

ACROSS

- 1 Policy of extending power through colonisation (11)
- 8 Ceaseless (3-4)
- 9 Logically sound (5)
- 11 Had some food (3)
- 12 Distinctive (7)
- 13 Shining points of light in the sky (5)
- 14 Part of your foot (6)
- 16 Musical piece by Ravel (6)
- 19 Rotate (5)
- 21 Multi-sided shape (7)
- 23 Knack (3)
- 24 Put off, inhibit (5)
- 25 Intimidate (7)
- 26 Holmes-style hat (11)

DOWN

- 2 Walk with affected delicacy (5)
- 3 Twist together (7)
- 4 Pierce with a sharp object (6)
- 5 Biographies (5)
- 6 Cargo saved from a wrecked ship (7)
- 7 Without help from others (10)
- 10 Lacking continuity (10)
- 15 Capture (7)
- 17 Place from which crude is pumped (3,4)
- 18 Decline to participate (3,3)
- 20 At a subsequent time (5)
- 22 Small green or dark purple fruit (5)

