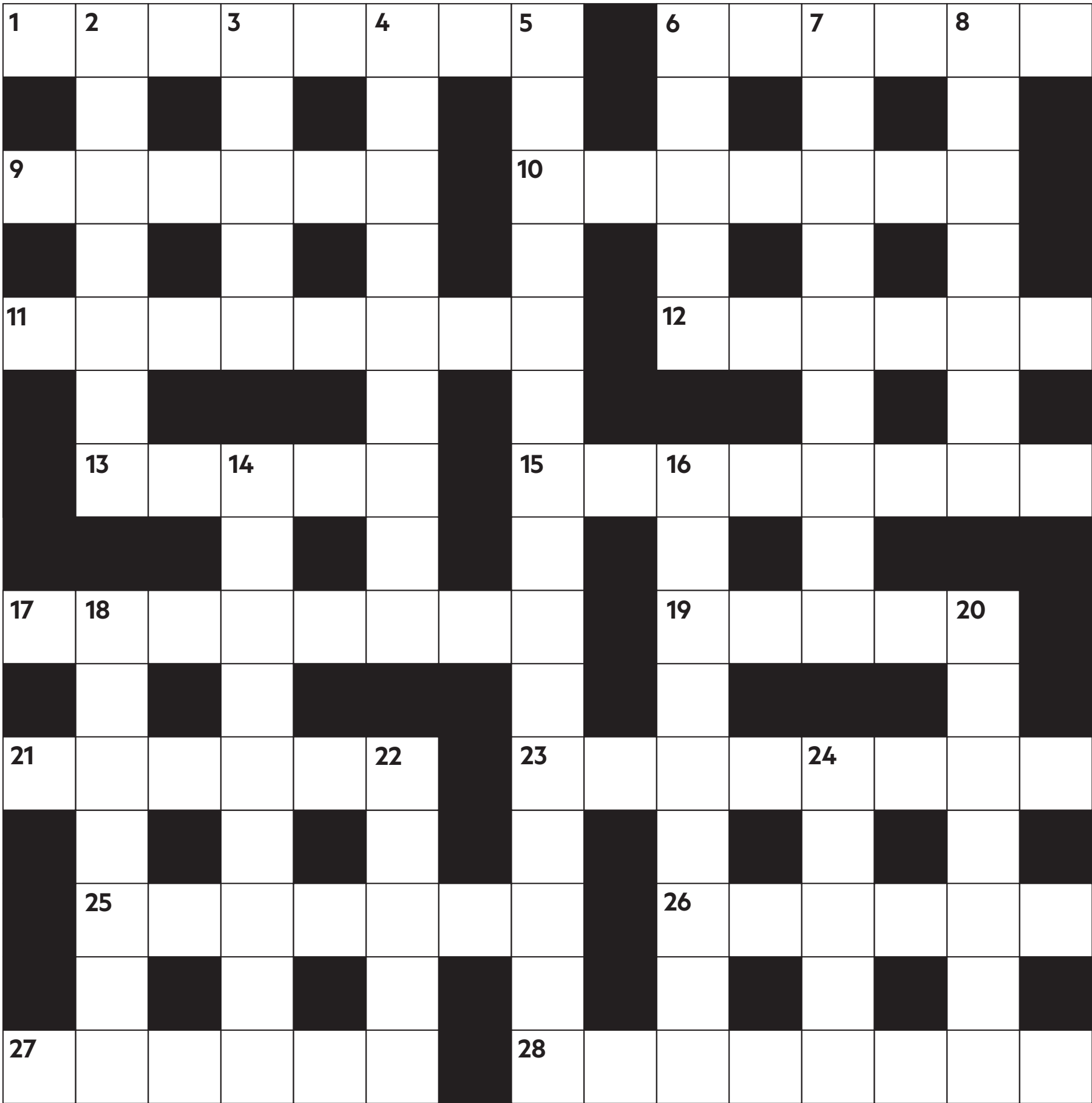


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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic.

ACROSS

- 1 Musical band (3, 5)
- 6 Aquatic mammal (6)
- 9 Mushroom, toadstool, eg (6)
- 10 Weak, tasteless (7)
- 11 Tumbledown (8)
- 12 Playground item (6)
- 13 Leg bone (5)
- 15 Impeded, thwarted (8)
- 17 Clear, evident (8)
- 19 Press, TV, radio etc (5)
- 21 Cord (6)
- 23 Sudden financial gain (8)
- 25 Warrior (7)
- 26 Bandit (6)
- 27 Careless (6)
- 28 Reveal (8)

DOWN

- 2 Rich university handed out money after medical procedure (7)
- 3 Dance music concert for everyone to enjoy, initially (5)
- 4 Unyielding set obtain reforms (9)
- 5 Have lots of fun with endless party, then two dine out (5, 3, 4, 3)
- 6 Foundation course at university is following end of A-levels (5)
- 7 Catch perhaps happened without reason, to start with (9)
- 8 Final moves made with general manoeuvring (7)
- 14 Doing OK to represent each call (7, 2)
- 16 Important head of operations must get organised around sign (9)
- 18 Tulip’s poor condition inside is miserable (7)
- 20 Regal Lear stays partly attentive (3, 4)
- 22 Brave to pull up, say, when empty (5)
- 24 Food element with aluminium is deadly (5)

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