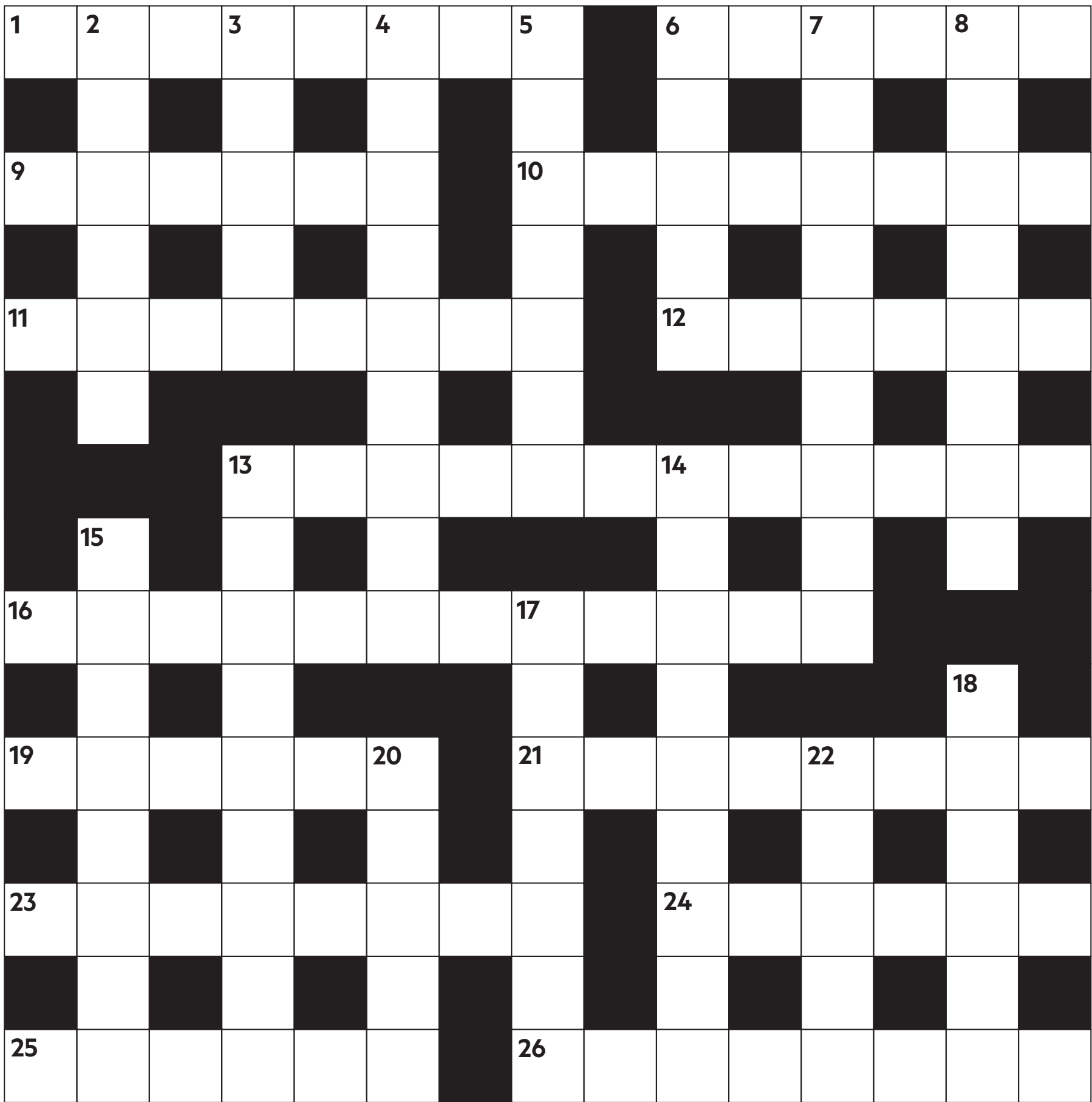


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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic.

ACROSS

- 1** Impediment, hindrance (8)
- 6** Renown, fame (6)
- 9** Mend (6)
- 10** Unequivocal, clear (8)
- 11** Emphatic, fervent (8)
- 12** Cut out (6)
- 13** Pennsylvania city (12)
- 16** Stasi, eg (6, 6)
- 19** Iron attractor (6)
- 21** Upbeat (8)
- 23** Italian bread made with olive oil (8)
- 24** Pulled, yanked (6)
- 25** Cure (6)
- 26** Dawn (8)

DOWN

- 2** Port city of some calibre
mentioned (6)
- 3** Meal's last piece of prime rib
(5)
- 4** Ambitious type creates trouble
without right incentives to start
with (9)
- 5** Lear etc upset dramatic
heroine (7)
- 6** Currency's rising in fee
purchases (5)
- 7** Honour college head, we hear
(9)
- 8** Precipitous drop follows
upwards dash (8)
- 13** Forebears aren't stopping
attendant (9)
- 14** Clearly reform it and end levy
(9)
- 15** Never mind the French story
working internally (3, 5)
- 17** Place to find fruit or vegetable
(7)
- 18** Europe meets English king
with a cry of triumph (6)
- 20** It's distasteful to act badly
over empty kitty (5)
- 22** Run out German
acknowledgement (5)

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