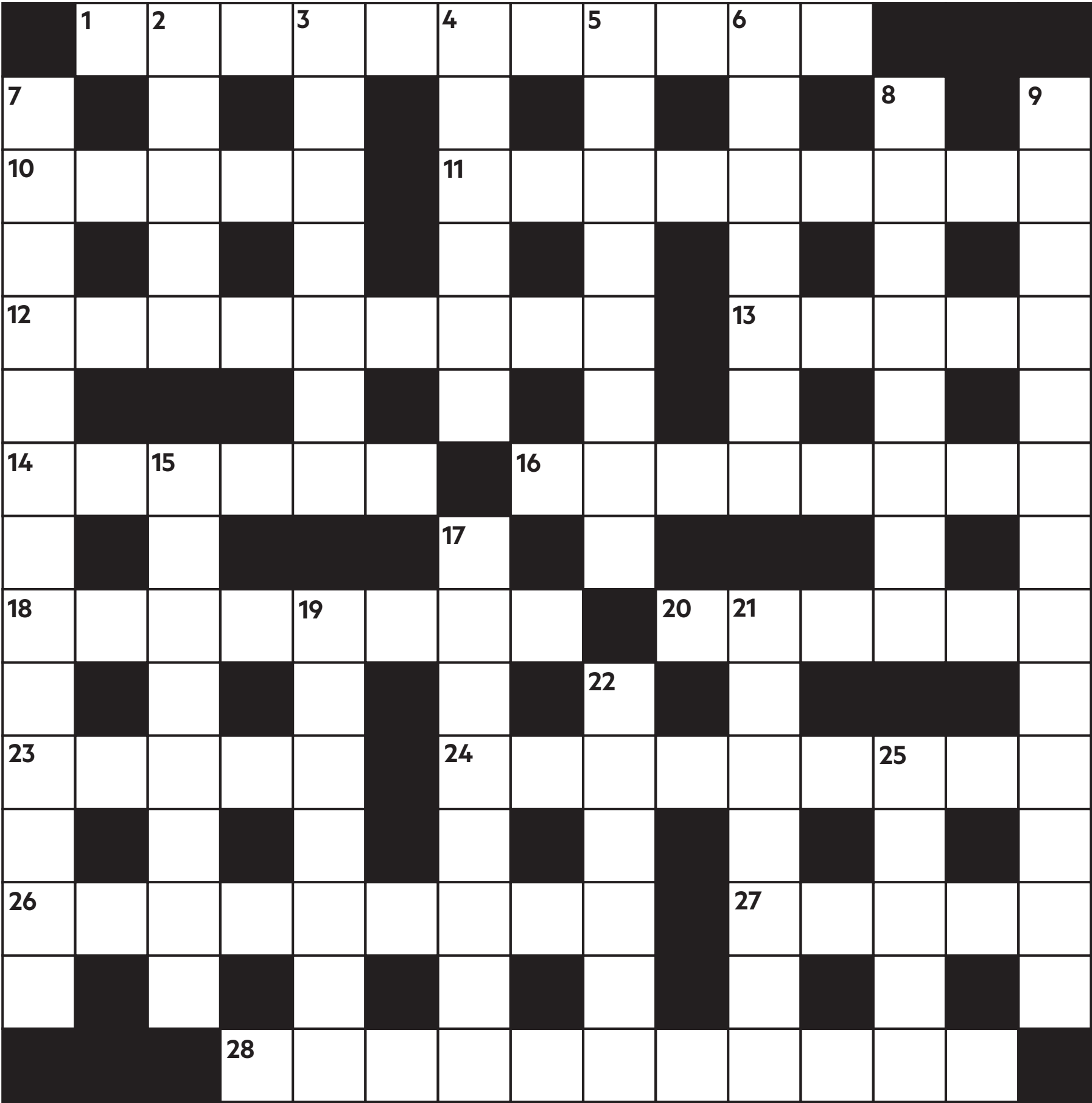


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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic.

ACROSS

- 1 Late teenage years (11)
- 10 Large black bird (5)
- 11 Vietnamese revolutionary leader (2, 3, 4)
- 12 Artiste (9)
- 13 Thong, belt (5)
- 14 Refund (6)
- 16 1890s Gold Rush destination (8)
- 18 Water crops (8)
- 20 Widespread disease (6)
- 23 Sound (5)
- 24 Dismantle, dissect (4, 5)
- 26 Convert from one language to another (9)
- 27 ‘Laughing’ animal (5)
- 28 Belligerent, unfriendly (11)

DOWN

- 2 In America, dived to the bottom of freshwater port (5)
- 3 Thug takes in energy for rugby formation (4-3)
- 4 Plot for second edging in church (6)
- 5 Ring cleric agitatedly after one got up without starting (8)
- 6 Red lips adopted by conservative (7)
- 7 Ace amount of food consumed is about the right size (13)
- 8 Shrill lords croon audibly (8)
- 9 Now threatened spy horribly (3, 7, 3)
- 15 Tower block overshadows tumbledown cabin (8)
- 17 Step around opposite industrial action (8)
- 19 Judged one that’s invited to the audience (7)
- 21 Thrash the French — heart-broken (7)
- 22 Gripping item with late message incorporating tall story, right? (6)
- 25 Moving near a field (5)

Solution 747

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