

# GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

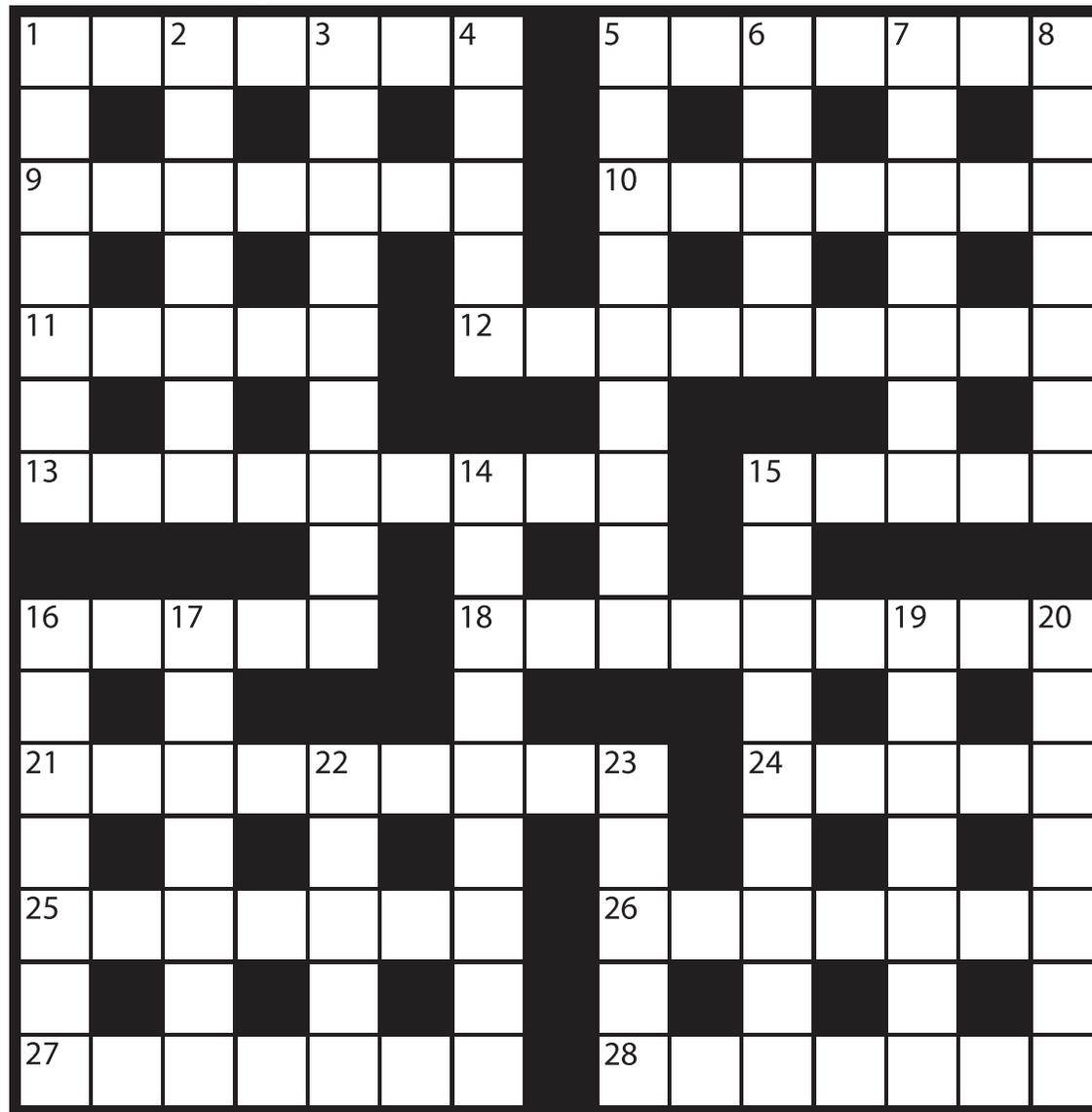
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## ACROSS

- 1 Back door, gate or private entrance (7)
- 5 Large flight feathers of a bird's wing (7)
- 9 Chat or gossipy conversation (7)
- 10 Historic province of SW France whose capital was at Bordeaux (7)
- 11 Concrete-surfaced area at a hangar in an airfield (5)
- 12 Deciduous tree of the laurel family with aromatic bark (9)
- 13 Informal term for Australia and New Zealand (4,5)
- 15 Inflammation of the top joint of a finger (5)
- 16 Secret love affair or lover (5)
- 18 (Myth.) Youth who fell in love with his own reflection (9)
- 21 Where in Scotland top of bonfires have nothing to burn (9)
- 24 (India) Building divided into separate, cheap accommodation (5)
- 25 Three-pronged spear carried by sea god Neptune or Poseidon (7)
- 26 Irish term of endearment meaning my child (7)
- 27 Police officer in charge of a dog (7)
- 28 Position of responsibility, especially for something tricky (3,4)

## DOWN

- 1 Red-headed diving duck, especially the male (7)
- 2 Squalid area of town frequented by vagrants, drunks etc. (4,3)
- 3 Orkney-born poet who, with his wife, translated Kafka into English (5,4)
- 4 Title of supreme ruler of Ethiopia (5)
- 5 (7dn) Official responsible for recording of births, marriages, deaths etc. (9,7)
- 6 Sir Walter Scott's dog, beside him on his monument in Edinburgh (5)
- 7 See 5dn (7)
- 8 Hat with a high crown and broad brim (7)



- 14 Scottish castle used in the 1990 film Hamlet starring Mel Gibson (9)
- 15 Large blank pad for displaying information during a presentation (4,5)
- 16 African tree with lightweight wood once used for rafts (7)
- 17 Sustained, enthusiastic applause from an audience (7)
- 19 Drinking toast used in Scotland (7)
- 20 Man's tall cylindrical headwear with glossy finish (4,3)
- 22 See 23dn (5)
- 23 (22dn) Event heralding the end of one's hopes or ambitions (5,5)