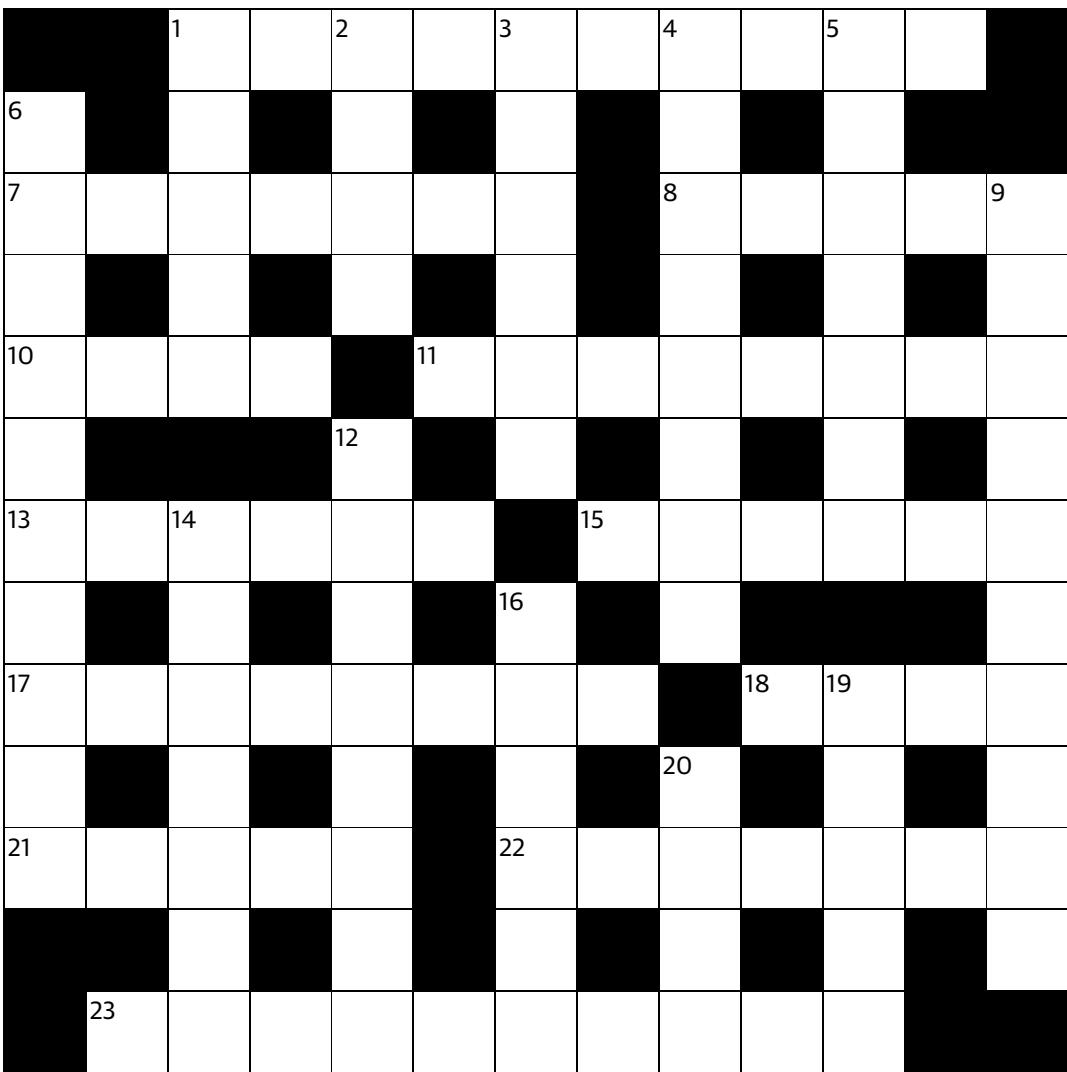
## Across

- 1: Related to proselytising (10)
- 7: Morbidly interested in sexual matters (8)
- 8: Apparel (4)
- 9: Detest (4)
- 10: Pretence - travesty (7)
- 12: Be discovered (4,2,5)
- 14: Abrupt (7)
- 16: Defect (4)
- 19: Ill-mannered child (4)
- 20: (Approach) in a cautious manner (8)
- 21: Support for one learning to swim (5,5)

## Down

- 1: Month - advance in step (5)
- 2: Layer (7)
- 3: Mountain goat (4)
- 4: One makes a brief summary in one (8)
- 5: Stiffness (after death?) (5)
- 6: Approval (6)
- 11: Strive - proceed with difficulty (8)
- 12: Poison put on arrows (6)
- 13: Spanish ship (7)
- 15: Type of spruce (5)
- 17: Cymru (5)
- 18: Cocaine (4)

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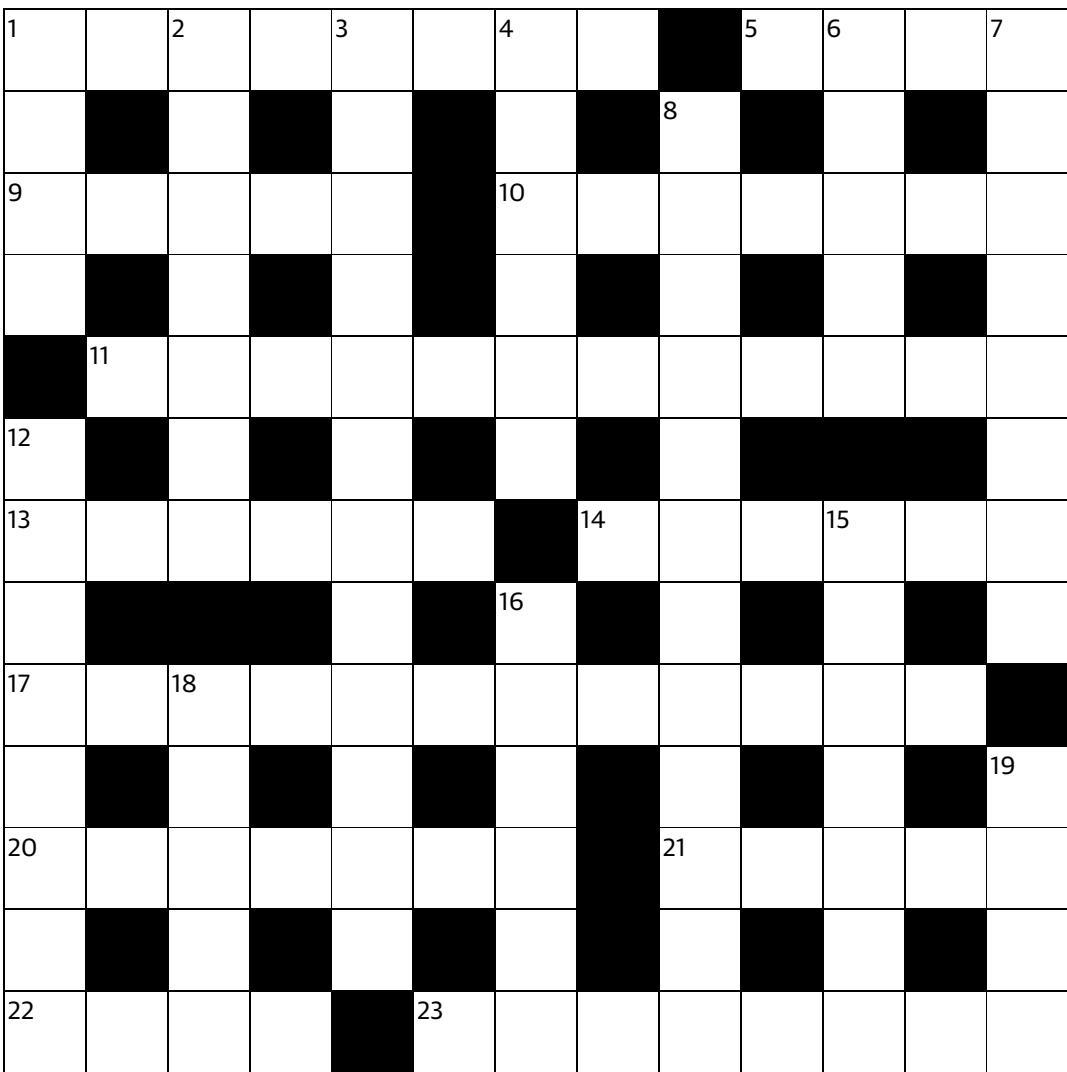
- 1: Decide officially on a dispute (10)
- 7: Tranquilliser (7)
- 8: Eye opening (5)
- 10: Channel island (4)
- 11: Edible marine fish (3,5)
- 13, 15: Novel by Dickens (6,6)
- 15: See 13
- 17: Necrosis of body part (8)
- 18: Leave out (4)
- 21: Part of a bride's dress (5)
- 22: Kind of swimming (abbr) (7)
- 23: Vessel - place for mixture (7,3)

## Down

- 1: Middle light (5)
- 2: Sign up (4)
- 3, 16: Novel by Dickens (6,3,3)
- 4: Conventional - perfect (8)
- 5: 5th in a car? (3,4)
- 6: Torch (10)
- 9: Rule restricting extent (10)
- 12: Wind instrument (8)
- 14: No agent (anag) (7)
- 16: See 3
- 19: Old-fashioned exclamation (2,3)
- 20: Small cut (4)

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**12703**



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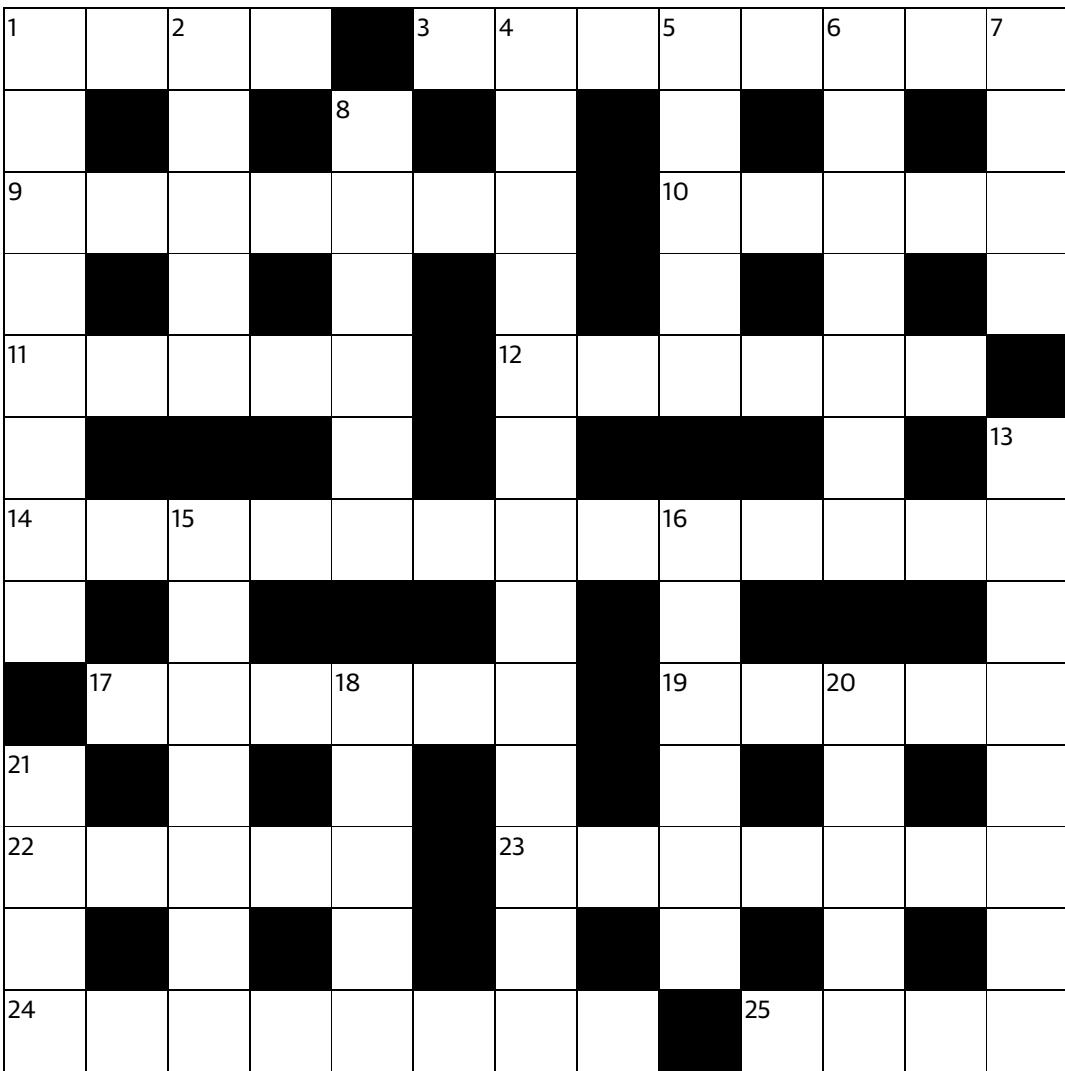
- 1: Slaughter (8)
- 5: Sell - beat (4)
- 9: Note equal to two crochets (5)
- 10: Expert musician (7)
- 11: Haitian city (4-2-6)
- 13: Dwell (6)
- 14: Shallow dish (6)
- 17: Member of armed anti-government organisation (12)
- 20: (Of labour) ill treated and ill paid (7)
- 21: Violation of the law (5)
- 22: Vegetable - Welsh symbol (4)
- 23: US dustbin (5,3)

## Down

- 1: Collide (4)
- 2: Insubstantial (7)
- 3: He fell off a wall (6,6)
- 4: Hearsay (6)
- 6: Ancient language (5)
- 7: Branch of mathematics (8)
- 8: Serious coronary episodes (5,7)
- 12: Offer - suggestion (8)
- 15: Relating to 8 down, part one (7)
- 16: Kind of aircraft (6)
- 18: Female ruff (5)
- 19: Plant with feathery leaves (4)

