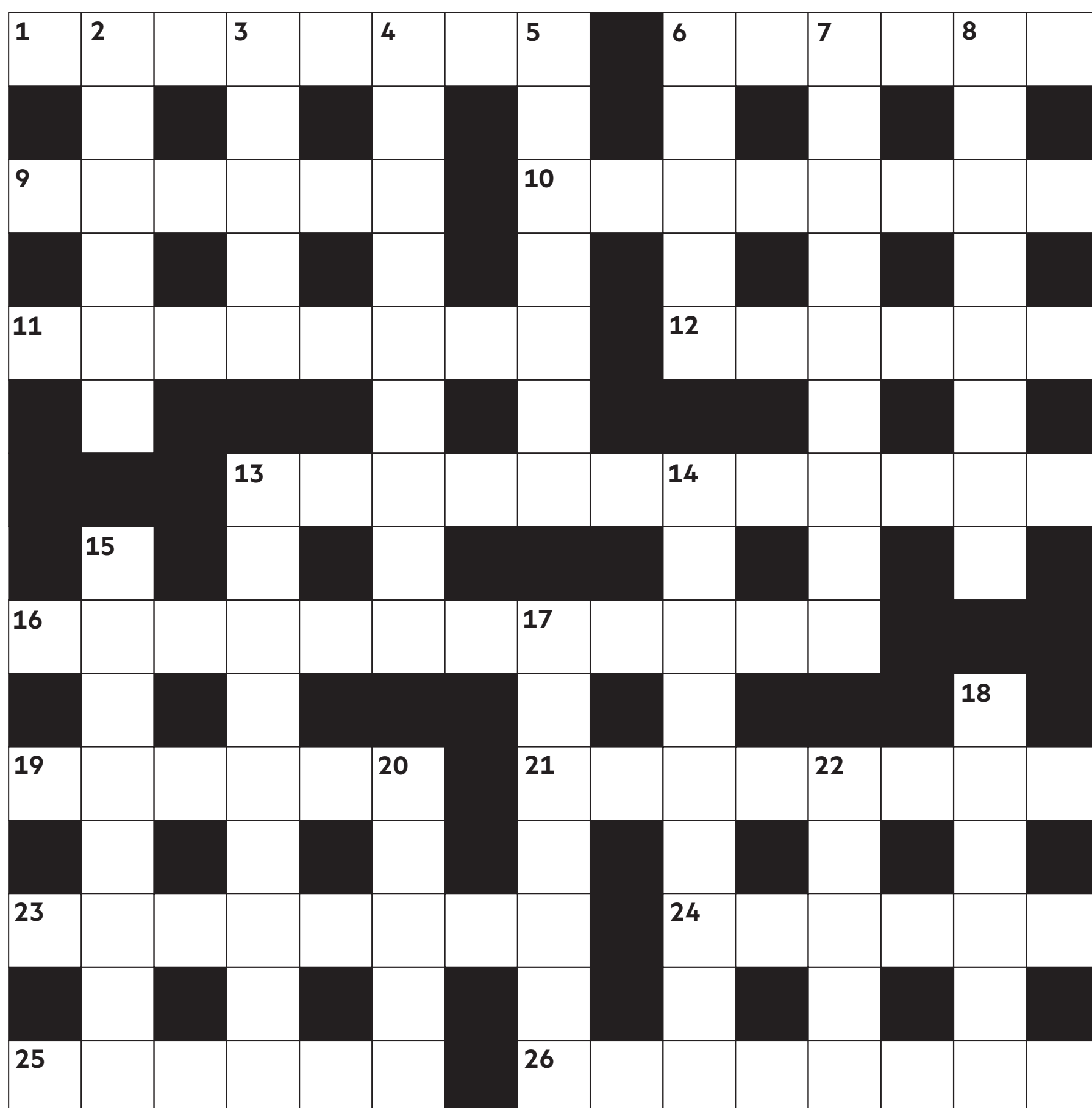


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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic.

ACROSS

- 1 Coercion, force (8)
- 6 Respectful acknowledgement (6)
- 9 Esteemed (6)
- 10 Taken into custody (8)
- 11 Nonsense, twaddle (8)
- 12 Working the soil (6)
- 13 Not recognised (12)
- 16 Animal Farm author (6, 6)
- 19 Gentle, relaxed (6)
- 21 Surprised, shocked (8)
- 23 Expert, prodigy (8)
- 24 Ridicule (6)
- 25 Heavy food (6)
- 26 Toward the orient (8)

DOWN

- 2 It's genuinely about friend (6)
- 3 Start saving to put up with economic depression (5)
- 4 Stress for subordinate not finishing with energy (9)
- 5 Formal test exercise includes learner's lesson (7)
- 6 Discordant harp's not quiet — quiet! (5)
- 7 Powerful smart fuel is refined (9)
- 8 Grey sun breaks out around English island (8)
- 13 One's alerted about what's not connected (9)
- 14 The man has American diamonds, at first — it's indicative of the social divide (4, 3, 2)
- 15 Vagrant and idler etc moved off (8)
- 17 Knight gets up before fish and meat dish (7)
- 18 Spree to finish with last of wine for one in bar (6)
- 20 We take little vacation that's complete (5)
- 22 Cast and theatre leaders quarrel (5)

Solution 622

