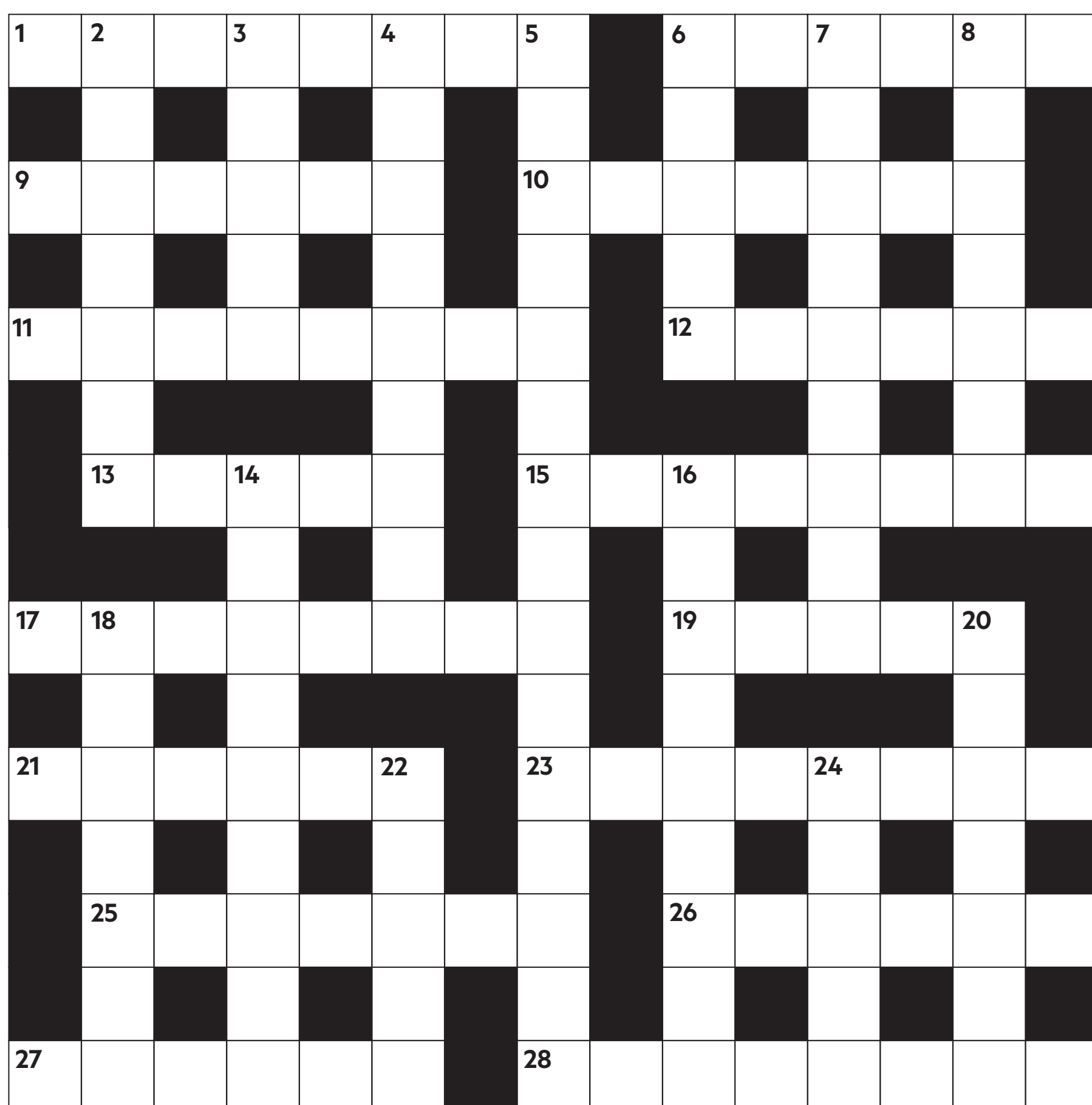


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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic.

ACROSS

- 1 Difficulty, adversity (8)
- 6 Sibling's son (6)
- 9 Task (6)
- 10 Salon, lounge (7)
- 11 Set free (8)
- 12 Meal course (6)
- 13 Strap (5)
- 15 Full menu (1, 2, 5)
- 17 One going to law (8)
- 19 Water vapour (5)
- 21 Leading batter (6)
- 23 Avoiding reality (8)
- 25 Hair product (7)
- 26 Acid's counterpart (6)
- 27 Harsh, strict (6)
- 28 Speculate, conjecture (8)

DOWN

- 2 Emergency help for broken rail — fit to be replaced (7)
- 3 Loosely arrange cooked pear with custard, finally, on top (5)
- 4 Next to borders of hilly wild garden there's a flowering shrub (9)
- 5 Short signal before tricky pop test — hated being beaten narrowly (6, 2, 3, 4)
- 6 Look after Republican in exploit after election finishes (5)
- 7 Lying for country, grabbing regime's leader (9)
- 8 Serious attention given to home (7)
- 14 Line up trainee to get organised (9)
- 16 Connect sea with coast I wandered (9)
- 18 Stalemate for one politician when senate's emptied (7)
- 20 Biceps and so on exercised much less without hospital (7)
- 22 Corrupt peer accepts a bit of undeclared foreign money (5)
- 24 Each takes acceptable game (5)

Solution 700