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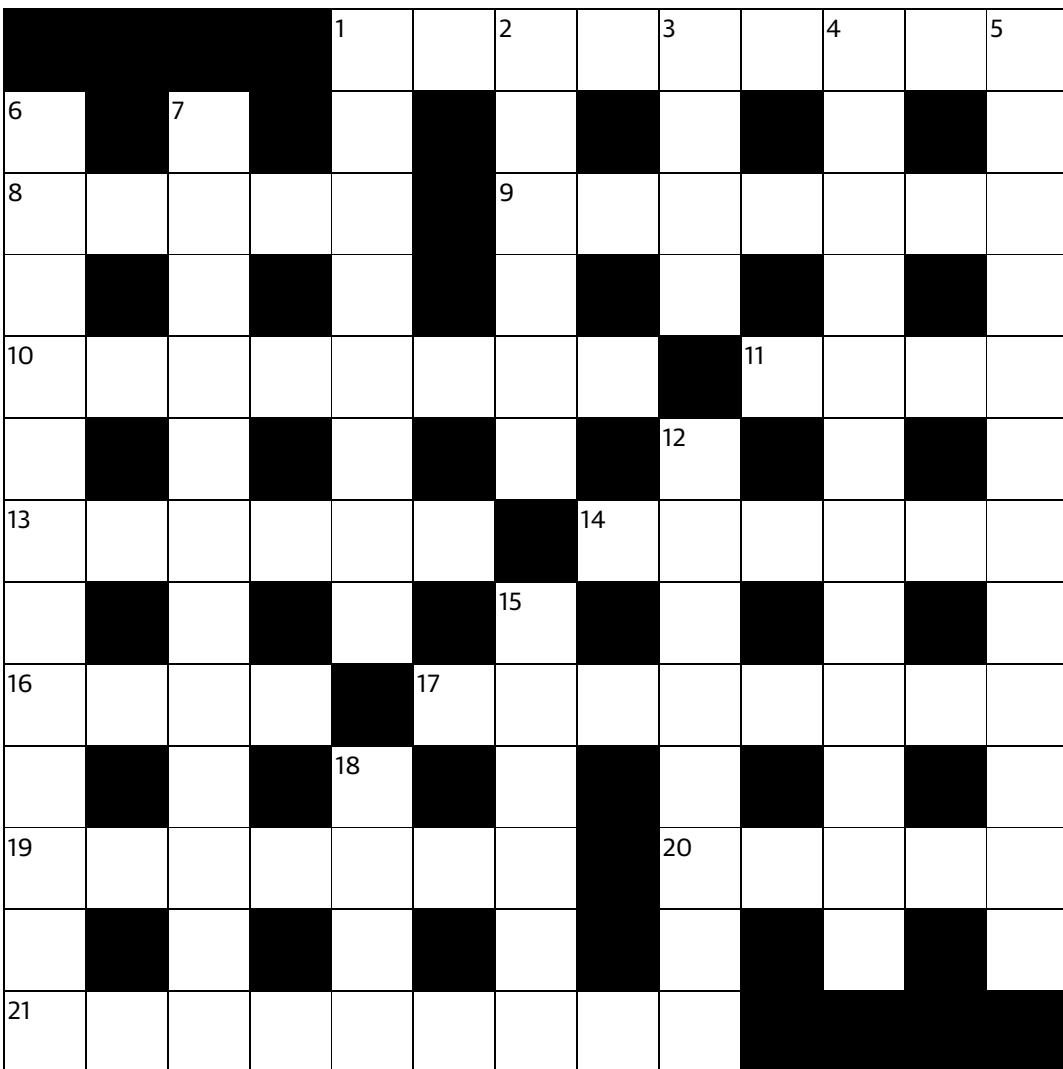
## Across

- 1: Bishop of Rome (4)
- 3: Cricket fielding position (for a spy?) (5,3)
- 9: Person bringing one out of danger (7)
- 10: Permit (5)
- 11: Ancient (5)
- 12: Inevitably result in (6)
- 14: Decline to commit oneself (3,2,3,5)
- 17: "The noblest Roman of them all" (6)
- 19: Internal organ (5)
- 22: Well done! (5)
- 23: Perplex (7)
- 24: Holiness (8)
- 25: King of Israel (4)

## Down

- 1: Buy (8)
- 2: High Turkish official (5)
- 4: Conker tree (5,8)
- 5: Heat strongly - criticise excessively (5)
- 6: Large number (7)
- 7: Small amphibian (4)
- 8: Author of "Pilgrim's Progress" (6)
- 13: Tit for tat (8)
- 15: Land (as base for action) (7)
- 16: (Relating to a) cat (6)
- 18: Freshwater fish (5)
- 20: Russian river (5)
- 21: Wading bird (4)

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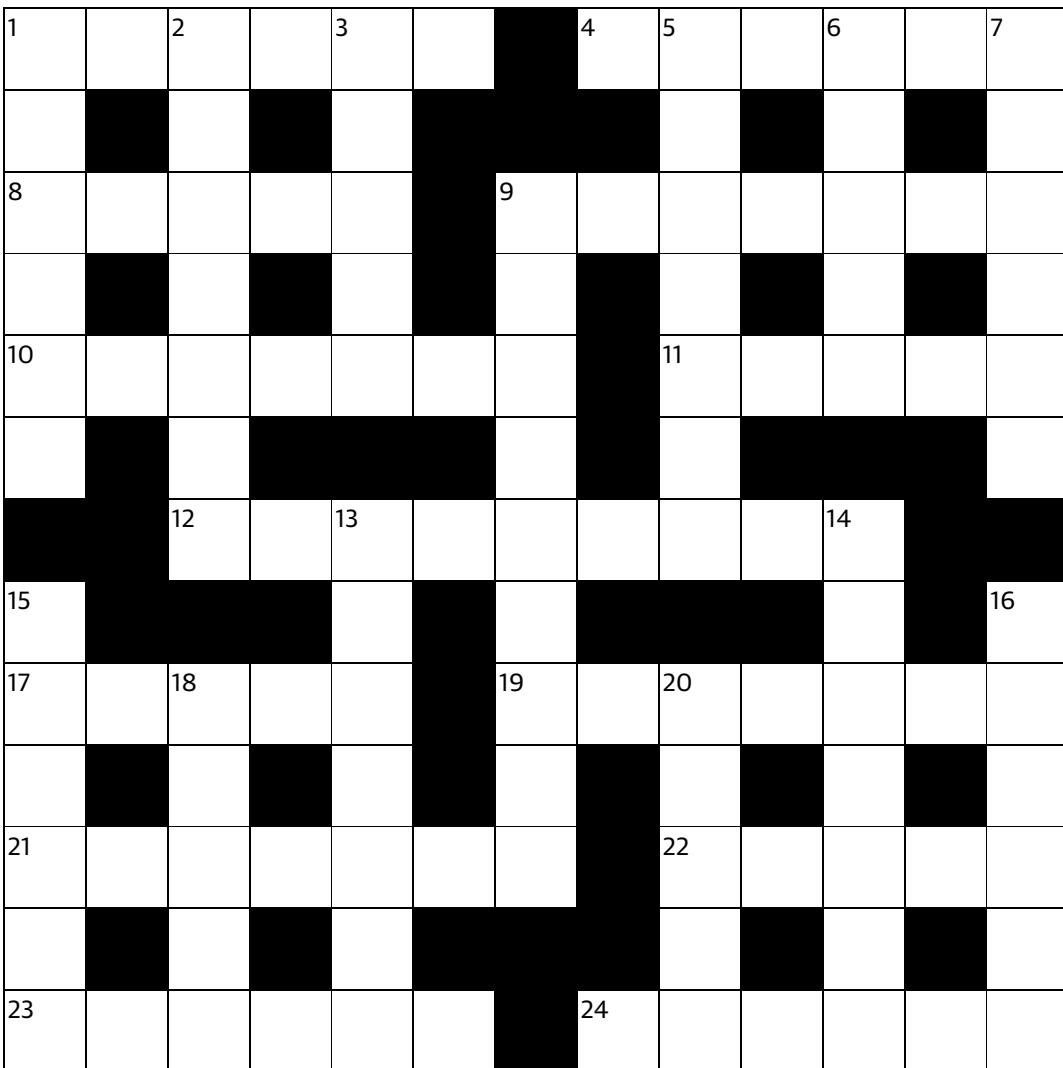
## Across

- 1: Left-wing philosophy (9)
- 8: Fruit - singer with ... (5)
- 9: ... 20th-century composer (7)
- 10: In recent times (8)
- 11: Verve (4)
- 13: Dead body (6)
- 14: Unit of local government (6)
- 16: Repulsive (4)
- 17: Agreement - lessen (8)
- 19: Unforeseen source of great wealth (7)
- 20: Oscar, author (5)
- 21: When Christians celebrate the Resurrection (6,3)

## Down

- 1: State of anxiety or excitement (8)
- 2: Metal - shade of blue (6)
- 3: Centre of rotation (4)
- 4: Seeming likely to go on for ever (12)
- 5: Preserve from tropical fruit (5,7)
- 6: Pulp calm beer (anag) - sweet (5,7)
- 7: Regions suitable for grazing (12)
- 12: Shipwrecked character (8)
- 15: Composer of "Mad Dogs and Englishmen" (6)
- 18: It may be upped (4)

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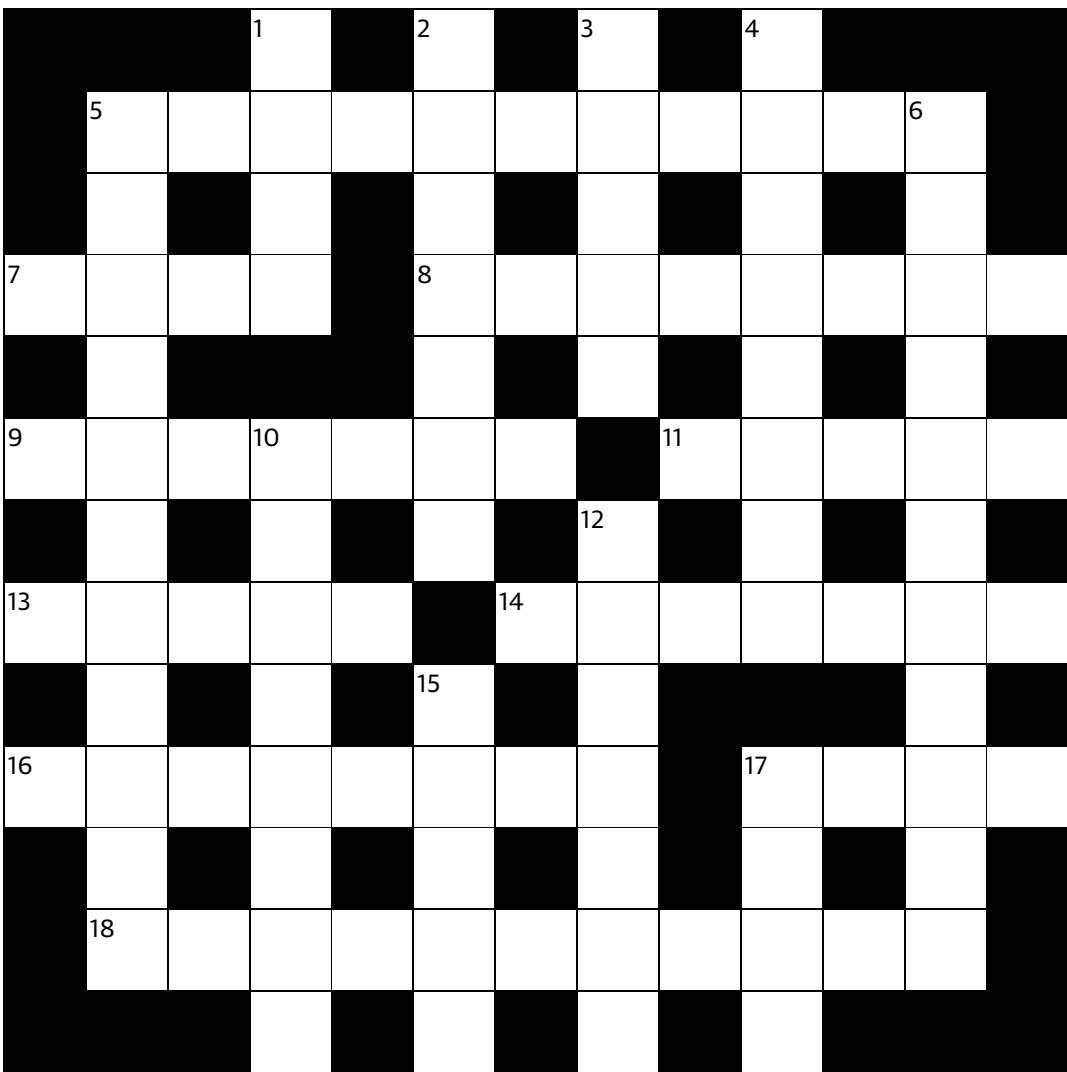
## Across

- 1: Organise into a system (6)
- 4: Wading bird with long bill (6)
- 8: Inferior (5)
- 9: Agreement - brief (7)
- 10: Pioneer of wireless (7)
- 11: Edible (or inedible?) internal organs (5)
- 12: Not temporary (9)
- 17: Nettle rash (5)
- 19: Stockings etc (7)
- 21: As recommended by "Which?" (4,3)
- 22: Gore, US writer (5)
- 23: Long step (6)
- 24: Able to speak readily (6)

## Down

- 1: Pillar - newspaper article (6)
- 2: Bit of condensed water (7)
- 3: Do without (5)
- 5: Scram! (7)
- 6: Corn husks (5)
- 7: Smallest part (after a jot?) (6)
- 9: Kaolin (5,4)
- 13: Young flower (to be gathered?) (7)
- 14: Foot lever that works a machine (7)
- 15: Ancient Egyptian or Greek city (6)
- 16: Elm rat (anag) (6)
- 18: Protection for face (5)
- 20: Auctioneer's hammer (5)

