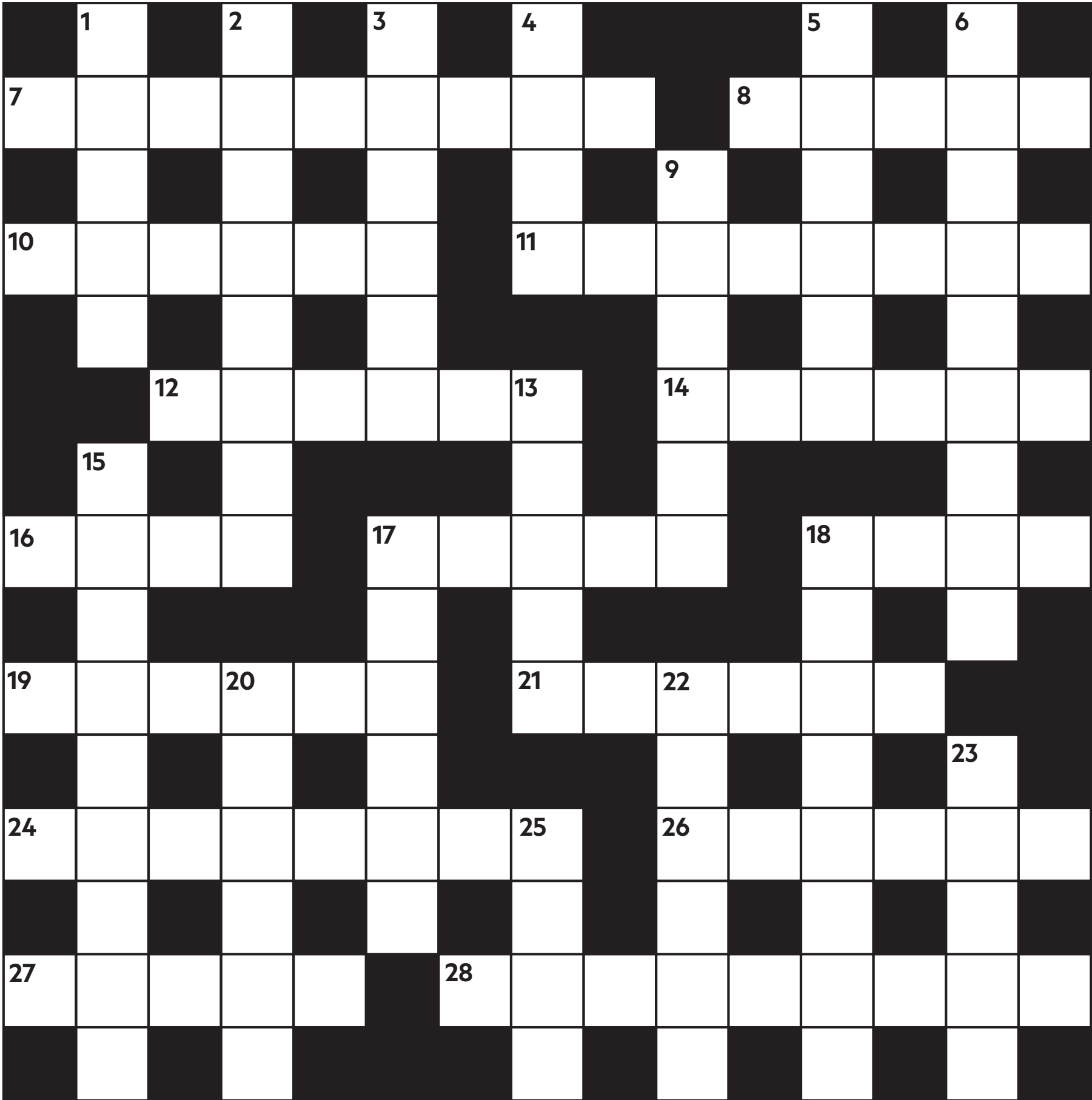


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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic.

ACROSS

- 7 Painstaking, strenuous (9)
- 8 Velocity (5)
- 10 Clinging mollusc (6)
- 11 Pre-meal drink (8)
- 12 Late morning meal (6)
- 14 Unpaid junior worker (6)
- 16 Perceive (4)
- 17 Paragon, epitome (5)
- 18 Precipitous drop (4)
- 19 Magician (6)
- 21 Chicory-like plant (6)
- 24 Ambled (8)
- 26 Ripen (6)
- 27 Chalk hills (5)
- 28 Extravagant, pompous (9)

DOWN

- 1 Can follow the French language (5)
- 2 Soldier’s cry of amazement at correct accent that’s spoken (8)
- 3 It might be on hand to catch up after US university (6)
- 4 Young animal with a midway developmental stage (4)
- 5 Race to publish a bit of scandal, at first (6)
- 6 Note embers I’ve stirred (9)
- 9 Parts of laser I aligned in a row (6)
- 13 Stall he had, say, put up (5)
- 15 Intervention for drug treatment that’s not caught (9)
- 17 Expected to get last bit of school in after second part of a course (6)
- 18 Correspond with old veteran, initially, in particular (8)
- 20 One obliged to be prolific (6)
- 22 Call for them and Germany on top (6)
- 23 Earn thousands with Scottish region (5)
- 25 Free up energy that’s shocking (4)

Solution 733

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