

## ACROSS

- 1 Joining (7)
- 5 Casserole (4)
- 8 Traditional custom (5)
- 9 Best-kept (7)
- 11 \_\_\_ stick, bouncy toy (4)
- 12 Firmly, tightly (fastened) (8)
- 15 Out of the ordinary (5)
- 16 Suez Canal's country (5)
- 19 Temporary madness (8)
- 21 Greek god, counterpart of Mars (4)
- 23 Spoke indistinctly (7)
- 25 Mediterranean holiday island (5)
- 26 Heathland plant (4)
- 27 Shadowed, followed (7)

## DOWN

- 2 First, opening (9)
- 3 Capital of Ukraine (4)
- 4 Captured (6)
- 5 Glide across snow (3)
- 6 Painter's picture support (5)
- 7 Short and stout (5)
- 10 Menial servant (6)
- 13 Special skill (9)
- 14 Guard duty (6)
- 17 Strong vibration (6)
- 18 Principal religion of Syria (5)
- 20 Escape or avoid (5)
- 22 Bluish-white metallic element (4)
- 24 Waste container (3)

