

ACROSS

- 1 Preliminary drudgery (9)
- 8 Every single (4)
- 9 Stinging desert creatures (9)
- 10 Bitter digestion fluid (4)
- 13 Gums, pastes (5)
- 16 First Greek letter (5)
- 17 Checked pattern material (5)
- 18 Dialled gauge (5)
- 19 Sultan's wives (5)
- 20 The length of (5)
- 21 Narrow street (5)
- 24 Snake sound (4)
- 27 In an unfavourable way (9)
- 28 Close by (4)
- 29 Periods of a hundred years (9)

DOWN

- 2 Choose (4)
- 3 Truck fuel (4)
- 4 Turn around quickly (5)
- 5 Shooting area (5)
- 6 Officer who plots the course of a ship (9)
- 7 Four-legged herders (9)
- 11 Sausage dog (9)
- 12 Competitive school event (6,3)
- 13 Type of ray with high energy and a short wavelength (5)
- 14 Up to the time when (5)
- 15 Bouquet of flowers (5)
- 22 Stay temporarily (5)
- 23 Construct, build (5)
- 25 Nation of Khrushchev and Brezhnev (inits) (4)
- 26 Run away (4)