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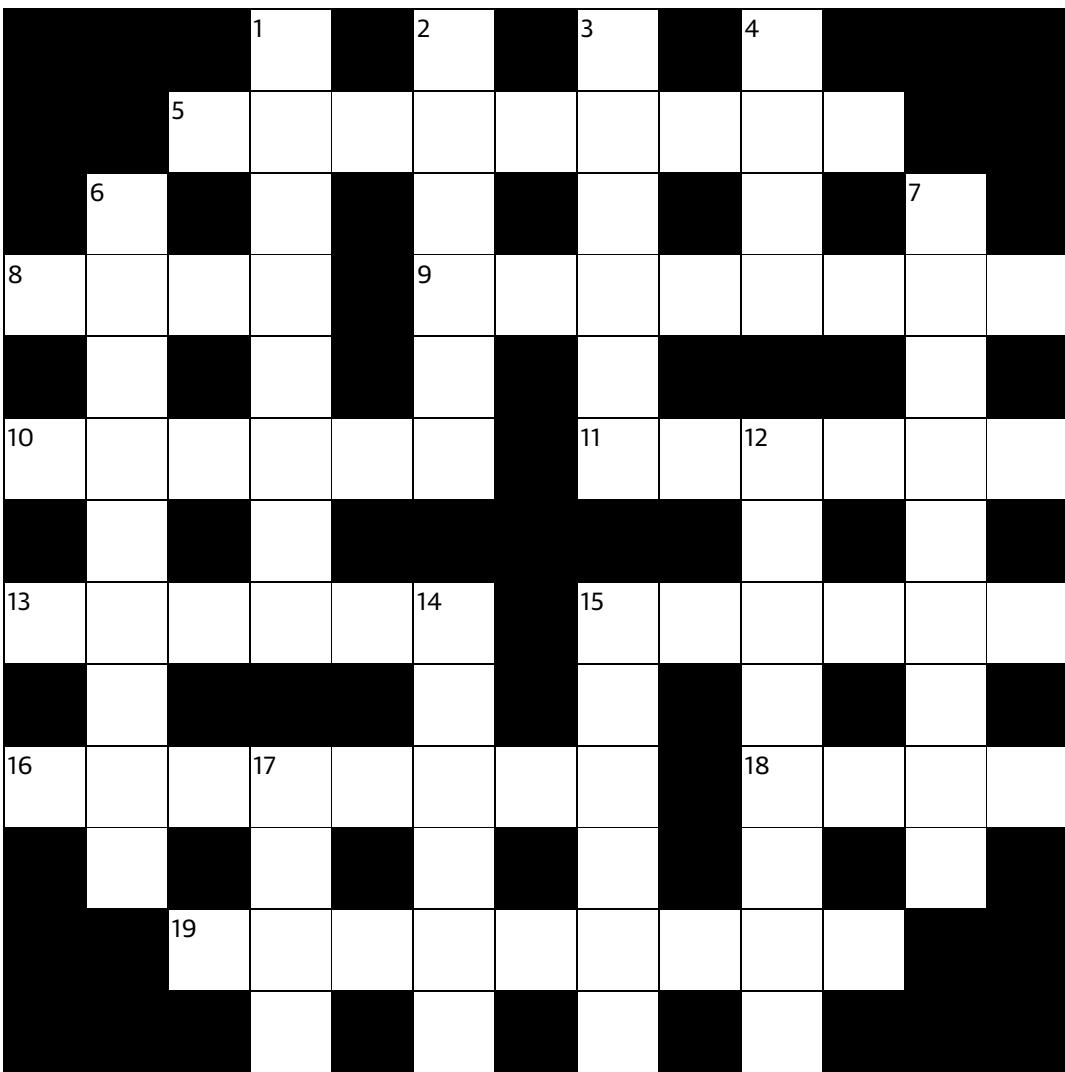
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- 5: Pleasant but also painful (6-5)  
7: Radiance (4)  
8: Grating - urgent (8)  
9: Bishop (7)  
11: Threshing implement (5)  
13: Little old elf (5)  
14: Resting place slung under tree etc (7)  
16: Spice from bark (8)  
17: Choice - fruit (4)  
18: Area in shipping forecast (6,5)

## Down

- 1: Cook slowly (4)  
2: Thickness (7)  
3: Take (power etc) illegally (5)  
4: It swings (8)  
5: Campanology (4-7)  
6: Marked out area for ball game (6,5)  
10: One famous in his profession (8)  
12: Street of 1960s' fashion (7)  
15: Slander - tissue sample used for testing (5)  
17: Attendant (4)

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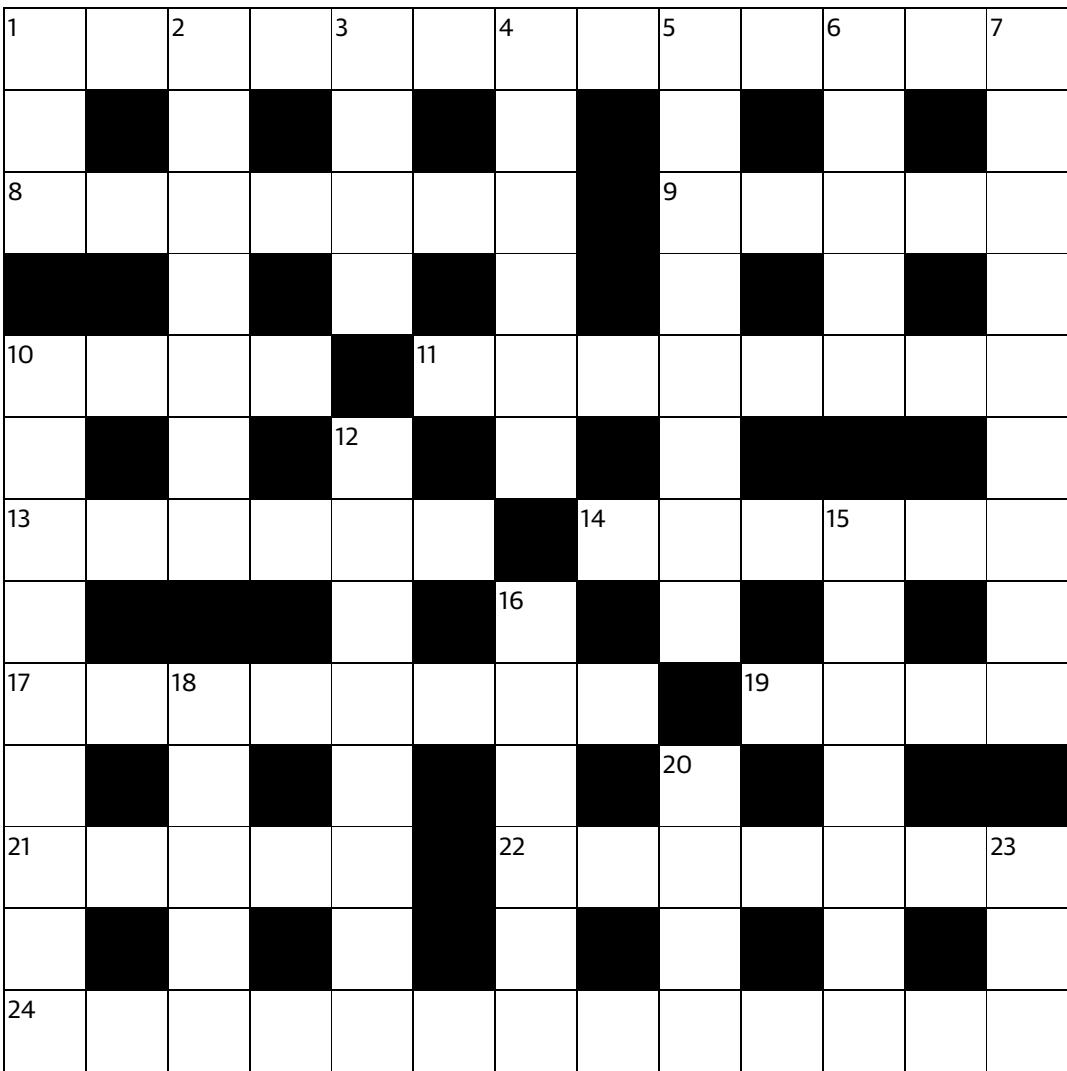
## Across

- 5: Legendary polygamist and wife-killer (9)
- 8: (Mild) expletive (4)
- 9: Significant feature or event (8)
- 10: Red wine from southern France (6)
- 11: Taste - preference - affection (6)
- 13: Italian gentleman (6)
- 15, 16: Method of treatment pioneered by Freud (14)
- 16: See 15
- 18: Job to be done (4)
- 19: Station used as basis in map-making (abbr) (4,5)

## Down

- 1: Appliance once used for pressing clothes (4,4)
- 2: Little ball (6)
- 3: Culinary herb (6)
- 4: Stuff (4)
- 6: Outstanding - shining (9)
- 7: Right to vote (9)
- 12: Fundamental item in a structure (8)
- 14: Give up one's post (6)
- 15: Handgun (6)
- 17: Pig fat (4)

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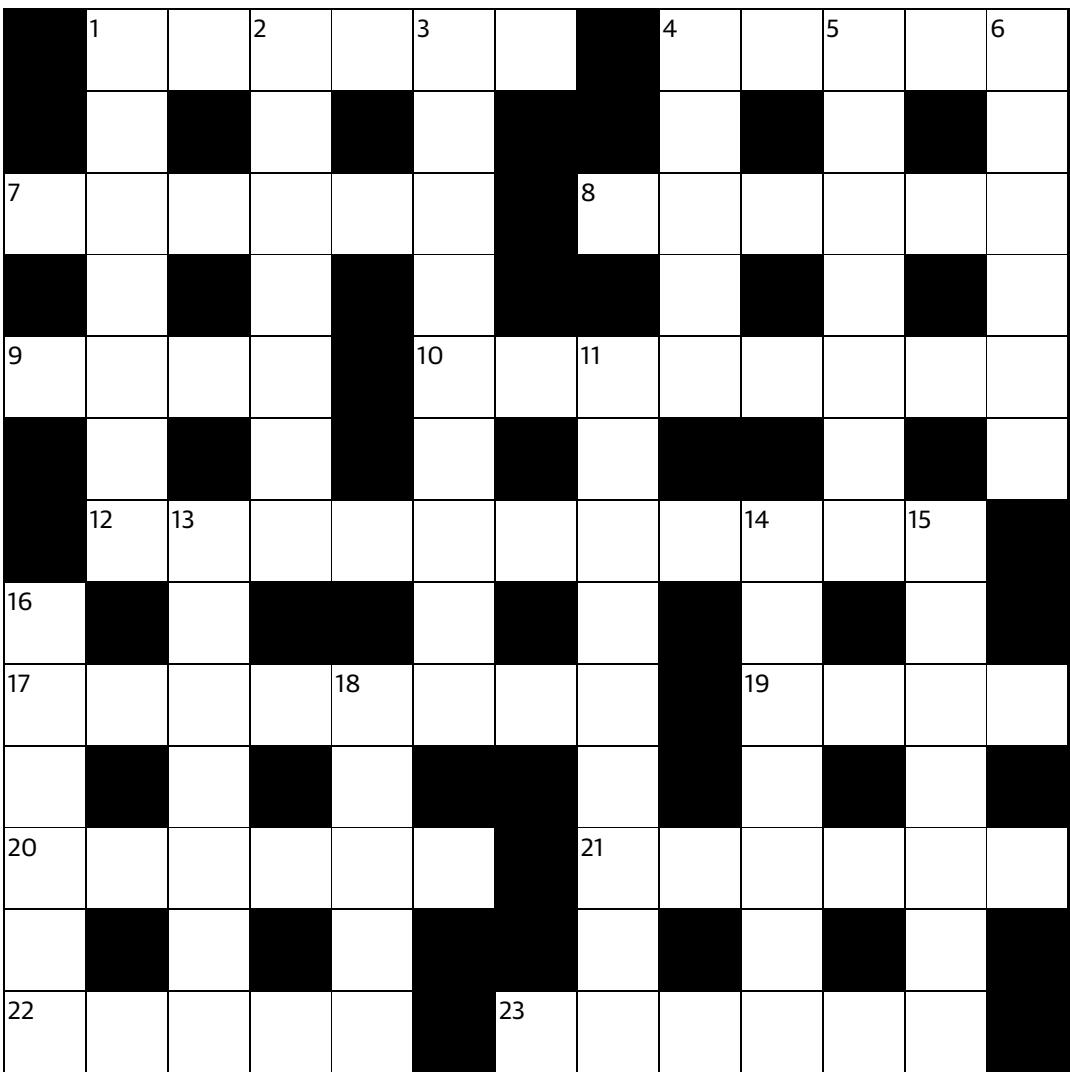
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### Across

- 1: Traditional receptacle for written data (6,7)
- 8: Trivial object or gadget (7)
- 9: Let (liquid) fall from container (5)
- 10: Indication - notice (4)
- 11: Short rest (8)
- 13: Irish county and bay (6)
- 14: Professional killer - jewel thief - Eugene O'Neill character (6)
- 17: Gossip maliciously (8)
- 19: Bar on which wheels rotate (4)
- 21: Recurring pattern of events (5)
- 22: Deliverer of dairy products (7)
- 24: One who won't get moving (5-2-3-3)

### Down

- 1: Hard work - cigarette (slang) (3)
- 2: Generous (7)
- 3: What one has at one's fingertips (4)
- 4: Cuban leader (6)
- 5: Statesman who achieved German unification (8)
- 6: Sound of horse (5)
- 7: Permissiveness (9)
- 10: Vast sums of money (9)
- 12: Dawn (8)
- 15: Greatest amount (7)
- 16: Reproductive organ of flower (6)
- 18: Desert plants (5)
- 20: Claptrap (4)
- 23: Show agreement (or sleepiness?) (3)



