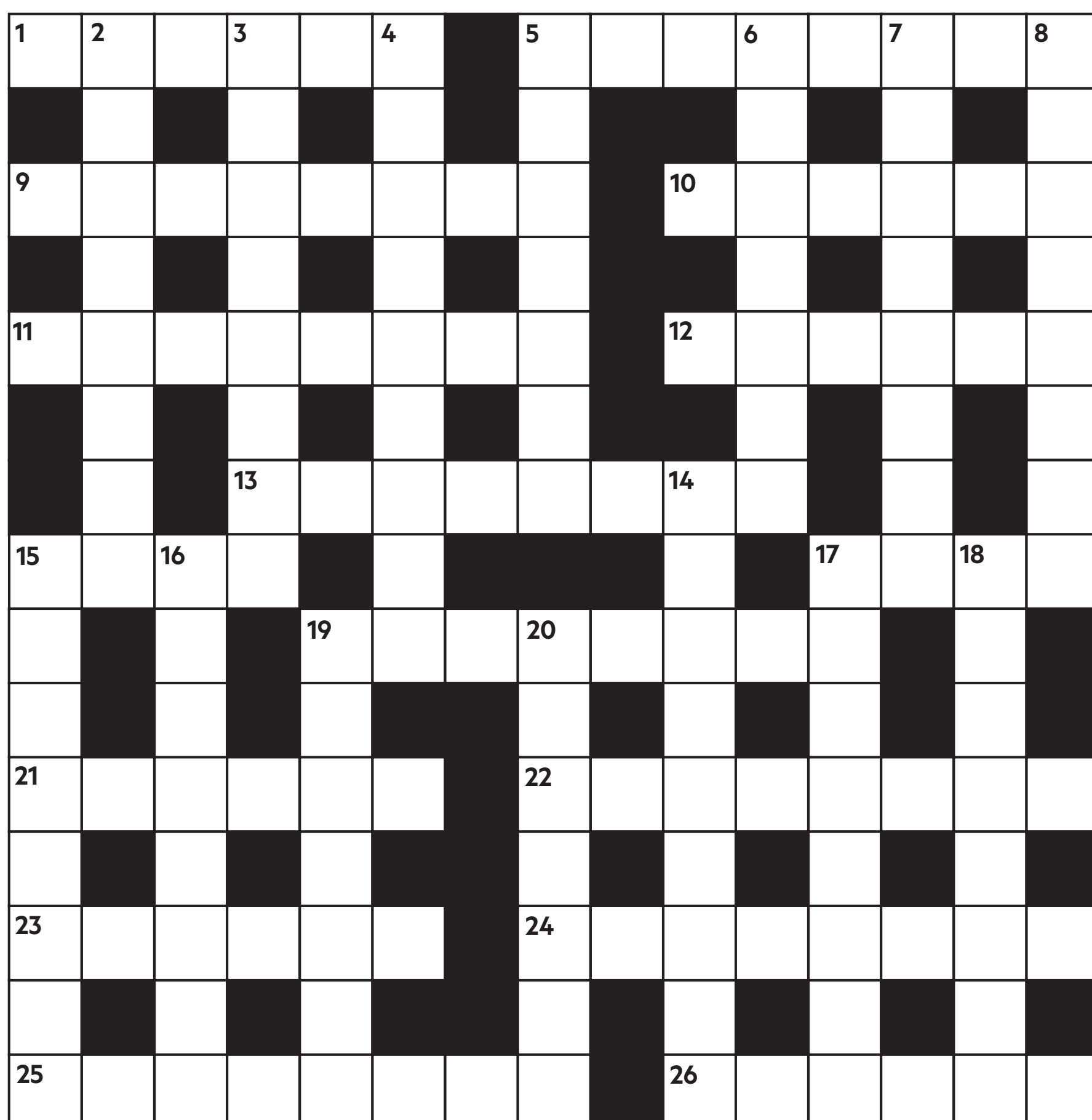


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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic.

ACROSS

- 1 Hearty laugh (6)
- 5 Base for a statue (8)
- 9 Guess (8)
- 10 Persian Gulf state (6)
- 11 Coffee drug (8)
- 12 Oriental temple (6)
- 13 Extra work hours (8)
- 15 Pile (4)
- 17 Friend, companion (4)
- 19 Obscure, arcane (8)
- 21 Truck fuel (6)
- 22 Car-free shopping area (8)
- 23 Finale (6)
- 24 Most importantly (5, 3)
- 25 Long hair tied at the back (8)
- 26 Group of houses (6)

DOWN

- 2 One knife with the French crackers (8)
- 3 Be indecisive and lose one's temper with failure (4-4)
- 4 Caution about little energy and tiredness (9)
- 5 Stop publicity on occasion (7)
- 6 Large bird and dead ape (7)
- 7 Cloth we let out involving a top that's unfinished (3, 5)
- 8 Sluggishness greatly deteriorated out of hospital (8)
- 14 Flexible English company rose with DM messaging system (5, 4)
- 15 *Hair's* odd characters literally surpass constraint (8)
- 16 Unfortunately area isn't well (8)
- 17 Misfortune I had, overwhelmed by stress (8)
- 18 Old hero with large weapon collection (8)
- 19 Handsome wild eagle on empty nest (7)
- 20 Badly pilots a sailing ship, in part (7)

Solution 680

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