

**ACROSS**

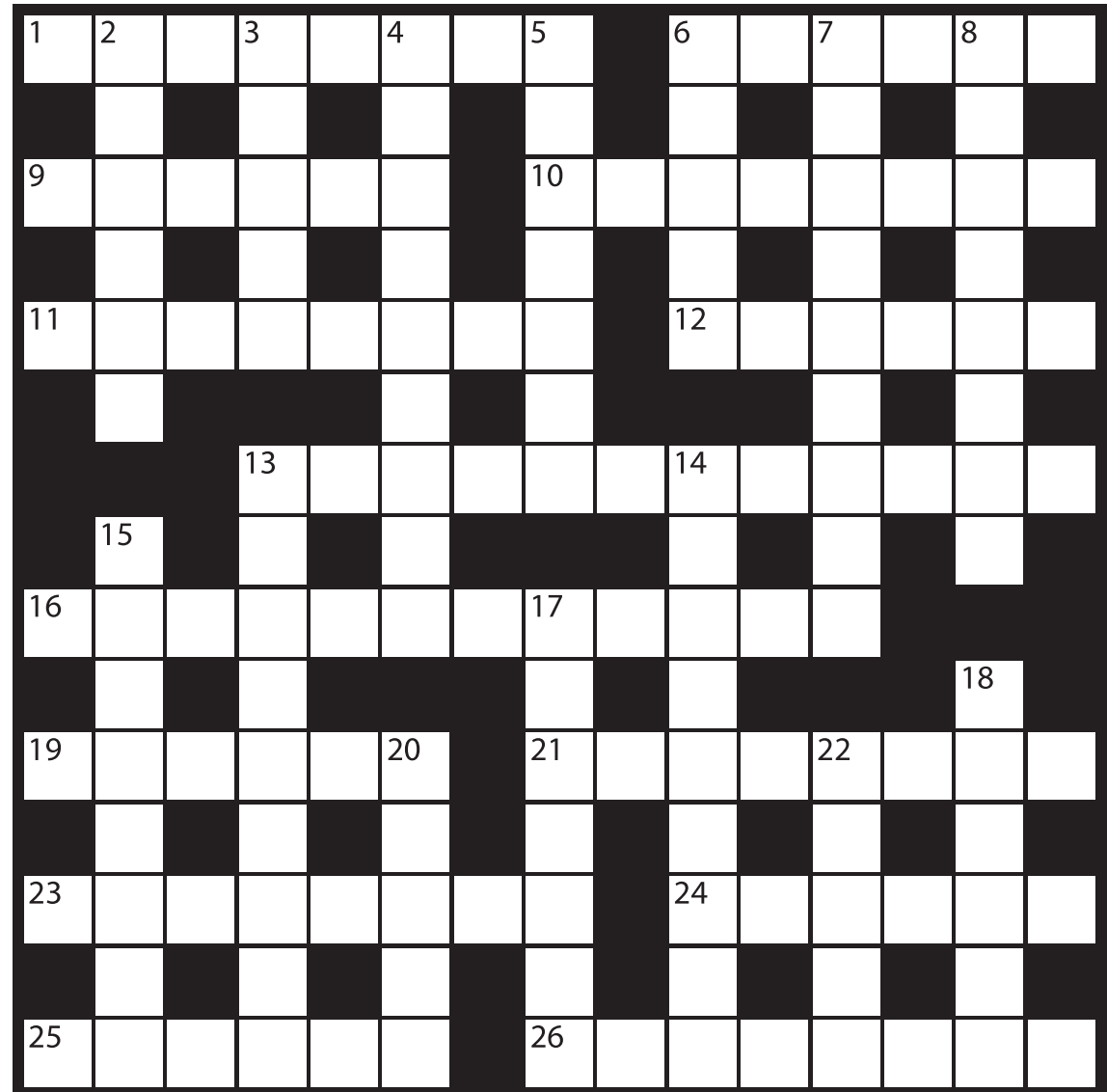
- 1 Tell a learner is casual (8)  
 6 Small creature eats half plum in quantity (6)  
 9 Increase fortification's maintenance (6)  
 10 Scary, a limb lying in heather (8)  
 11 Plumage of emus primarily seen in ancestors (8)  
 12 Not as complex a musical composition (6)  
 13 Unsupported friend a gent's treated (12)  
 16 Start to be sick over fears for citizens' basic entitlements (4,2,6)  
 19 Throughout the time of university call on head of department (6)  
 21 Regulations for implement holding carbon (8)  
 23 Uniform possessed by a Gallic rogue ruler once (8)  
 24 Document holder in yard containing overturned painting (2-4)  
 25 That man two journalists listened to (6)  
 26 Ditches mother, leaving bustling Manchester (8)

**DOWN**

- 2 Something mightier than sword raised and cut relative (6)  
 3 Public's endless lack of wealth (5)  
 4 Female pal modelled for national emblem (5,4)  
 5 Makes contact from Silesia after travelling (7)  
 6 Six, too short, bottles (5)  
 7 Article in French newspaper on southern drinks (9)  
 8 Incomplete 60s home recording (8)  
 13 Little Alastair in Fife's ID badly faked (9)  
 14 One worshipped a pub bar, I note (9)

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- 15 Exploitation disheartened American beauty queen — upset, say (8)  
 17 Pacemaker, perhaps, I place in chap close to heart (7)  
 18 Comfort very drunk Alec (6)  
 20 Fruit belonging to us in ground at the edges (5)  
 22 Choose one constant measure of alcohol (5)