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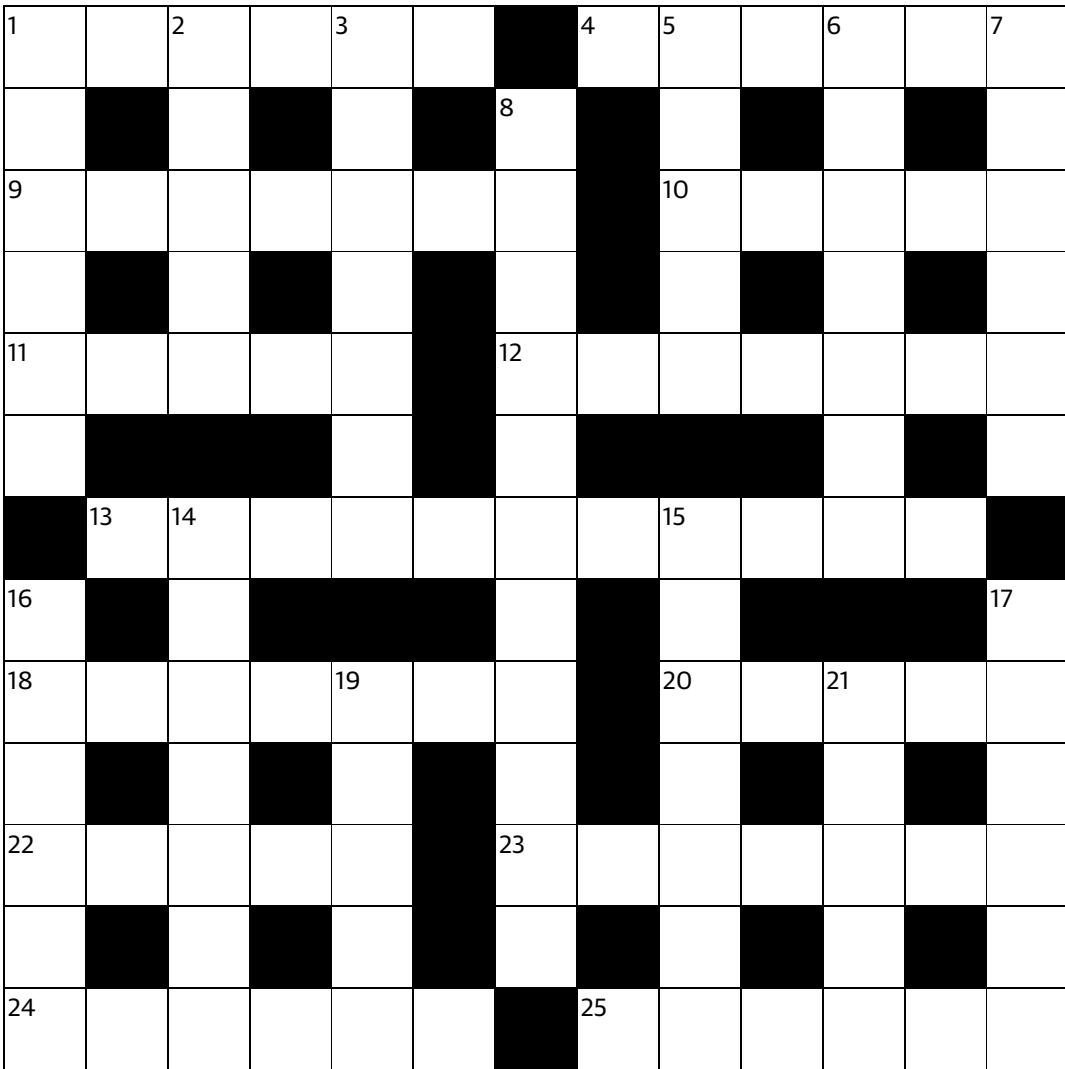
- 1: Cricket fielding position (3-3)
- 4: One theatrically waited for (5)
- 7: International cultural organisation (6)
- 8: Hot spring (6)
- 9: Mark of an injury (4)
- 10: Noblewoman (8)
- 12: Bedfordshire town (11)
- 17: USA (5,3)
- 19: Call - stream (4)
- 20: One with children (6)
- 21: Preserve container (3,3)
- 22: Japanese dish (5)
- 23: Border (unofficial?) (6)

## Down

- 1: It can't be hailed in the street (7)
- 2: American tea towel (7)
- 3: Tufts of woolly hair - cell focus (anag) (9)
- 4: Collect grain (or information?) (5)
- 5: Come down (7)
- 6: Beat (6)
- 11: The Plough (4,5)
- 13: Passport substitutes? (1,1,5)
- 14: White of egg (7)
- 15: Put inside (7)
- 16: Uproar (6)
- 18: Feeling of weariness (5)

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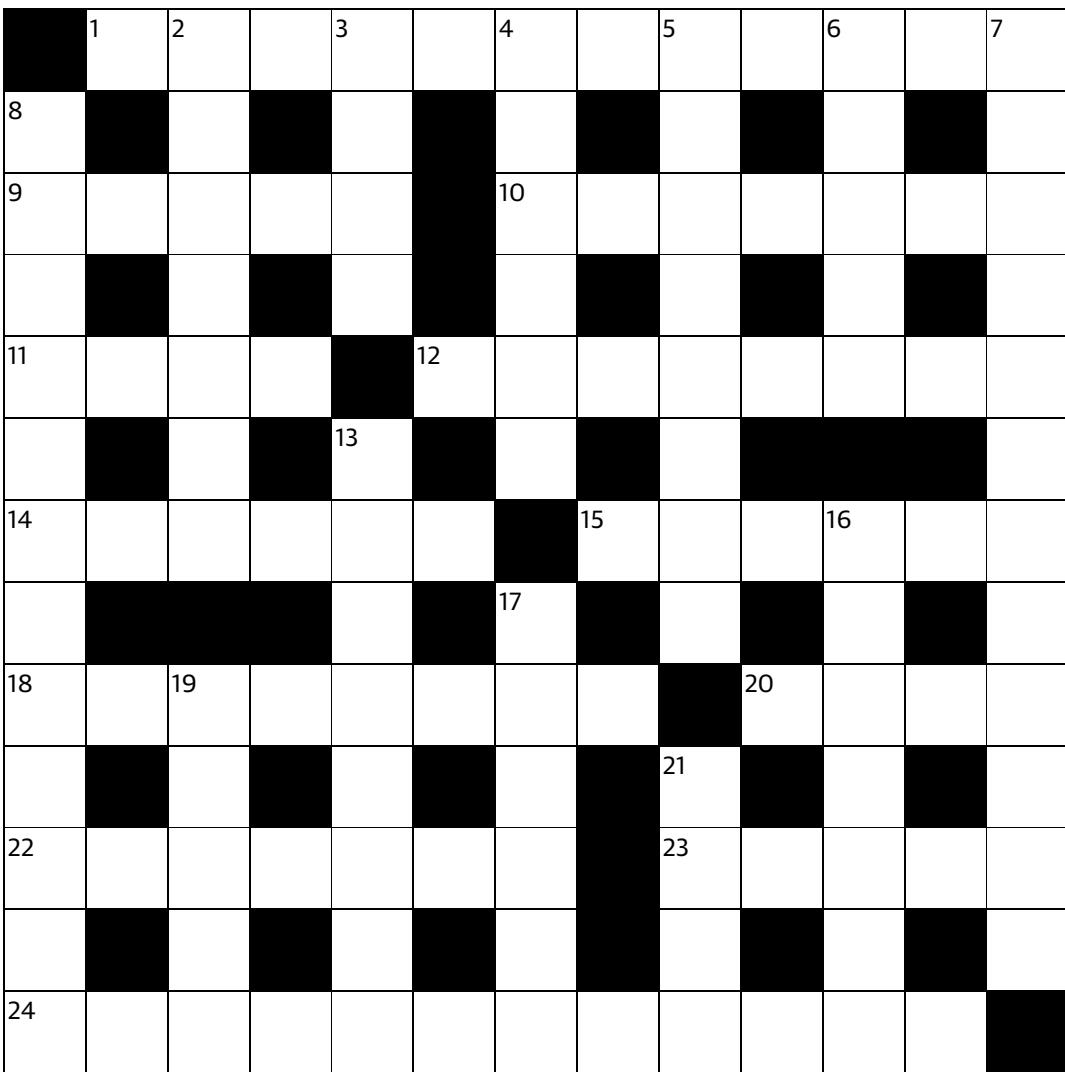
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- 1: Language specific to an activity (6)
- 4: Rectangle with adjacent sides unequal (6)
- 9: Practise before a tennis match (5,2)
- 10: Loud cry of triumph (5)
- 11: Not just yet (5)
- 12: Best ever (3-4)
- 13: Going barefoot over hot coals (4-7)
- 18: Dull (writing) (7)
- 20: Animosity (5)
- 22: Weighty - ponderous (5)
- 23: Take off (7)
- 24: Belief in God (6)
- 25: Saw eye to eye (6)

## Down

- 1: Doctor with an alter ego (6)
- 2: Perch (5)
- 3: Acorn producer (3,4)
- 5: Large intestine (5)
- 6: Relating to a top British university (7)
- 7: Burrowing animal - kind of wood (6)
- 8: Official of a (Communist) bureaucracy (11)
- 14: Prehistoric period (4,3)
- 15: "Just So Stories" author (7)
- 16: Result (6)
- 17: Maintain against attack (6)
- 19: Chasm (5)
- 21: Tremble (5)

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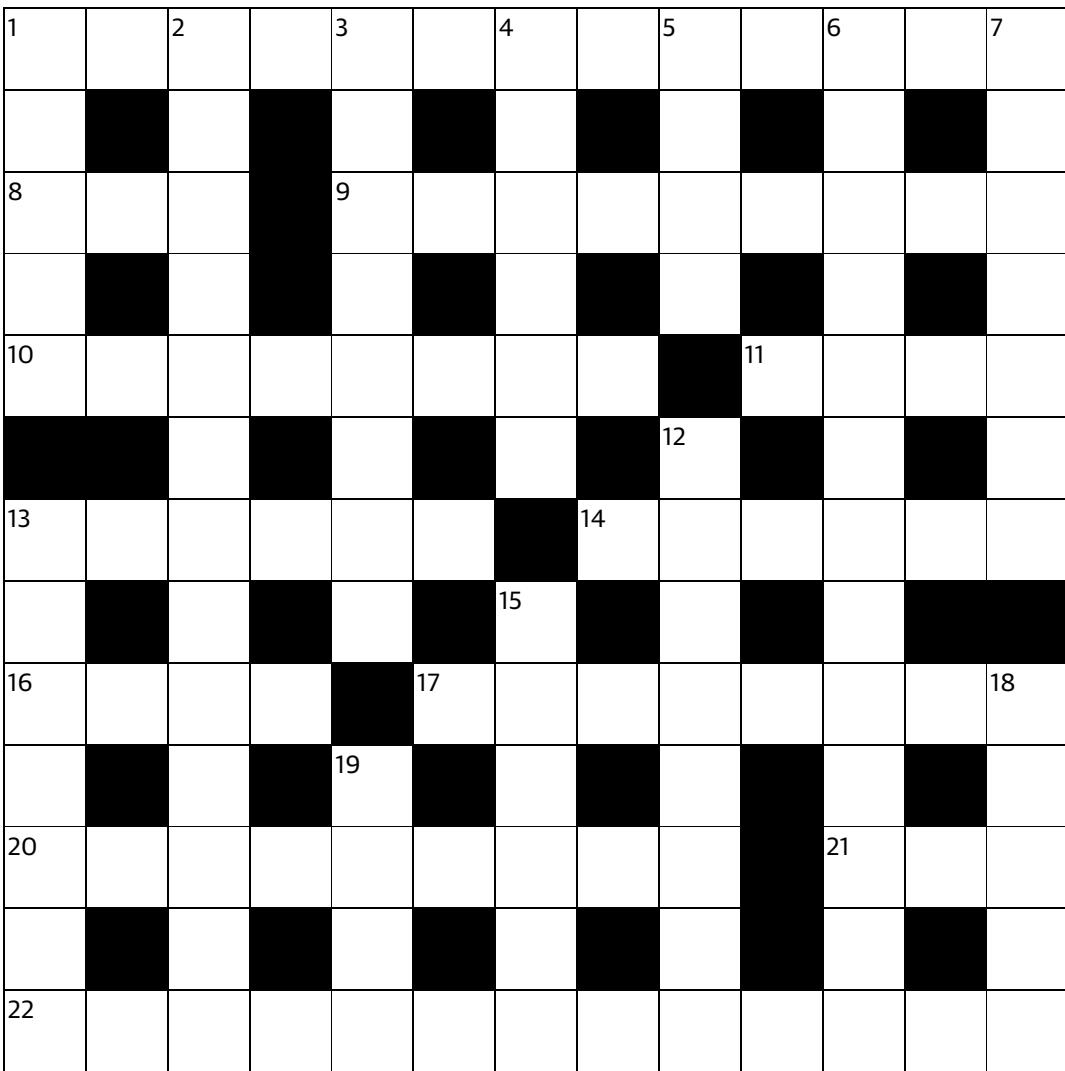
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- 1: British comedic actor, 1915-2010 (6,6)
- 9: Caper (5)
- 10: Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg (7)
- 11: Shade of green (4)
- 12: On high (8)
- 14: Daffodil colour (6)
- 15: Cement or plaster used for coating walls (6)
- 18: Aircraft driven by exhaust gases (8)
- 20: Door sidepiece (4)
- 22: Interpret (7)
- 23: Tall cereal grass producing large edible ears (5)
- 24: British 1997 film featuring male strippers (3,4,5)

## Down

- 2: Best possible (7)
- 3: Filth (4)
- 4: Unable (anag) (6)
- 5: Introduce as something new (8)
- 6: Netherlands town - glazed earthenware (5)
- 7: Woman/man v woman/man at tennis (5,7)
- 8: London thoroughfare (for doctors) (6,6)
- 13: US Pacific state capital (8)
- 16: Ben Hur transport? (7)
- 17: Relating to land held on condition of service (6)
- 19: Indian money (5)
- 21: Bullets (4)



