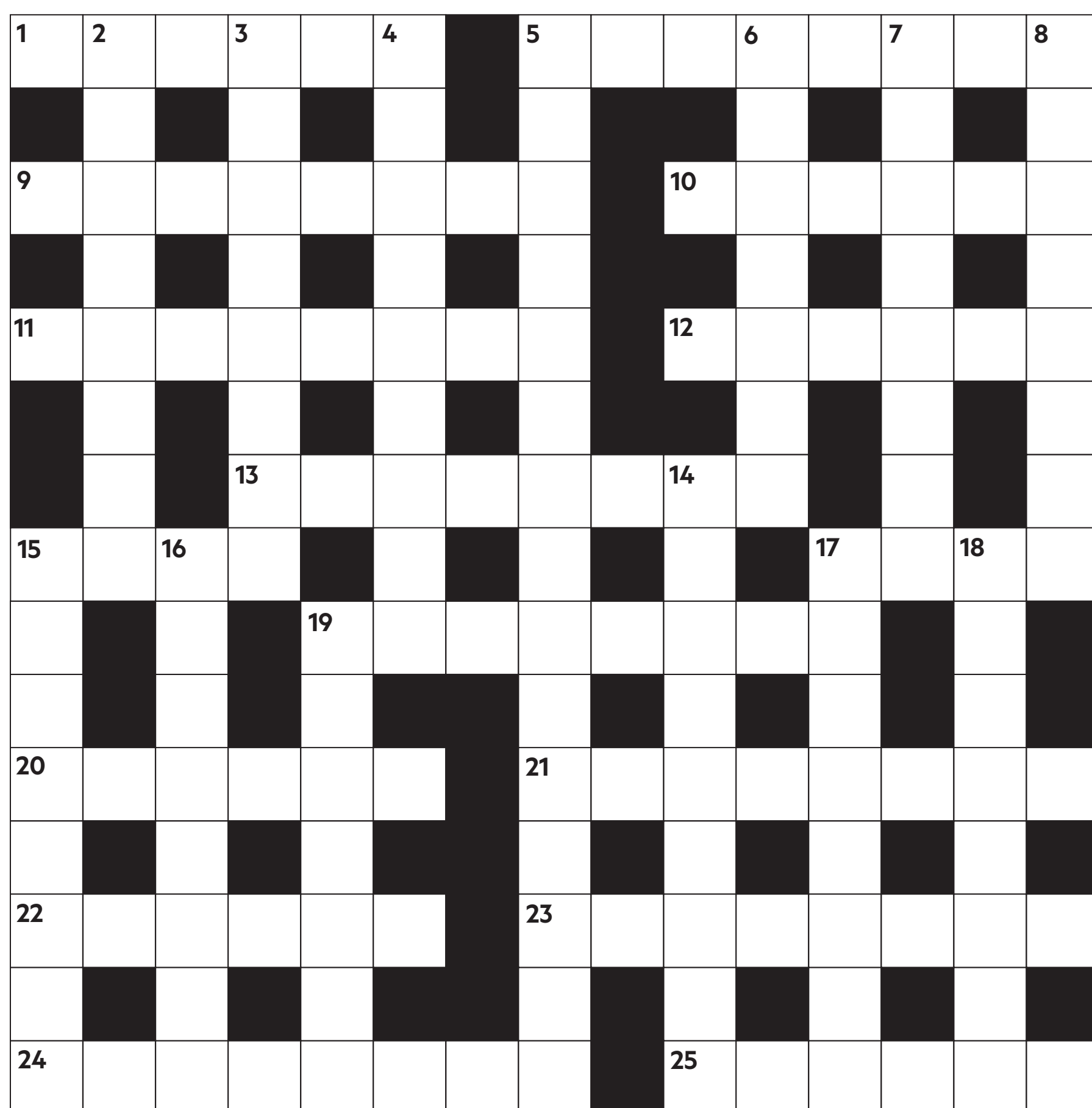


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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic.

ACROSS

- 1 Soak up (6)
- 5 Fortified tower over a gateway (8)
- 9 Plot, scheme (8)
- 10 Easily influenced, flexible (6)
- 11 Colourful game-bird (8)
- 12 Off, sour (6)
- 13 Hung around (8)
- 15 Barred enclosure (4)
- 17 Amaze, astound (4)
- 19 Royal, majestic (8)
- 20 Large edible flatfish (6)
- 21 Believed to be true (8)
- 22 Bother, trouble (6)
- 23 Having no opinion either way (8)
- 24 Housing block (8)
- 25 Holiday town (6)

DOWN

- 2 Commotion with brother by university barrier (8)
- 3 Arrange tab and close bar (8)
- 4 One rough ride under ship's officer (9)
- 5 Pass on rebate — not hassle when organised properly (7, 4, 4)
- 6 Post will be accepted by panel (7)
- 7 Take a risk of nasty accident around hospital without doctor, initially (6, 2)
- 8 Record *Wooden Heart*, finally — mixed after end of session (4, 4)
- 14 Sounds like India's leading batter's revealing experience (3-6)
- 15 Talk about delay with a little time (8)
- 16 Group of soldiers roar and sing madly (8)
- 17 Abstract work by sister follows wrongdoing, we hear (8)
- 18 Concealed lure — it confused duck, right? (8)
- 19 Difficulty for them after pound's up (7)

Solution 616

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