

**ACROSS**

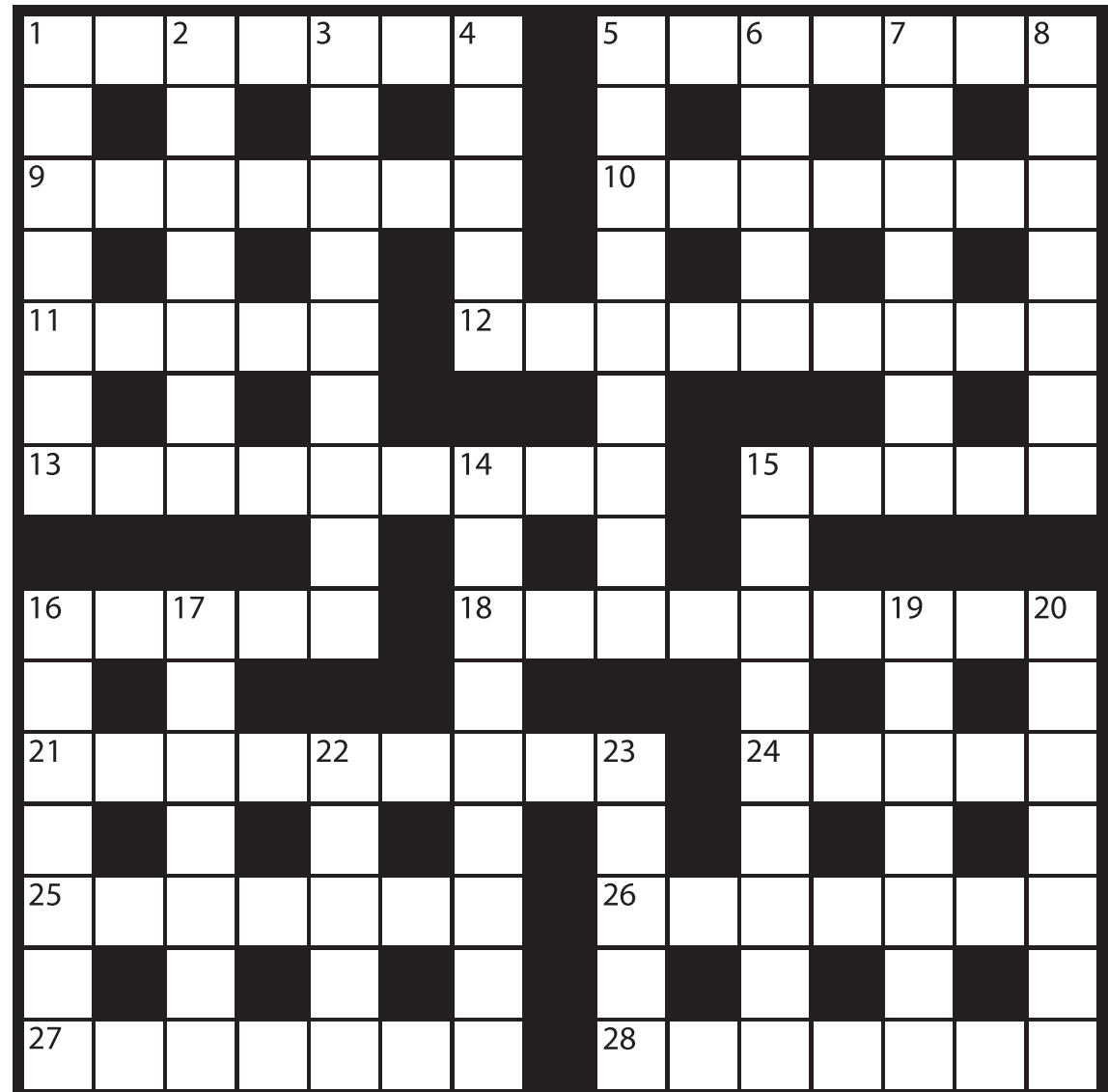
- 1 Nuisances losing one's shades (7)  
 5 Where newsreader finds words to describe traffic hold-up? (7)  
 9 Half of side are of use and have merit (7)  
 10 Doctor with work for each dispenser (7)  
 11 Burn wrong empty garage (5)  
 12 Excitedly cite genre that's full of vigour (9)  
 13 Rent objectives may be shock problem for girls (5,4)  
 15 This should beat lentils, for example (5)  
 16 A sailor crossing line for worship here (5)  
 18 Permission to proceed - there's headroom enough (9)  
 21 Way of raising green fare, possibly? (4-5)  
 24 In Parisian street, turn back reprobate (5)  
 25 Flourish, but seeing deprivation in return of Mafia (7)  
 26 Quality of humour in drought? (7)  
 27 Bears sure to change after finish (7)  
 28 Two students occupying rubbish work desk (4-3)

**DOWN**

- 1 People barely able to live? (7)  
 2 Weapons set up in aeroplane's racks (7)  
 3 Vehicle parking log for a craftsman (9)  
 4 Public display of emotion is a bit of an act (5)  
 5 Recipient's speech on European energy (9)  
 6 In marathon, goes for something to wear (5)  
 7 Type of letter in Rome, for example (7)  
 8 Reach out after exam, oddly, is such a pain (7)  
 14 Prison means new identities (9)  
 15 Description of beam in imposing entrance (9)  
 16 A couple of females - fit and friendly (7)

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- 17 Slight grasp offered by tool he'd designed (7)  
 19 Ignore rain finally and choose to cover golf (7)  
 20 Still drink makes it equal (5,2)  
 22 A step up in enterprise recognised (5)  
 23 Cardinal that's up for a duck (5)