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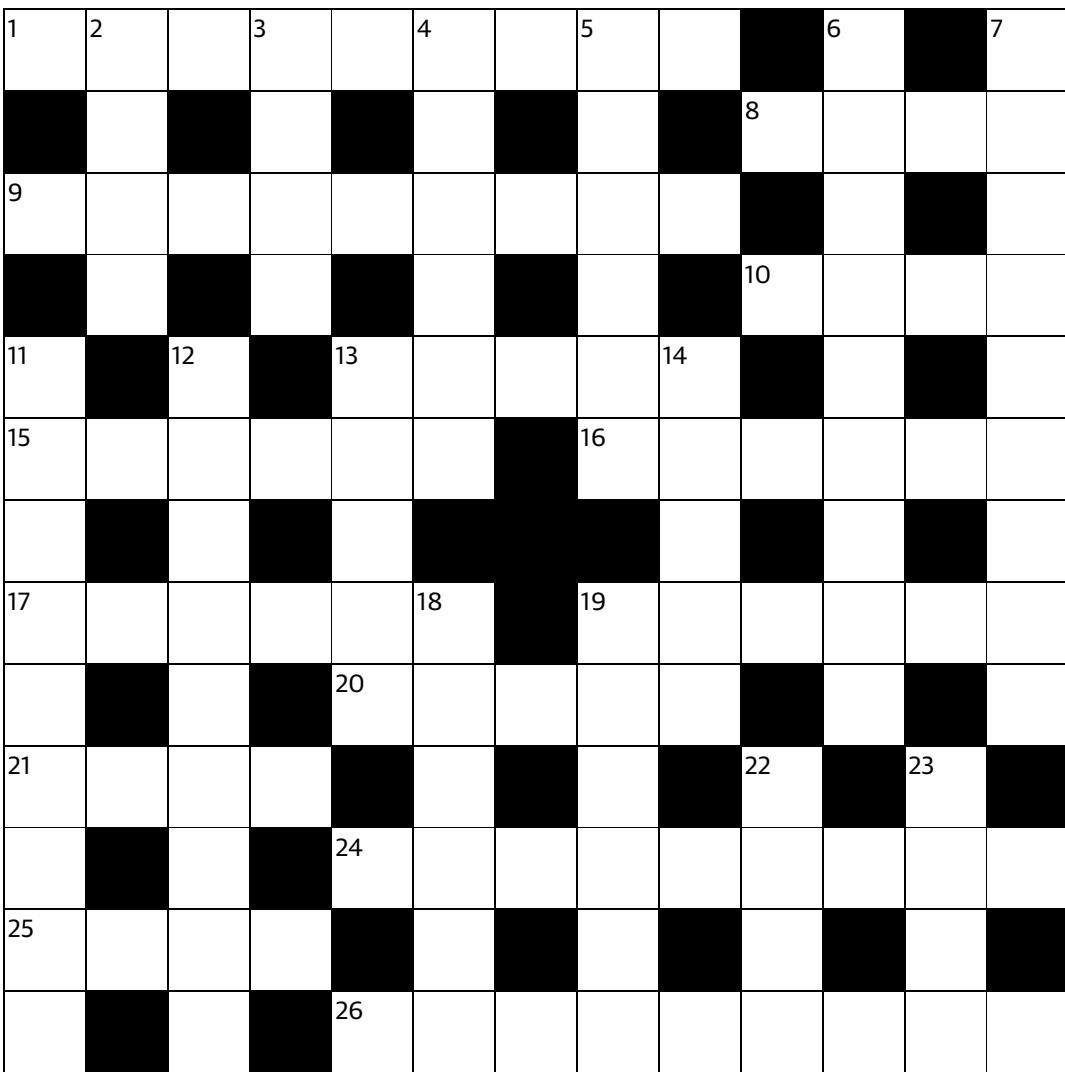
- 1: Song sung at an annual party? (5,8)
- 8: Speck (3)
- 9: Traditionally accepted (9)
- 10: Penalty showdown? (5-3)
- 11: Hood's girl (4)
- 13: Consider as an injury or affront (6)
- 14: Move this way, then that (6)
- 16: Central Asian prince or chief (4)
- 17: Leaving (job) (8)
- 20: Rusting (9)
- 21: Wonder (3)
- 22: Smoked fish (from Kincardineshire?) (6,7)

## Down

- 1: Home of the souls of the dead (5)
- 2: Filling up location? (6,7)
- 3: Boating sport (8)
- 4: Wax-winged flyer (6)
- 5: Stuff and nonsense (4)
- 6: Pasternak novel (6,7)
- 7: Something eaten (or burned?) at Christmas (4,3)
- 12: Lent an ear (8)
- 13: Monetary share, dishonestly gained (4-3)
- 15: Swiss city (6)
- 18: From Thessaloniki, perhaps (5)
- 19: Indian prince or king (4)

crossword

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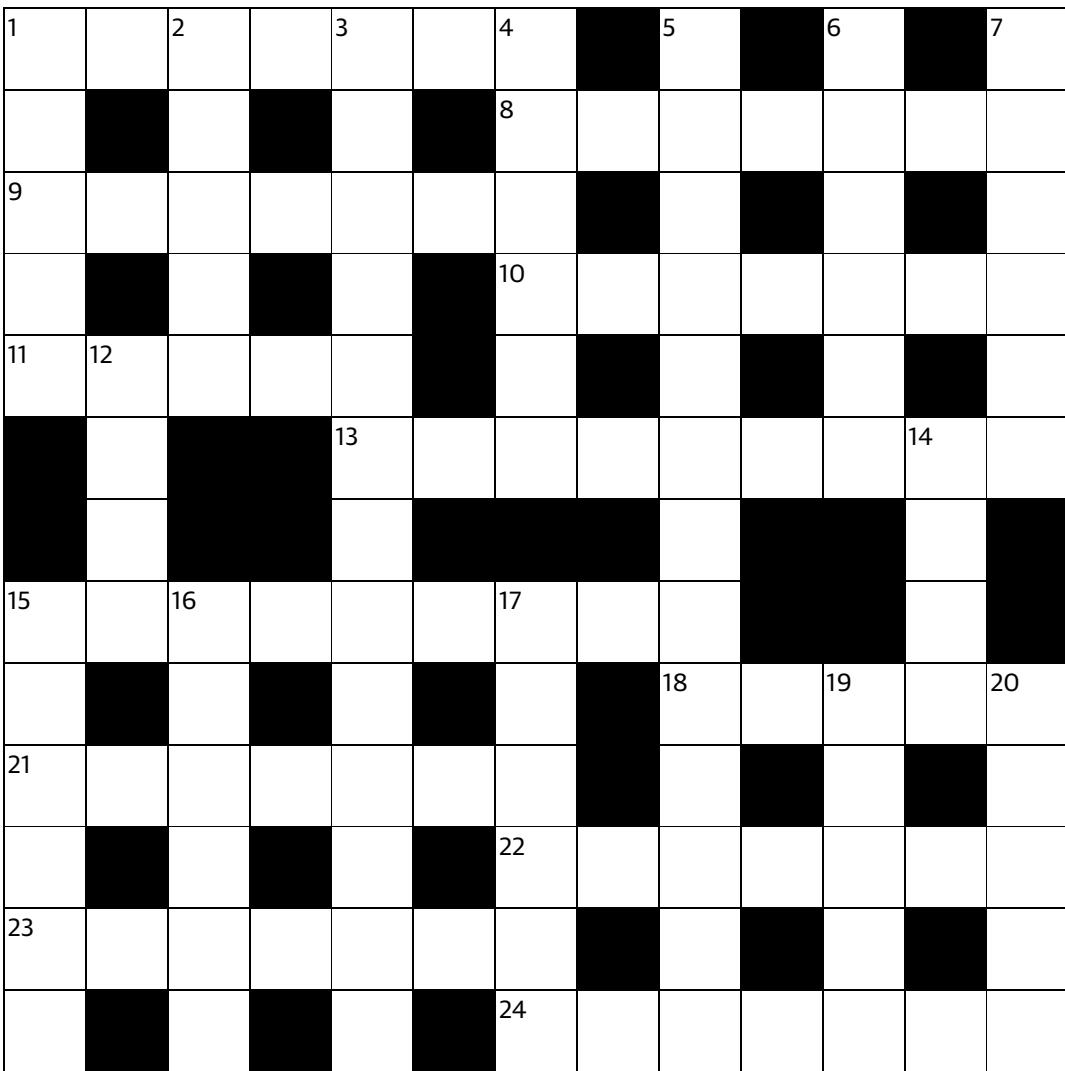
- 2: Piccadilly hotel (4)
- 3: Weasel relative (or its fur) (4)
- 4: To raid (anag) (6)
- 5: Bandit (6)
- 6: Subtraction indicator (5,4)
- 7: Fight without an opponent? (6-3)
- 11: Study of the origins of words (9)
- 12: French delicacy (5,4)
- 13: Did nothing (5)
- 14: Native of Louisiana descended from 18th-century Acadian immigrants (5)
- 18: Rudder's steering handle (6)
- 19: System of stars - assembly of talent (6)
- 22: Operatic song (4)

**crossword**  
**12715**

## **ACROSS**

23: Medal - dinner bell (4)

- 1: Non-commissioned officer in charge of part of a military band (4,5)
- 8: Guru Nanak follower (4)
- 9: Anyway (2,3,4)
- 10: One of four at the same birth (4)
- 13: Flowering tree of the olive family (5)
- 15: Where the gullet and windpipe are located (6)
- 16: European capital (6)
- 17: Drawing influence? (6)
- 19: Excessively enthusiastic (4-2)
- 20: Sideless, backless couch (5)
- 21: Cheerful song (4)
- 24: In which coats are left, temporarily (9)
- 25: Jokes - silences (4)
- 26: Verbal dispute (4-5)



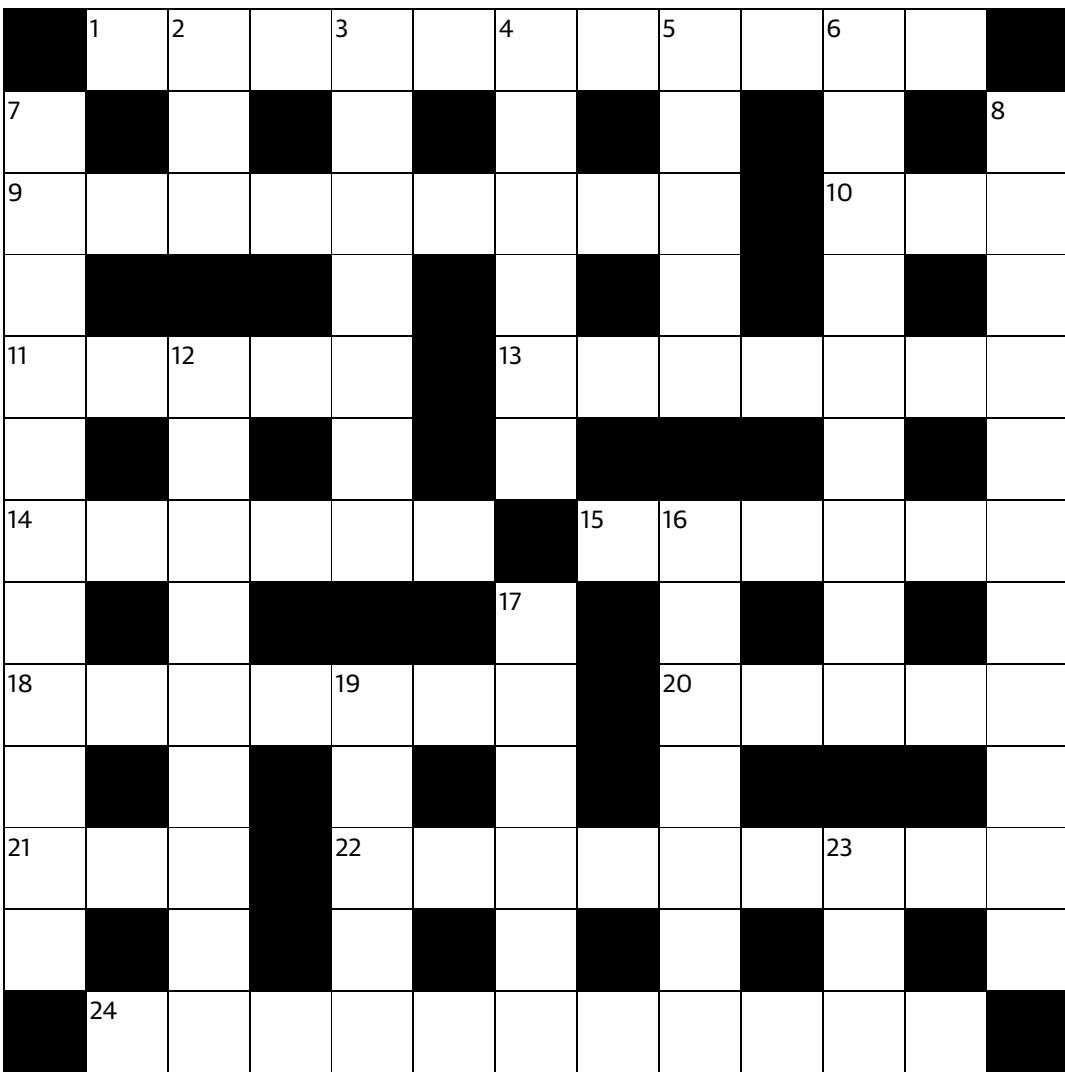
## Across

- 1: Wrestling hold (4,3)
- 8: From which a particular metal may be extracted (4,3)
- 9: International agreement concerning nuclear weapons (4,3)
- 10: Clearly described (7)
- 11: Authority - rumour (3-2)
- 13: Top of the world! (5,4)
- 15: Inference (9)
- 18: Cut off (5)
- 21: Nauseated (7)
- 22: US state (7)
- 23: Dictionary (7)
- 24: Wide lower tidal part of a river (7)

## Down

- 1: Posts for securing cables etc (5)
- 2: Test the purity of metals (5)
- 3: This, or nothing! (7,6)
- 4: Hot-tasting condiment (6)
- 5: Literary creator of Lilliput (8,5)
- 6: Sob noisily (6)
- 7: Save (6)
- 12: Cutting tool with arched blade (4)
- 14: Olympics sledge (4)
- 15: Work (at) frivolously (6)
- 16: Superior in quality (2,4)
- 17: Mad (6)
- 19: Stringed instrument (5)
- 20: Prepared (5)

