

## ACROSS

- 3 Short word meaning 'stomach muscles' (3)  
7 Completely airless space (6)  
8 \_\_\_ Simpson, Duchess of Windsor (6)  
9 Fib told so as to be tactful (5,3)  
10 Severe, cheerless (4)  
11 Votes to accept (6)  
12 Affected by bacteria (6)  
15 Sea-girt dots of land (6)  
18 Intelligent (6)  
20 Shortly (4)  
22 Opportunities (8)  
23 Consumed by fire (6)  
24 Release from a coiled state (6)  
25 Weep convulsively (3)

## DOWN

- 1 Pulped (6)  
2 Manifold (8)  
3 Walks at a leisurely pace (6)  
4 Confectionery items (6)  
5 Get for nothing (4)  
6 Insubstantial beachwear (6)  
11 Will Smith boxing biopic (3)  
13 Samplers, foretastes (8)  
14 Limousine (3)  
16 Morally wrong (6)  
17 Sabres (6)  
18 Angelic child (6)  
19 Lawn's neat border (6)  
21 Female members of a religious order (4)

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