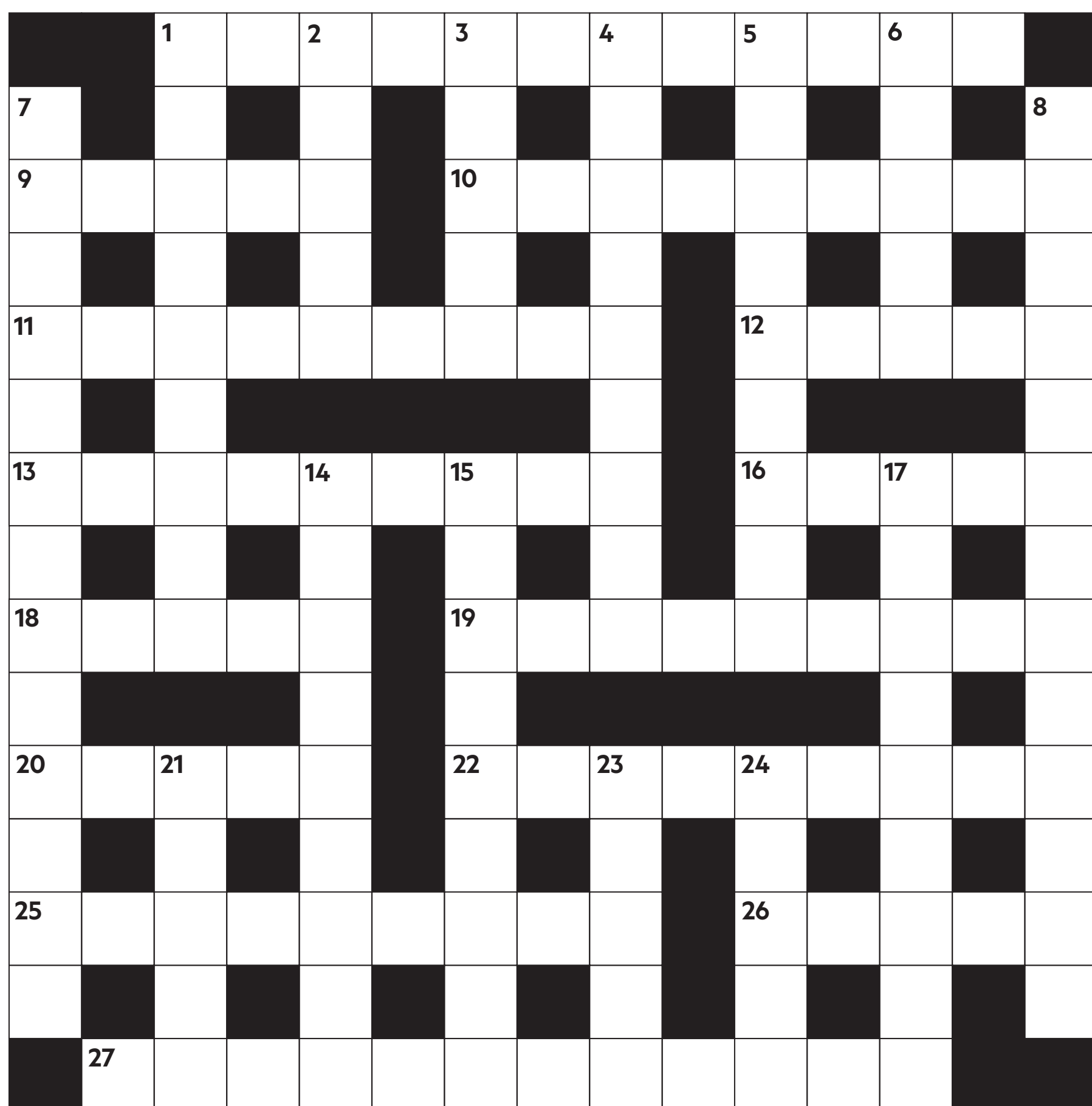


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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic.

ACROSS

- 1 Vehicle's gear system (12)
- 9 Block of metal (5)
- 10 Italian fascist dictator (9)
- 11 Becomes popular (7, 2)
- 12 Soil (5)
- 13 Treat roughly (9)
- 16 Type of poplar tree (5)
- 18 Garden terrace (5)
- 19 Resolute, loyal (9)
- 20 Shack (5)
- 22 To do with work efficiency (9)
- 25 Non-professional (9)
- 26 Kingly (5)
- 27 Underground (12)

DOWN

- 1 Somehow thinking it's not in with temperature that's close (5-4)
- 2 I chat about head of hospitality (5)
- 3 Steamship goes round a second Greek island (5)
- 4 Two-faced and popular as engineers (9)
- 5 Second company runner going up would make sporting record (9)
- 6 Willow and rose I cultivated (5)
- 7 Cautiously ring entertainers parking around head of music caught in cathedral city (13)
- 8 Rod, for instance, is capricious without hit – sang badly (7, 6)
- 14 A party for sailors and soldiers with time for decoration (9)
- 15 One handing out diamonds to one old poet (9)
- 17 Quietly move around a migrant bird (9)
- 21 Marshland bird initially seen over a second person (5)
- 23 Climbing in Liguria, one gets to Italian city (5)
- 24 Slice of leaner veal cheek (5)

Solution 617

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