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## Across

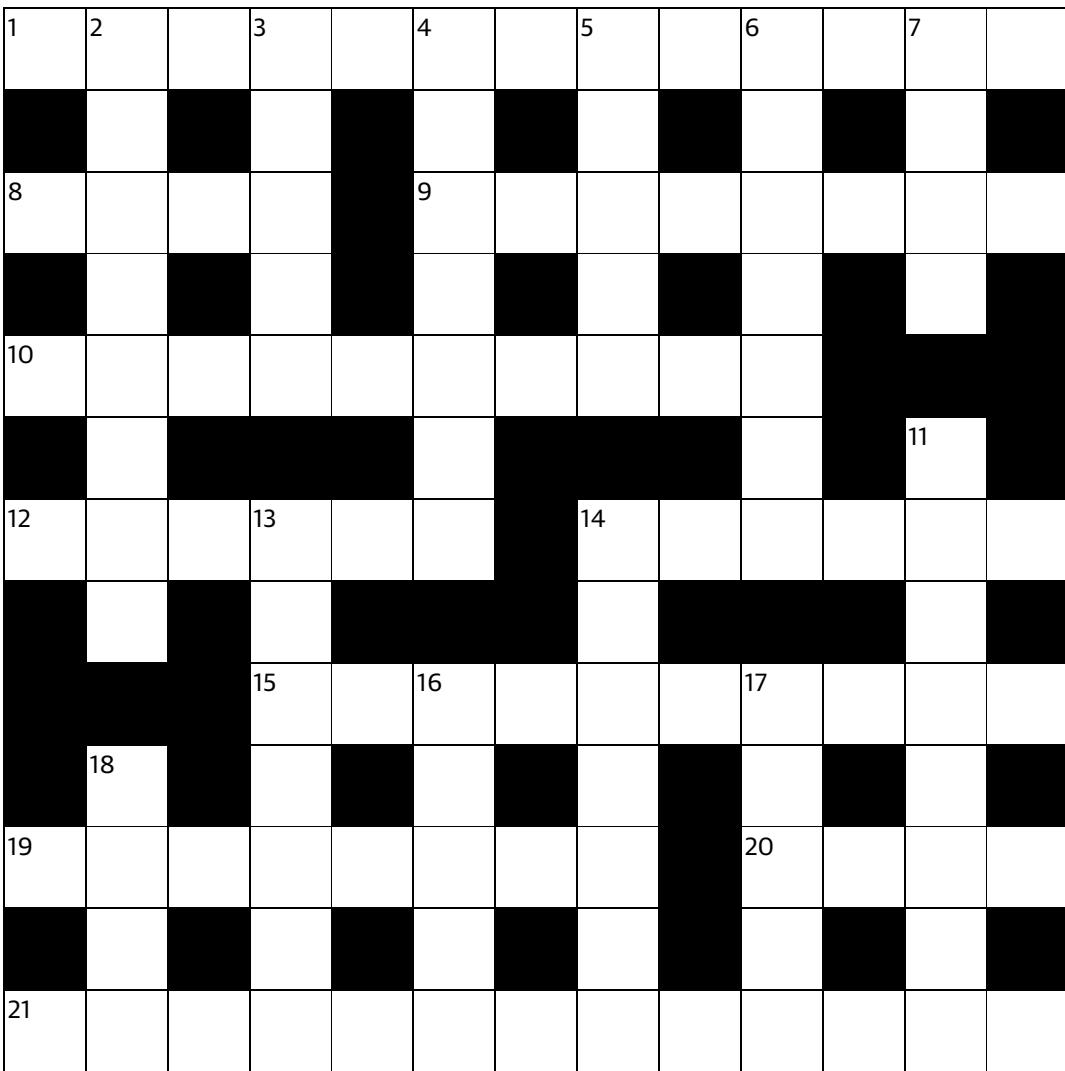
- 1: Chief character in a story  
(11)
- 9: Clumsy (3-6)
- 10: Meadow (3)
- 11: Halley's space traveller?  
(5)
- 13: The close of the day (7)
- 14: See run (anag) (6)
- 15: Leader of the Israelites  
after Moses (6)
- 18: Confused mass (7)
- 20: Culinary herb (5)
- 21: Flow back (3)
- 22: Drivel (9)
- 24: Reform of the Soviet  
political and economic  
system in the 1980s (11)

## Down

- 2: Drink - odd (3)
- 3: Tornado (7)
- 4: Channel at the side of a  
street (6)
- 5: Push (with a wink?) (5)
- 6: With concern just for  
one's own gain (9)
- 7: Very little money - corn?  
(7,4)
- 8: From Dhaka, perhaps  
(11)
- 12: Dreary - pathetic (9)
- 16: Very active (2,3,2)
- 17: Struggle (6)
- 19: Fish (5)
- 23: Liquid used in printing  
(3)

Crossword

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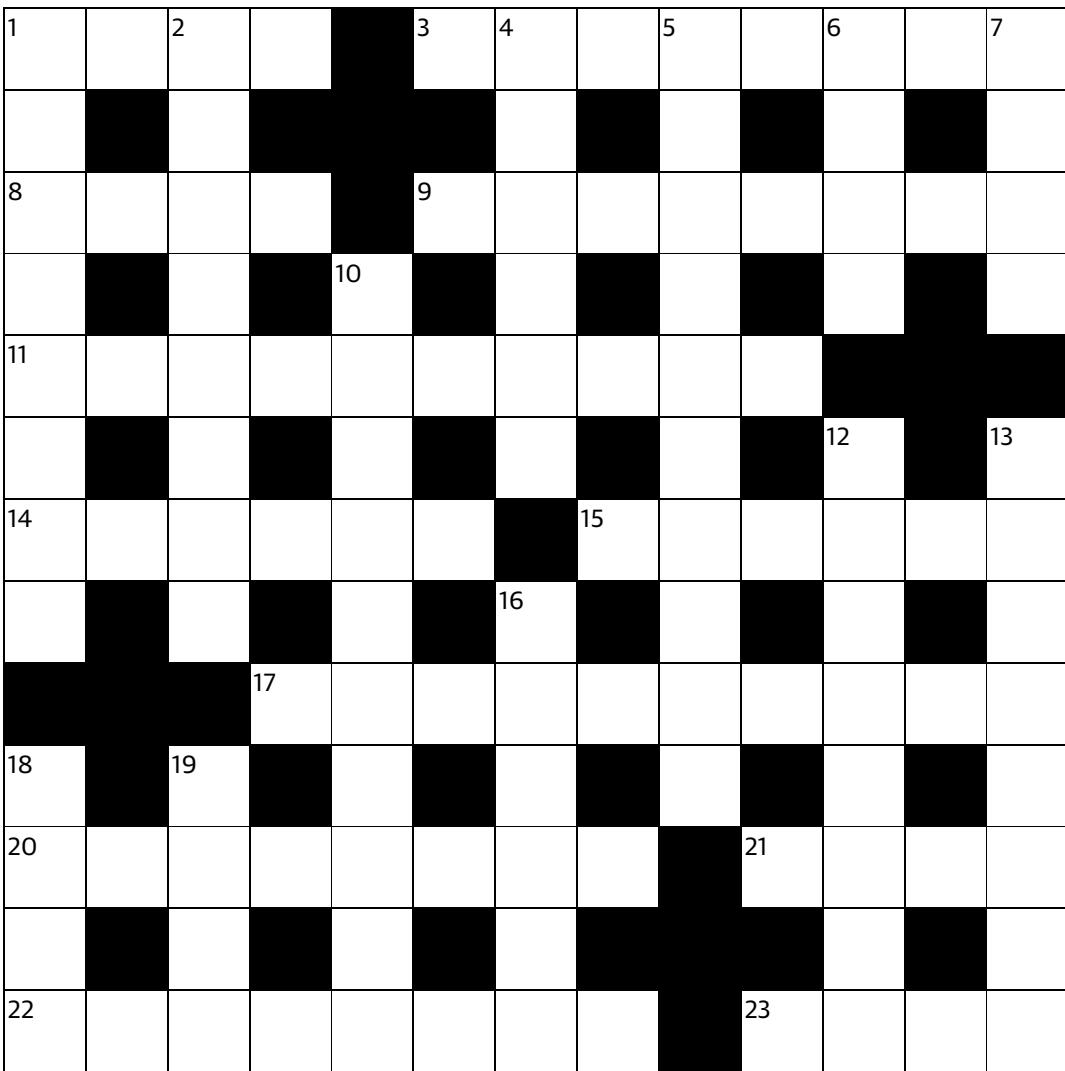
## Across

- 1: Die (4,3,6)
- 8: Frame to carry a dead person (4)
- 9: Lively - like a cartoon? (8)
- 10: Social gathering where a card game is played (5,5)
- 12: Hard, crusty deposit on the teeth (6)
- 14: (American) tap (6)
- 15: Fairground's pink confection (5,5)
- 19: Compound found in carrots (7,1)
- 20: Calorie-watching regimen (4)
- 21: Enjoyment of another's pain (13)

## Down

- 2: Dubliner, say (8)
- 3: Pavement edges (5)
- 4: Person unlikely to throw things away (7)
- 5: Russian pancakes (5)
- 6: Castle (7)
- 7: Not odd (4)
- 11: Frame for a sleeping person (8)
- 13: Musical composition (7)
- 14: Rugby player (3,4)
- 16: Short on experience (5)
- 17: Sill (5)
- 18: Bluish-white metal (4)

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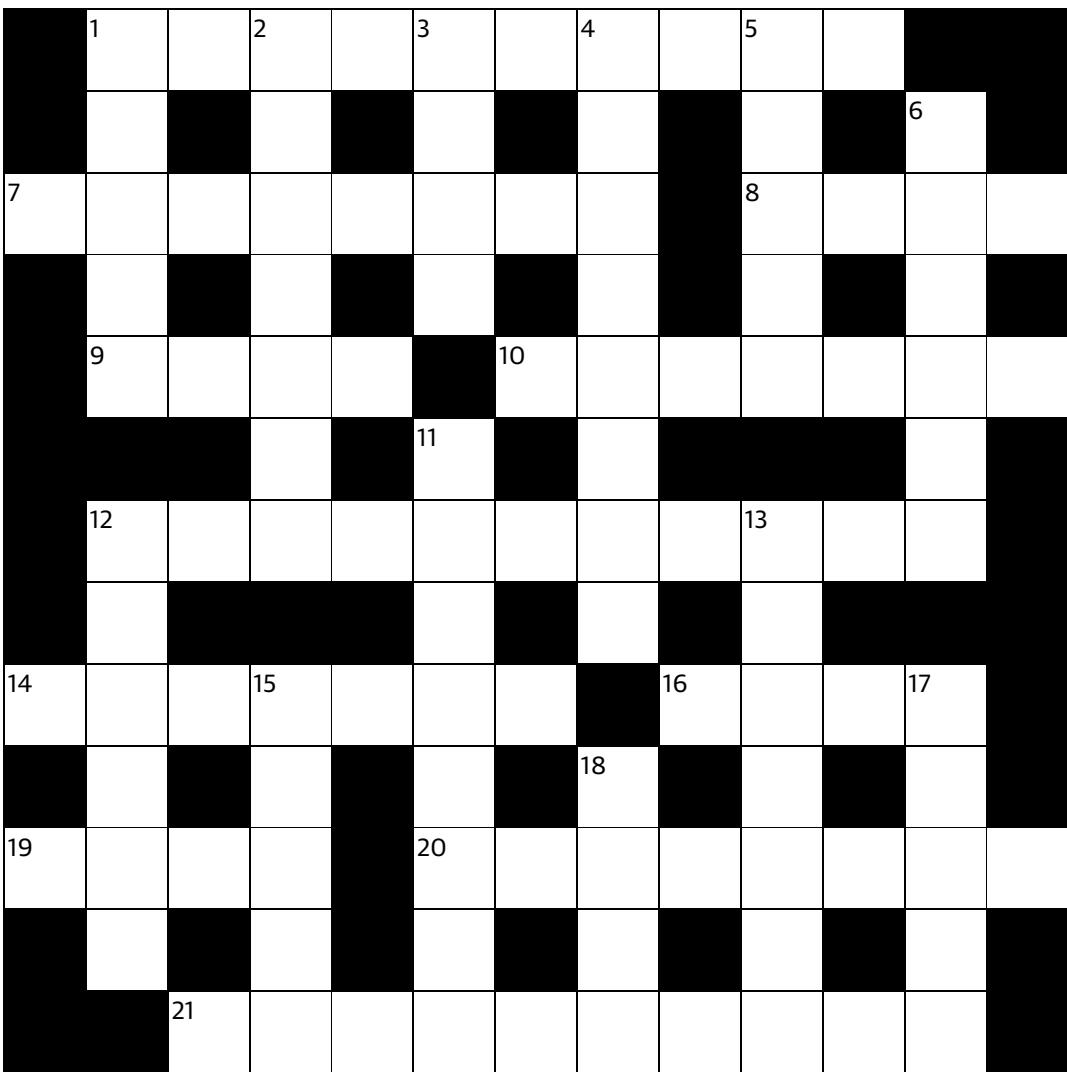
## Across

- 1: Meat (from behind?) (4)
- 3: A place of work not confined to union labour (4,4)
- 8: Construction with a keystone (4)
- 9: Ignorant (8)
- 11: Buying and selling human beings (5,5)
- 14: Rumpus (6)
- 15: Sudden sharp pain (6)
- 17: Disturbed state (10)
- 20: African capital (8)
- 21: Stones from the sky (4)
- 22: Colour of the Owl and the Pussy-cat's boat (3-5)
- 23: Clothes (first or second, perhaps?) (4)

## Down

- 1: Examine again (8)
- 2: Skilled worker (8)
- 4: Meagre (6)
- 5: Useless type (4-2-4)
- 6: Back of the foot (4)
- 7: Upper-class - Spice girl (4)
- 10: One recruiting staff from a rival company (10)
- 12: Flood (8)
- 13: Seller of gems (8)
- 16: Mentally slow (6)
- 18: (Make a) small jump (4)
- 19: Indonesian island - computer programming language (4)

