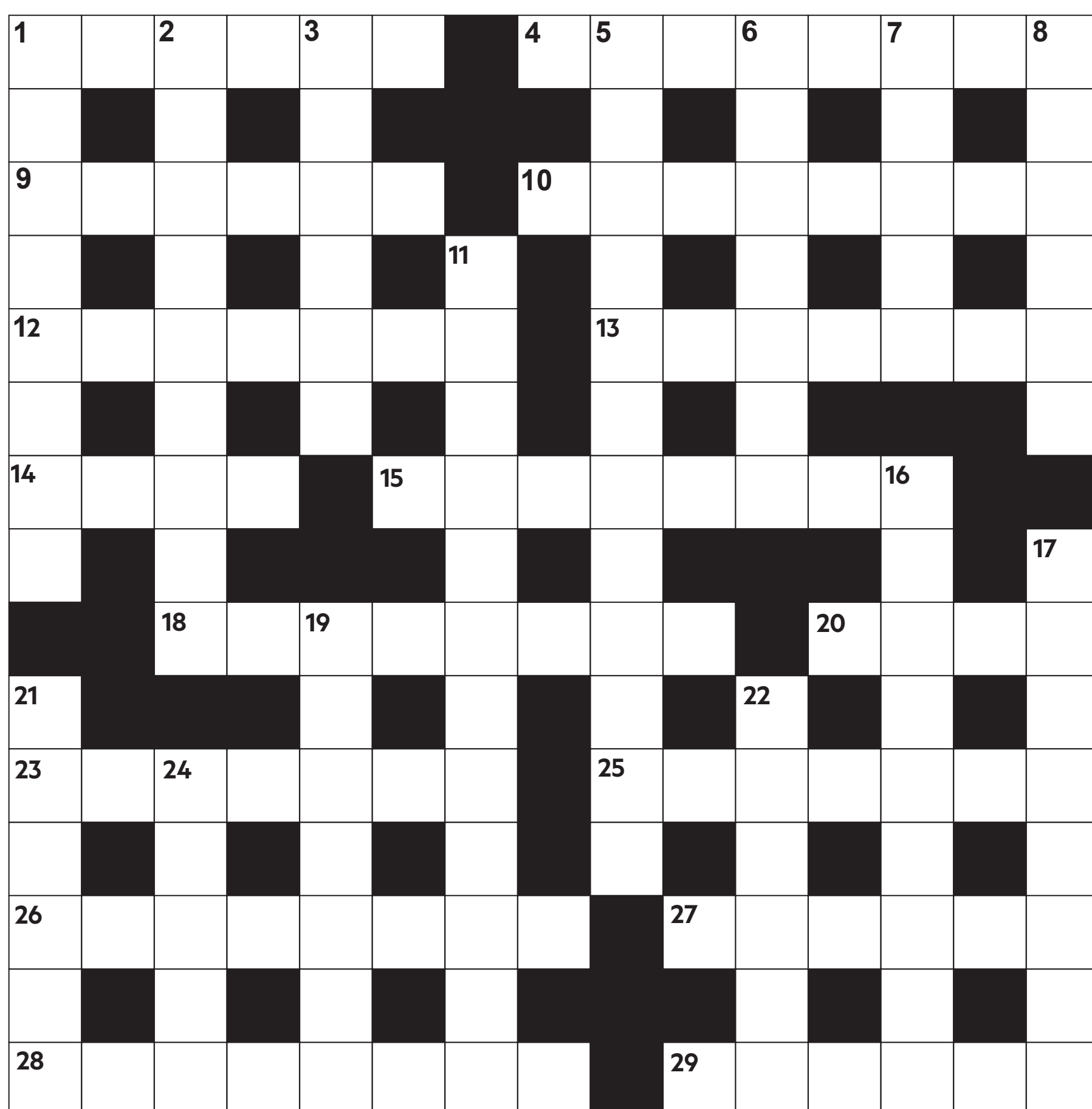


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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic.

ACROSS

- 1 Prior to (6)
- 4 Mexican musical style (8)
- 9 Room to manoeuvre (6)
- 10 Frivolous, irreverent (8)
- 12 Most untamed (7)
- 13 Set of implements (7)
- 14 Princess Royal (4)
- 15 Team sport of North American origin (8)
- 18 Alms, gifts (8)
- 20 Cry like a baby (4)
- 23 Root vegetable (7)
- 25 Inane (7)
- 26 One running a holiday residence (8)
- 27 Vast African desert (6)
- 28 Beaten comprehensively (8)
- 29 Cure (6)

DOWN

- 1 Eagle, possibly, is not feeling well (5, 3)
- 2 Madly cheerful about unicorn's tail – there's no such thing, they say! (4, 5)
- 3 Red boxes are brought up (6)
- 5 Strangely levitate rail like Marcel Marceau's mime, perhaps? (12)
- 6 Independent politician with debts is sinful (7)
- 7 King meets one king that's eccentric (5)
- 8 Completely popular movie dog (2, 4)
- 11 Very high level sports there get organised without head of athletics (12)
- 16 Put bundle up and give a speech to explain (9)
- 17 Words of explanation for fool rising in prestige (8)
- 19 Stump number nine – opener getting extra (7)
- 21 Increases intense effect (6)
- 22 Graze, namely on seed crop (6)
- 24 Turning part of parrot orange, but only a part (5)

Solution 623

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