

## ACROSS

- 8 Collective term for farmyard birds (7)  
9 Ongoing function (5)  
10 Recess (5)  
11 From China or Japan, perhaps (7)  
12 Tread softly and lightly (4,2,6)  
16 Delay, deferral (12)  
20 Religious dissenter (7)  
23 Take an exam again (5)  
24 Rodeo rope (5)  
25 Be earlier than (7)

## DOWN

- 1 Back of a book (5)  
2 Beat decisively (8)  
3 Ragged line of paint (6)  
4 Ancient harp-like instrument (4)  
5 Dish of oats, nuts and fruit (6)  
6 Cabbage with curled leaves (4)  
7 Go back in (2-5)  
13 Affectionate name for grandma (3)  
14 Element formerly called wolfram (8)  
15 Door's observation glass (7)  
17 Section of a Scout troop (6)  
18 Clearly noticeable or evident (6)  
19 Semi-aquatic mammal (5)  
21 Watering can's nozzle (4)  
22 Headland (4)