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# crossword

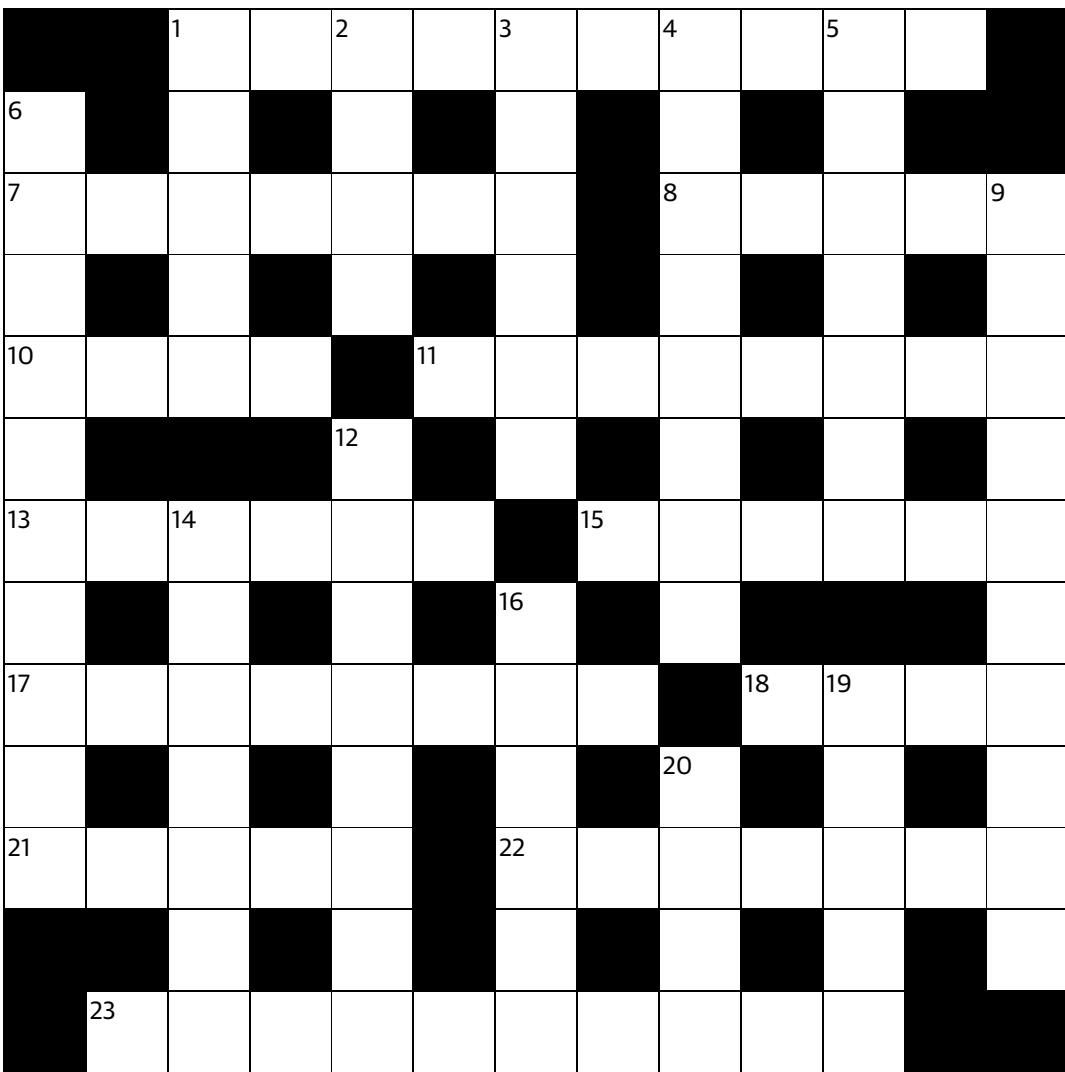
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## Across

- 1: Giving all details as they happened (4-2-4)
- 7: Part of a bed (8)
- 8: Pronged tool (4)
- 9: Fingerprints (slang) (4)
- 10: Tapering monument (7)
- 12: Deserving of disdain (slang) (3,3,5)
- 14: With an excess of words (7)
- 16: Jelly medium (4)
- 19: Sound heard before (4)
- 20: Express in numbers (8)
- 21: Participate in - know ledge and understanding gained (10)

## Down

- 1: Oppose with effrontery (5)
- 2: Month (7)
- 3: South African such as President Kruger (4)
- 4: Small, nocturnal, tree-dwelling primate of Africa with large eyes (8)
- 5: Bits of waste meat (5)
- 6: Emergency (6)
- 11: Body shape (8)
- 12: Wall painting (6)
- 13: Trendy and socially aware (5,2)
- 15: Part of New York City (5)
- 17: Firearm (5)
- 18: Cab (4)



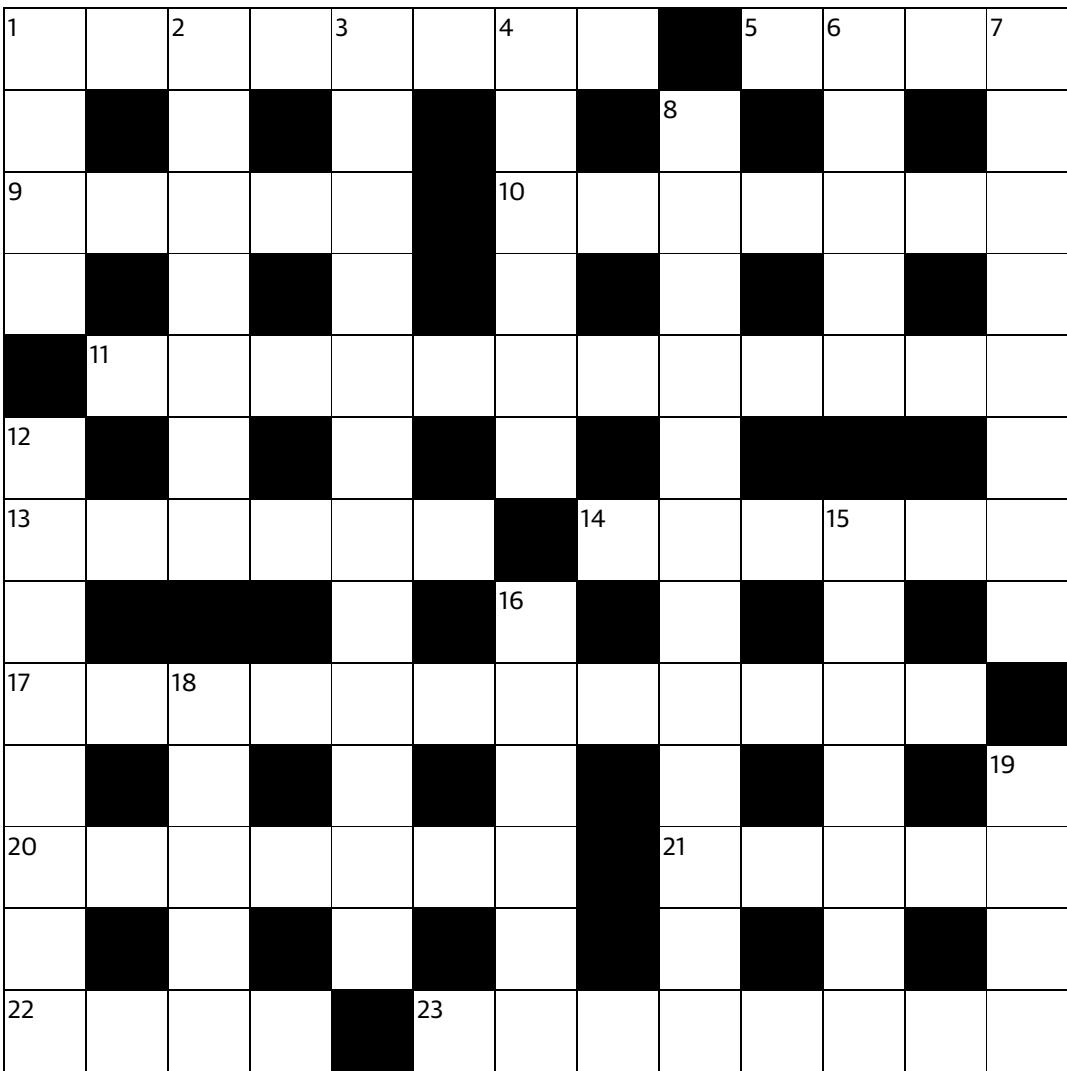
## Across

- 1: Stick-in-the-mud (5-5)
- 7: From Kampala? (7)
- 8: Jumped (5)
- 10: Child's toy (4)
- 11: Muscular attractive men (8)
- 13: In a submissive way (6)
- 15: Prime of life (6)
- 17: Character sketch - word picture (8)
- 18: Lip (4)
- 21: Medication introduced from behind (5)
- 22: Wet (7)
- 23: Party dance (5-5)

## Down

- 1: Struggling to get about (5)
- 2: (Cool) chap? (4)
- 3: At a distance but in sight (6)
- 4: Raised spiritually (8)
- 5: Hearing device (4,3)
- 6: Film dealing with the relationship between two friends (5,5)
- 9: Itsy-bitsy (5-5)
- 12: Cause someone to feel estranged (8)
- 14: Cretan-born Spanish painter (2,5)
- 16: Describing tiny particles (6)
- 19: Simple tune (5)
- 20: Punt (4)

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**12721**



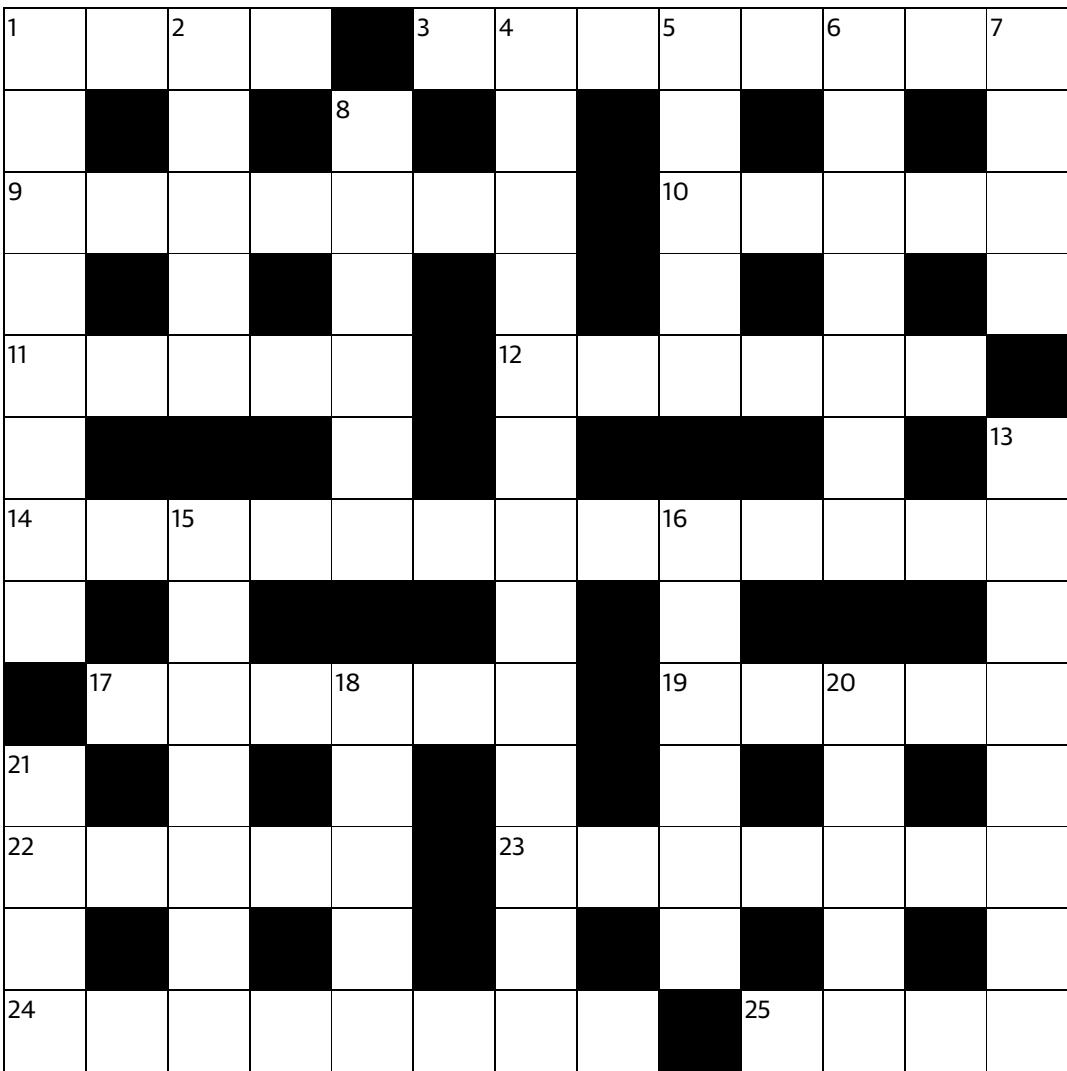
## Across

- 1: Monkey with red and blue hindquarters (8)
- 5: Framework (4)
- 9: Backbiting (5)
- 10: Person from Newcastle-upon-Tyne? (7)
- 11: Manicurist's tool (4,8)
- 13: Arctic dwellings (6)
- 14: Sci-fi being with computer implants (6)
- 17: Fast piano blues style (6-6)
- 20: City on the Avon (7)
- 21: Snatch (5)
- 22: Isaac's son (4)
- 23: I suppose so (4,4)

## Down

- 1: Club - spice (4)
- 2: Team game (7)
- 3: Association founded by Charles II to promote scientific research (5,7)
- 4: Something handed down (6)
- 6: Wireless (5)
- 7: Equestrian discipline (8)
- 8: Lotto (6-6)
- 12: Country bordering South Africa (8)
- 15: Mouth-like opening (7)
- 16: Number of zodiac signs (6)
- 18: Medium's medium? (5)
- 19: Orange skin (4)

