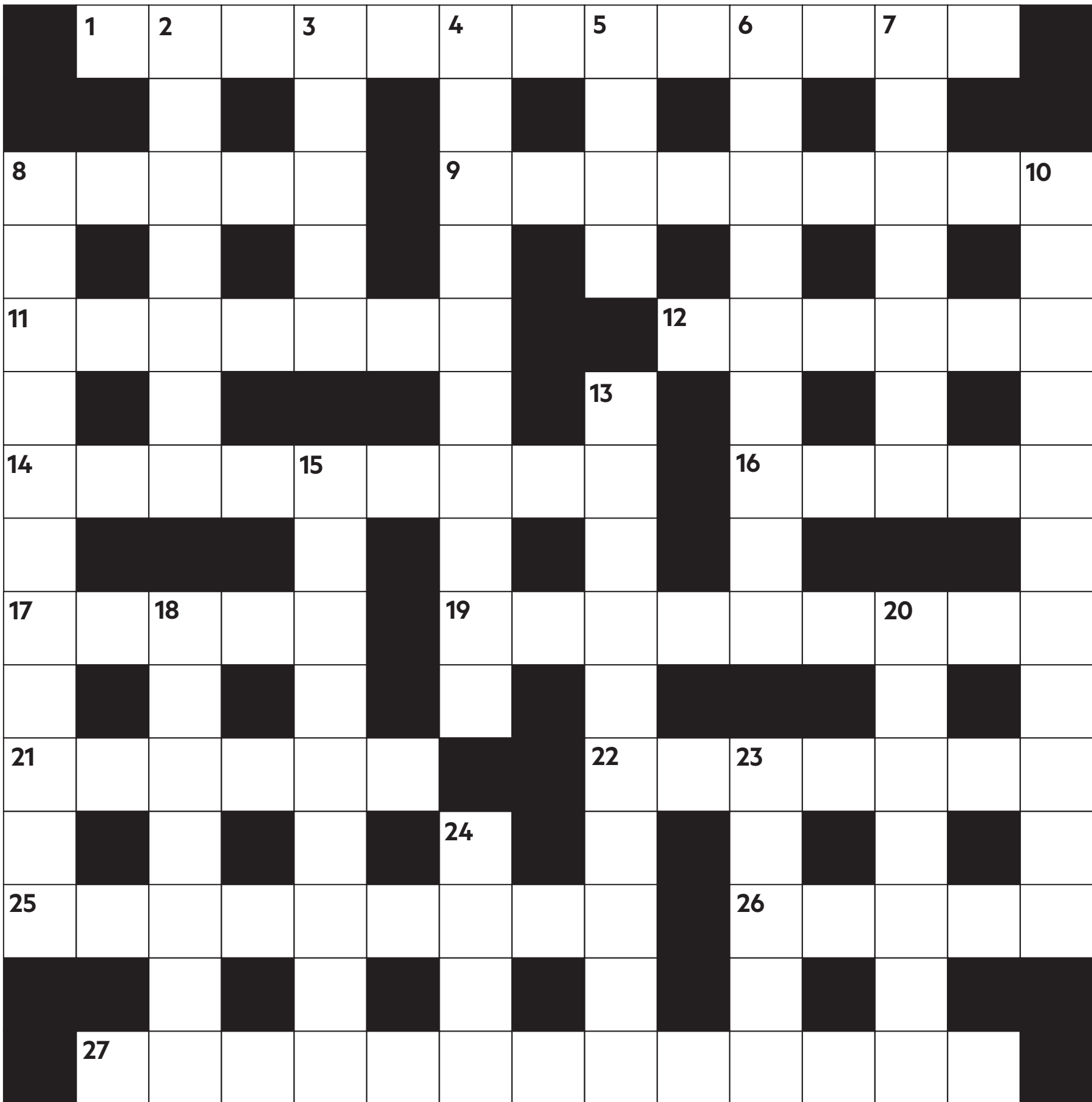


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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic.

ACROSS

- 1 Wild guess (4, 2, 3, 4)
- 8 Precise (5)
- 9 Helper (9)
- 11 Large lute (7)
- 12 Olympic pool sport (6)
- 14 Say sorry (9)
- 16 Middle Eastern desert (5)
- 17 Skilful (5)
- 19 Cancellation (9)
- 21 Claim (6)
- 22 Dog with a wavy coat and large ears (7)
- 25 Large hairy spider (9)
- 26 Upper atmosphere gas (5)
- 27 Properly accredited, sufficiently skilled (4-9)

DOWN

- 2 Sailor’s cry for 6 (5, 2)
- 3 Educator’s to soundly disapprove of idler, ultimately (5)
- 4 Italian national upset with European political leaders (10)
- 5 Throng found up in vibrant Soho (4)
- 6 Sacking’s depressing — one’s sobbing, initially, inside (9)
- 7 Adjust position of rule encompassing a length (7)
- 8 Expensive tax — VAT range is amended (11)
- 10 Cooked galette — all including current Italian food item (11)
- 13 Intel bans corrupted line for what server holds (6, 4)
- 15 With a regular shape, a long coat’s folded round (9)
- 18 Expand general manoeuvres (7)
- 20 Chapter is overdue, initially, involved in deep changes (7)
- 23 It’s chilly for a gull rising up (5)
- 24 Mat put up university adviser (4)

Solution 729

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