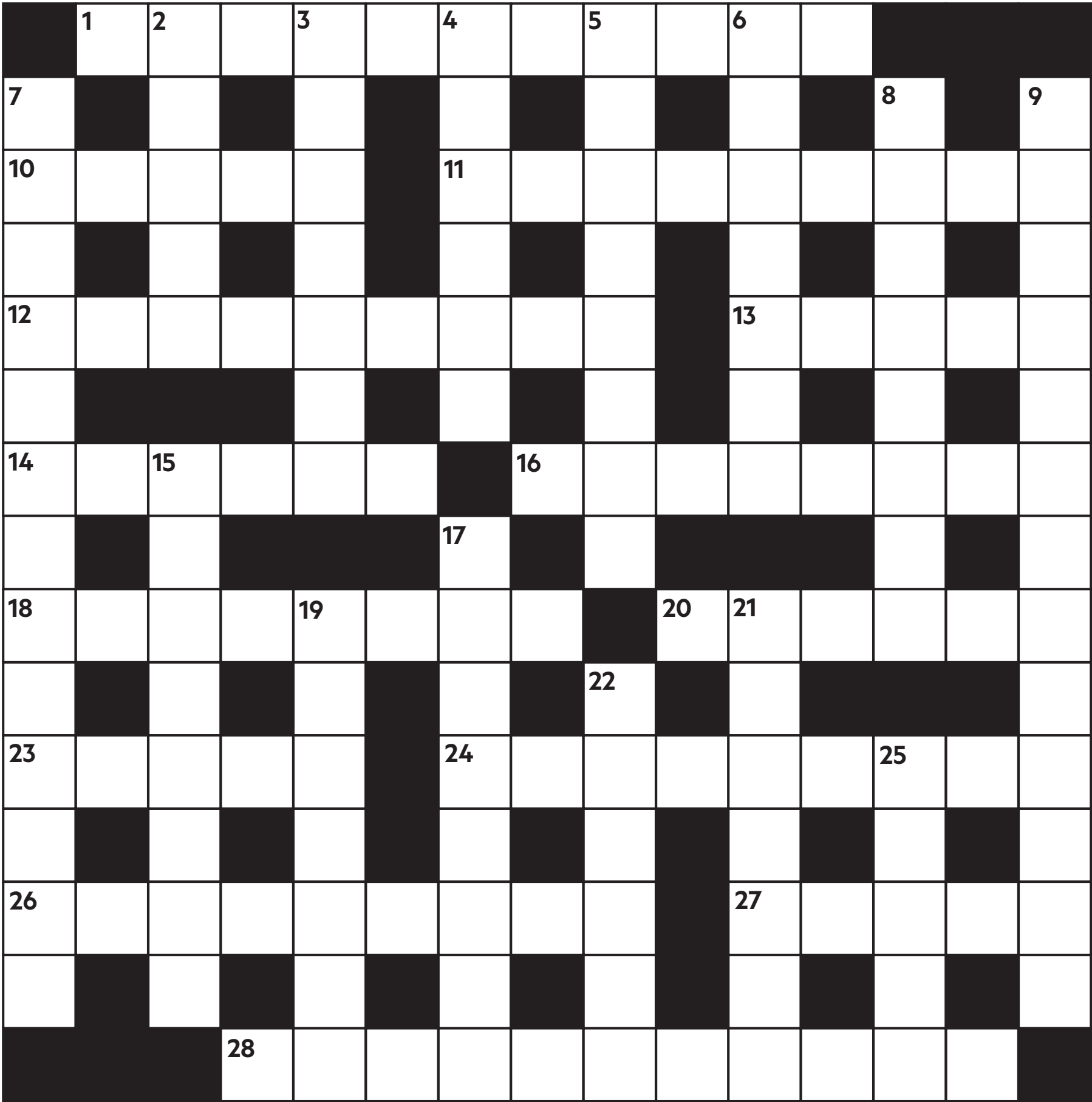


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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic.

ACROSS

- 1 Rudeness (11)
- 10 Happen (5)
- 11 State, situation (9)
- 12 Mouth organ (9)
- 13 From the Netherlands (5)
- 14 Moisten (6)
- 16 Well-read people (8)
- 18 Authorise, approve of (8)
- 20 Electrical interference (6)
- 23 Odourless inert gas (5)
- 24 Put back into a job (9)
- 26 Friendly, sociable (9)
- 27 Assumed name (5)
- 28 Speech translator (11)

DOWN

- 2 Take on incorporated ancient city (5)
- 3 Eat away at apple's centre with stick going through it (7)
- 4 Little rascal starts to upset refreshing punch (6)
- 5 Thanks to New Zealand, one gets current top-grade country (8)
- 6 Racket from pigs consuming odd bits of dill (7)
- 7 Last night ceased to be riotous (2, 3, 8)
- 8 Put off tracts I'd edited (8)
- 9 Rising at nine with score he settled (2, 3, 8)
- 15 Dealing with most of tropical fruit involving a spirit (8)
- 17 Intimidating chap eats cooked rice (8)
- 19 Strain of sonnet I amended (7)
- 21 Take just the ends and assert with a will (7)
- 22 Boost sufficiency with intellectual property (6)
- 25 Stand with first five characters — I replaced the third (5)

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