**crossword**  
**12722**



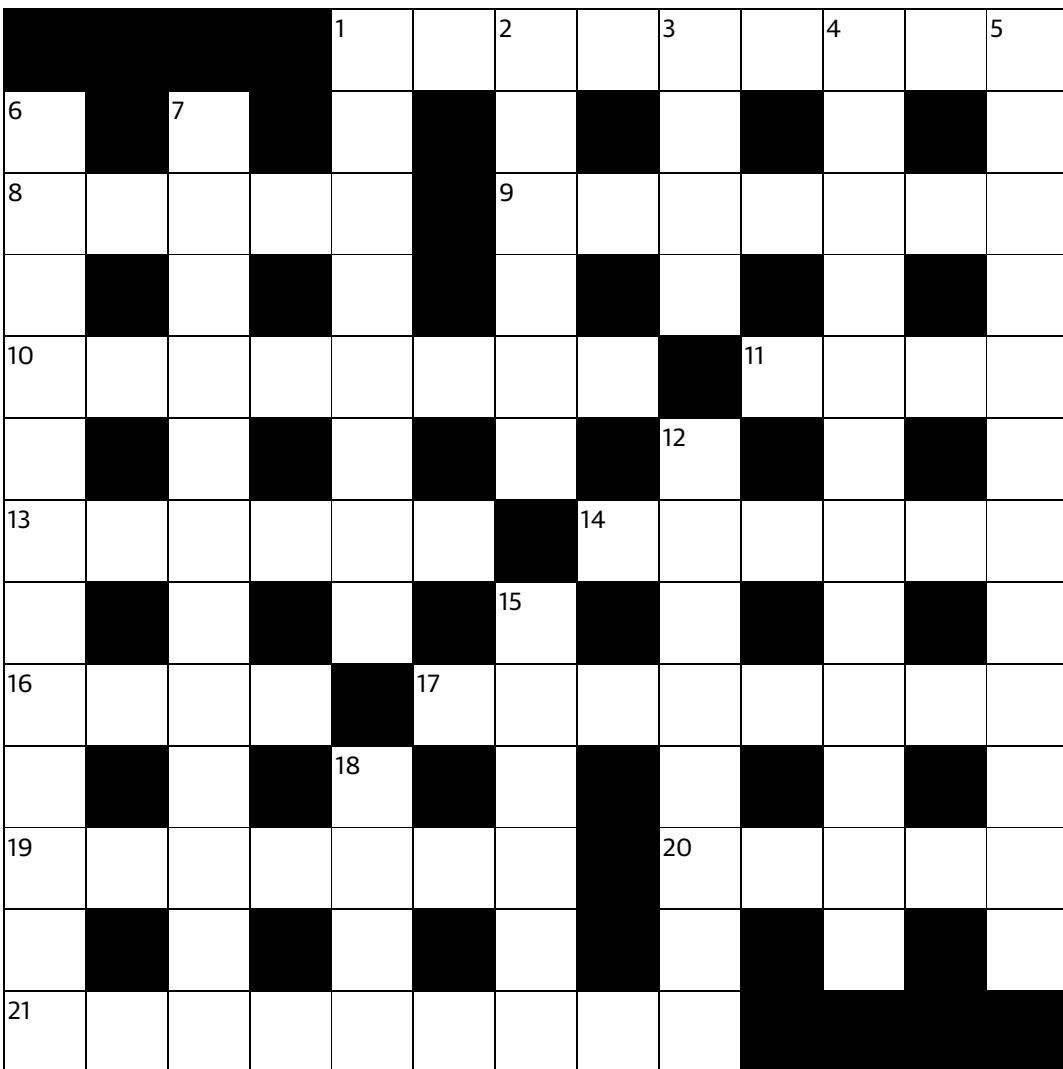
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## Across

- 1: Bag - fire (4)
- 3: Cream (3-5)
- 9: Mythical beast (7)
- 10: Boob (5)
- 11: Autonomous region of China, capital Lhasa (5)
- 12: Northern soldier in the American Civil War (6)
- 14: Organise a fixture (or a wedding?) (7,1,5)
- 17: Surroundings (6)
- 19: Tight-fisted person (5)
- 22: Dream (5)
- 23: Disease (7)
- 24: British Standards  
Institution stamp of quality (8)
- 25: Something with a tread (4)

## Down

- 1: Someone paid to act dangerously (8)
- 2: Go up (5)
- 4: Not ha-ha? (5,8)
- 5: Greater Manchester town with an "Athletic" football club (5)
- 6: Change (the voice) in tone (7)
- 7: Pitcher (4)
- 8: Greater Manchester town with a "Wanderers" football club (6)
- 13: Member of an ancient Jewish sect (8)
- 15: Am inert (anag) - clothing (7)
- 16: Speak indistinctly (6)
- 18: World religion (5)
- 20: Out of sorts (5)
- 21: Close one eye quickly (4)



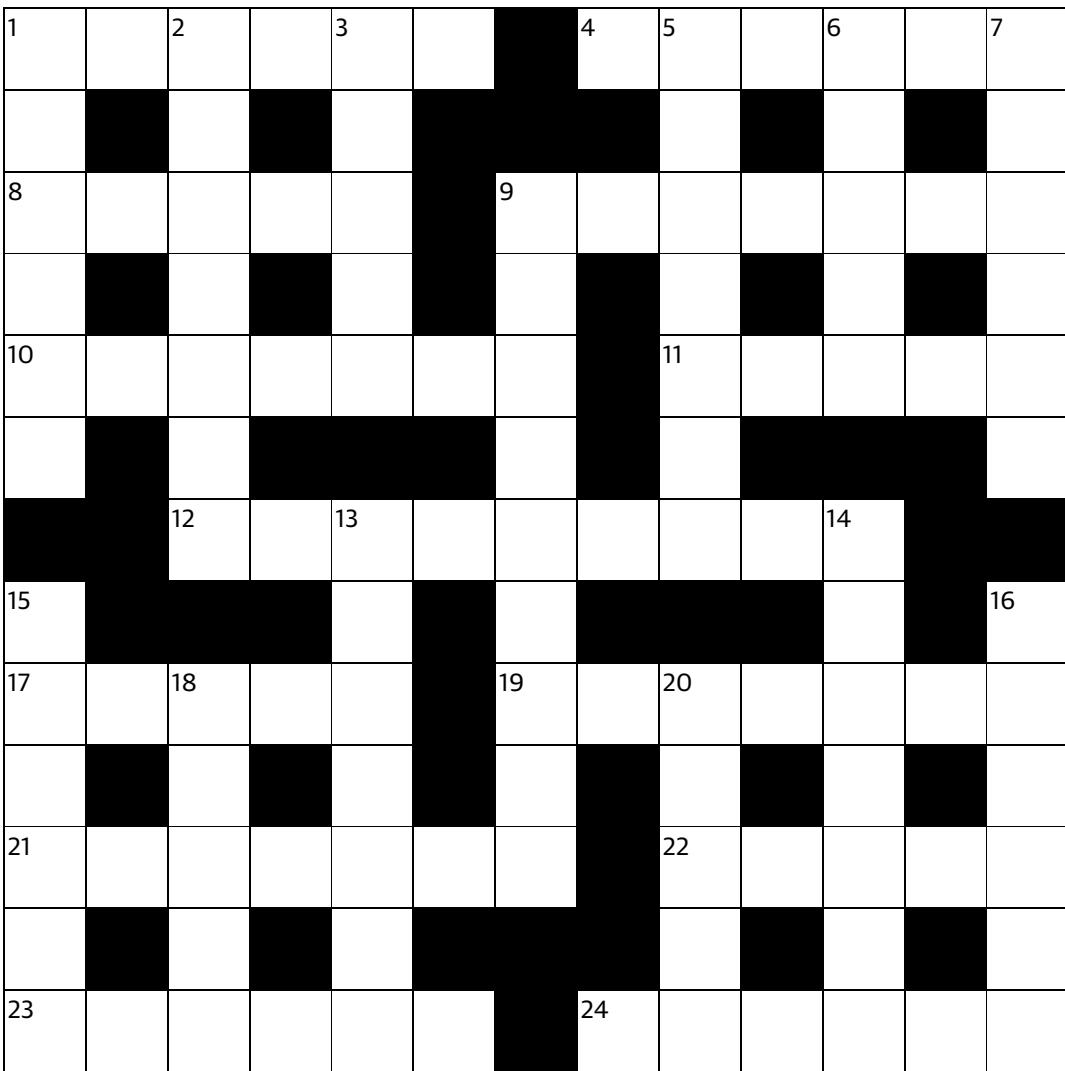
## Across

- 1: Erotic entertainer (3,6)
- 8: Edible bulb (5)
- 9: Mexican tortilla dish (7)
- 10: Make to seem unimportant (8)
- 11: Bhindi, gumbo or ladies' fingers (4)
- 13: A Cockney's hat (6)
- 14: Unable to change direction (2,1,3)
- 16: So be it (4)
- 17: Location of disfavour - kennel (8)
- 19: Ape - archbishop (7)
- 20: Rapier - I blob (anag) (5)
- 21: Two vowels pronounced as one syllable (9)

## Down

- 1: Extend (8)
- 2: Small stone (6)
- 3: Northern English river, tributary of the Ouse (4)
- 4: With a hull constructed of overlapping planks (7-5)
- 5: John Braine novel (about an attic?) (4,2,3,3)
- 6: Primed for an unsuspecting victim (5-7)
- 7: Phosphorescent light seen over marshy ground at night (4-1-3-4)
- 12: As good as won (2,3,3)
- 15: Spanish dance in triple time (6)
- 18: Bit - leave (4)

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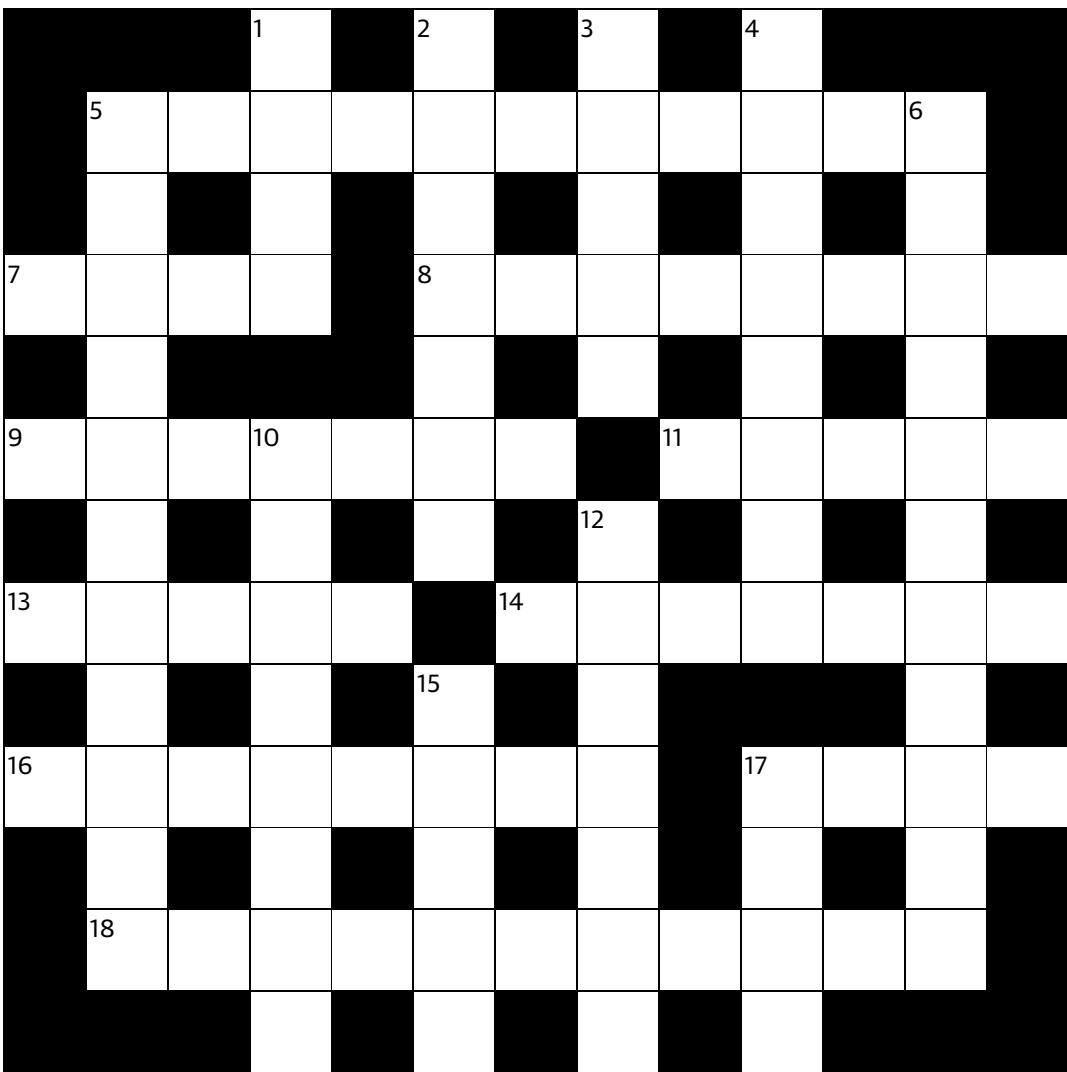
## Across

- 1: Keyboard user (6)
- 4: Foolish (6)
- 8: More bad! (5)
- 9: Fool (7)
- 10: Round yeast cake eaten hot with butter (7)
- 11: Poetry (5)
- 12: Old Commie (9)
- 17: Precious stone - dark yellow colour (5)
- 19: Pry (7)
- 21: Rhythm of the voice (7)
- 22: Religious ascetic living solely on alms (5)
- 23: Please agree! (3,3)
- 24: Look upon favourably (6)

## Down

- 1: Sharp blow (6)
- 2: Ruffle the composure (of) (7)
- 3: Doze (5)
- 5: Israeli city (3,4)
- 6: Might (5)
- 7: Tasks to be done (6)
- 9: Use one's thumb to go places? (5-4)
- 13: Diamond shape - tablet (7)
- 14: Joint (of veal or pork?) (7)
- 15: Adheres (6)
- 16: Grand National winner, 1973, 1974 and 1977 (3,3)
- 18: Temper tantrum (5)
- 20: Small quarrels (5)

**crossword**  
**12725**



## Across

- 5: Upmarket carpets (7,4)
- 7: Sound of a gunshot (4)
- 8: British sitcom featuring the Home Guard (4,4)
- 9: Contagious disease in children (7)
- 11: Swiss capital (5)
- 13: So far (2,3)
- 14: Green man from the Red Planet (7)
- 16: London railway terminus (8)
- 17: Glut (4)
- 18: Liberal prime minister (5,6)

## Down

- 1: Small amount left over (4)
- 2: Minnow (7)
- 3: Derogatory in an insinuating way (5)
- 4: Hungarian capital (8)
- 5: (Jewish) loose garment for the shoulders (6,5)
- 6: British conductor, b. 1955 (5,6)
- 10: Body frame (8)
- 12: Blade fixed to a rifle (7)
- 15: Fly through the air with the greatest of ease (5)
- 17: Agile (for one's age?) (4)

Crossword

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