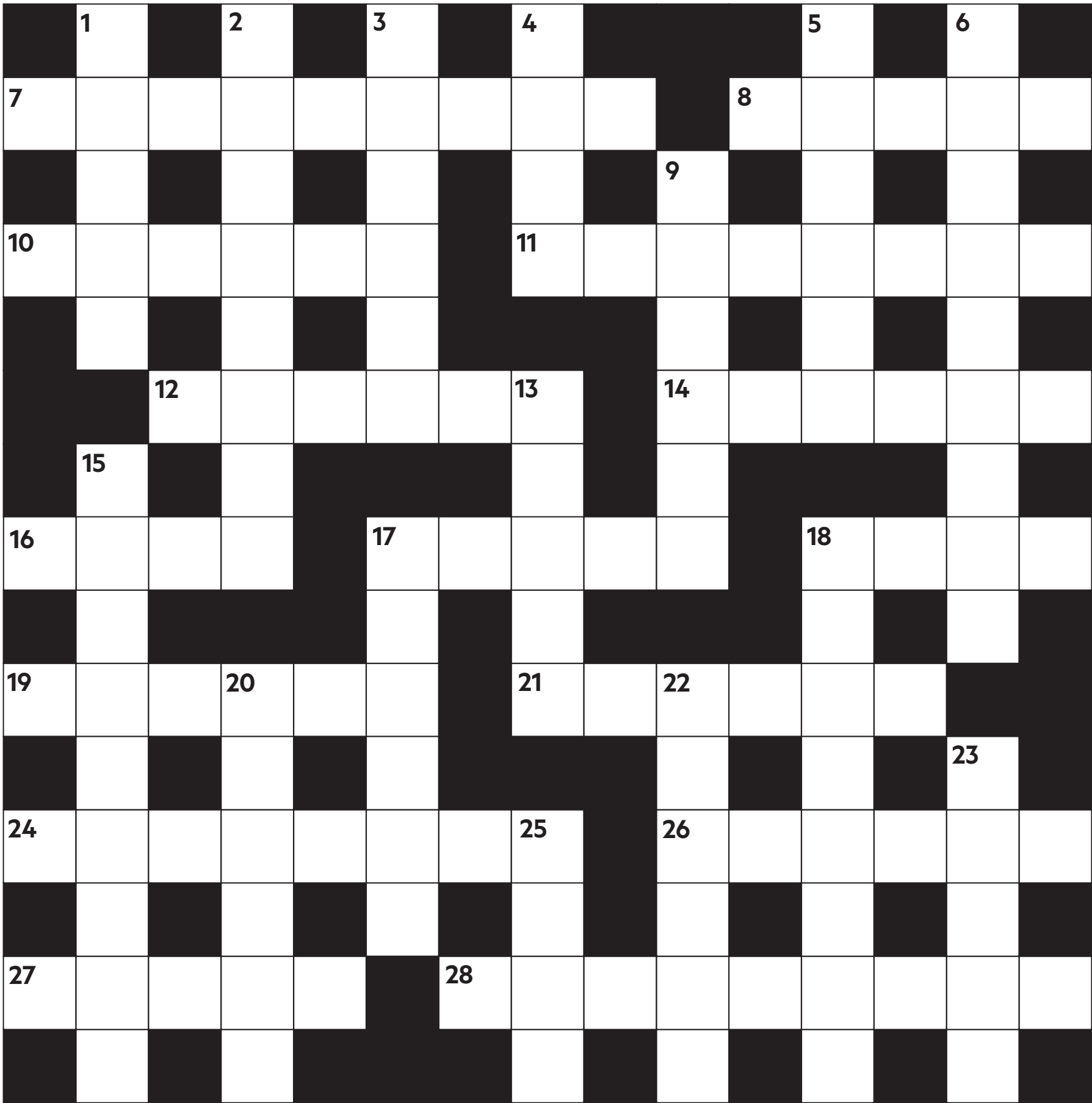


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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic.

ACROSS

- 7** Country between Honduras and Costa Rica (9)
8 Covered entrance (5)
10 Beat soundly (6)
11 Difficulty, adversity (8)
12 Looking-glass (6)
14 Well-mannered (6)
16 Expensive (4)
17 Felled tree’s remains (5)
18 Unadulterated (4)
19 Pancake mixture (6)
21 Aircraft shed (6)
24 Extremist (8)
26 Lowest part (6)
27 Inane, daft (5)
28 Warlike, aggressive (9)

DOWN

- 1** Loud one to throw off (5)
2 Bubbly and pork pie, right? That’s disrespectful (8)
3 Somewhat concerning, grabbing at hospital records initially (6)
4 A lot of tops of monuments under church (4)
5 Mushroom includes second bite (6)
6 Religious writings I put heartlessly in terrible curse (9)
9 Support for little creature (4, 2)
13 Part of the course when under par? (5)
15 Disease phase — it’s doubled, sadly (9)
17 Pâté for fine meal (6)
18 Business cost incorporates performance (8)
20 Playfully flirt with sweetheart — that’s sweet (6)
22 Interfere with aristocrat hugging bishop (6)
23 Support for footwear around top of sole (5)
25 Long journey up in starker terrain (4)

Solution 741

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