

## ACROSS

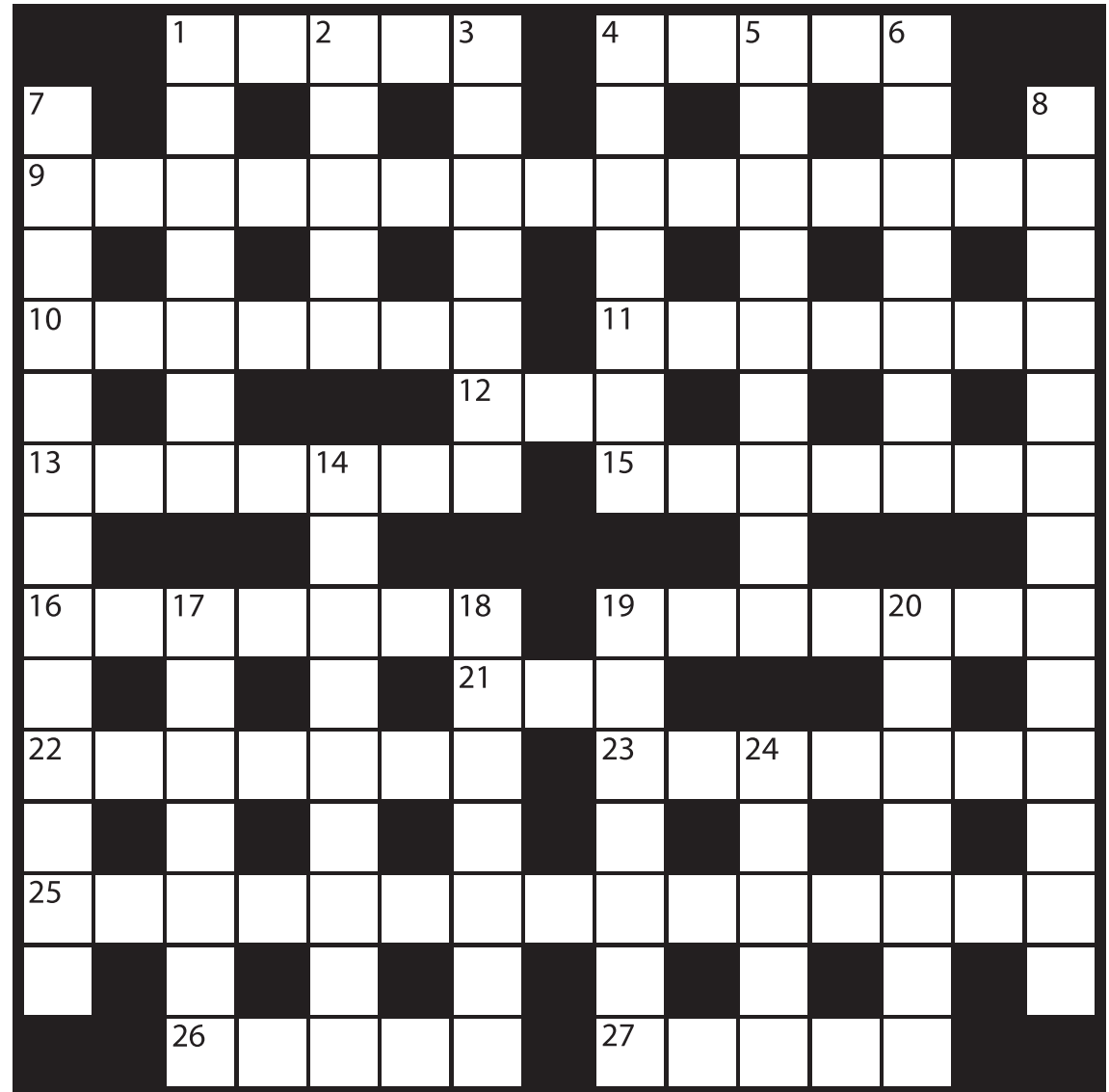
- 1 A hammer-thrower's affair? (5)
- 4 Dance needing spirit with beat, oddly (5)
- 9 Software requirement of a surgeon? (9,6)
- 10 Quickly write and leave in a hurry (4,3)
- 11 Legal or otherwise, it's played quickly (7)
- 12 Socially acceptable Royal Navy vessel (3)
- 13 Outrage of boy returning after hospital examination (7)
- 15 Broken pot - what a feature of a canal! (7)
- 16 Some white tern alone forever (7)
- 19 Tiger suffers after victory - old problem with balance (7)
- 21 Sheep and women in empty enclosure! (3)
- 22 Having the courage to adopt girl's last pet (7)
- 23 Stopping a student during riotous night (7)
- 25 New clue I use in novel way of cooking (8,7)
- 26 Writing perhaps by Mensa oddly disappearing (5)
- 27 Stand in place of artist (5)

## DOWN

- 1 Flower from a reef is unusual (7)
- 2 Form of insect giving single male a turn (5)
- 3 Lucrative fungal infestation's beginning to spread (7)
- 4 Ruling and expecting to be executed (7)
- 5 Prime Minister needs best sort of growth (9)
- 6 Important - I guarantee to keep holiday destination (7)
- 7 Patronising Tory going down! (13)
- 8 Glib, persuasive men sought to do corruptly (6-7)

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- 14 Messy den is sign of miserable character (9)
- 17 Maigret's on the way? (2,5)
- 18 Support friend in law (7)
- 19 Clive? He changes driving this! (7)
- 20 First sign of authorisation (7)
- 24 Left affected behaviour in dens (5)