

LARGE PRINT

Crosswords

12 easy puzzles for seniors, with answers

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Big squares • clear, friendly clues • answer key at the back

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How to solve a crossword

Read a clue, count the squares.

Each clue has a number. Find that number in the grid: ACROSS answers go left to right, DOWN answers go top to bottom. The number of white squares tells you how many letters the answer has.

Start with the easy ones.

Fill-in-the-blank clues, like "I hope _ _ _!", are usually the quickest. Each answer you write gives you letters for the words that cross it.

Use a pencil.

Write lightly, so a wrong guess is easy to rub out. A soft pencil and a good eraser make it much more relaxing.

Stuck? Move on.

Skip a clue and come back later. A few crossing letters often make the answer jump out.

Check at the back.

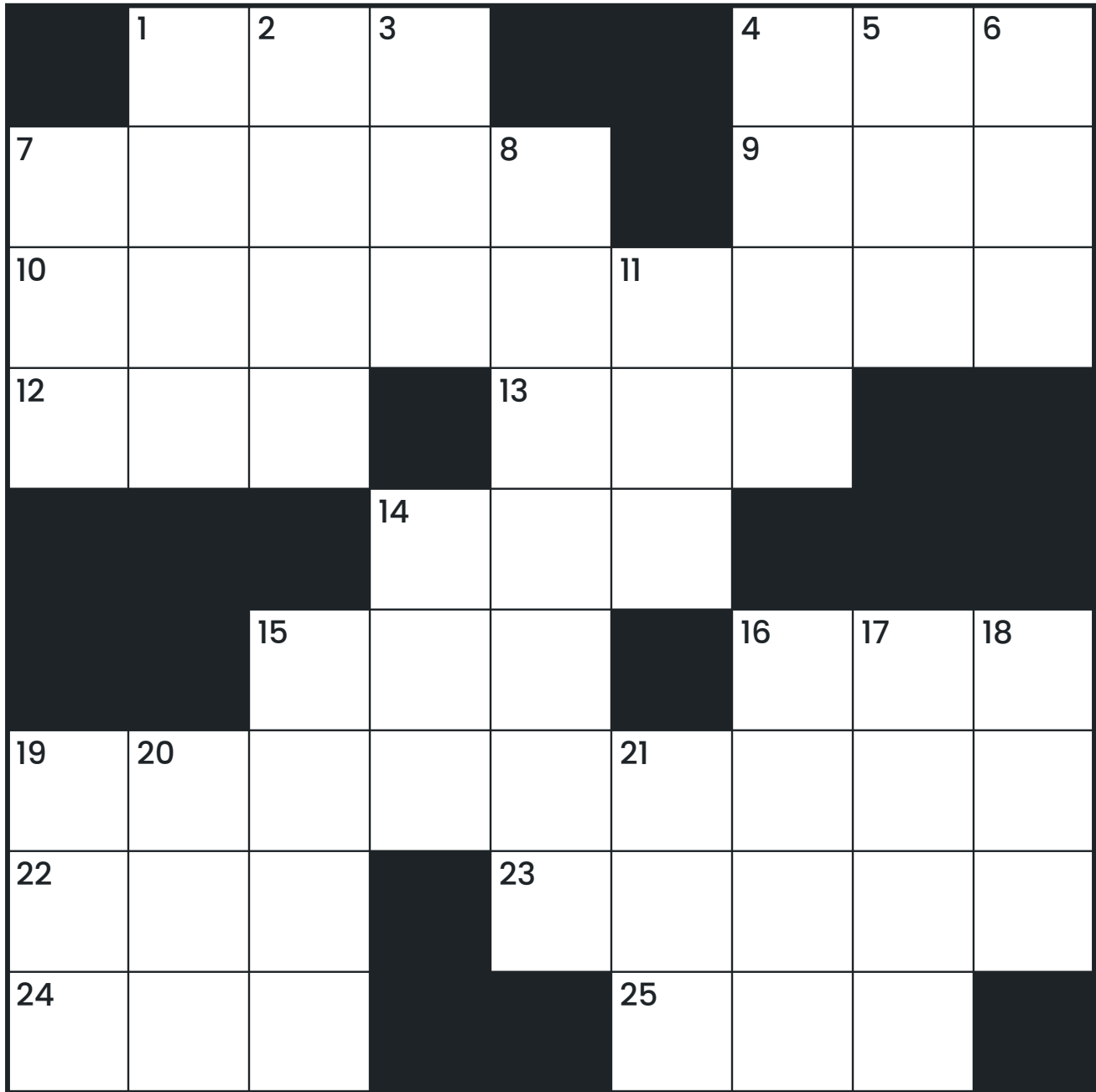
All the answers are at the end, four puzzles to a page. Peeking is allowed!

Doing it as a group?

Read the clues aloud and let everyone call out answers. Crosswords make a lovely shared activity for a care home, library or family table.

Crossword 1

LARGE PRINT • EASY • THE GRID (clues on the next page)



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Crossword 1

LARGE PRINT • EASY • THE CLUES

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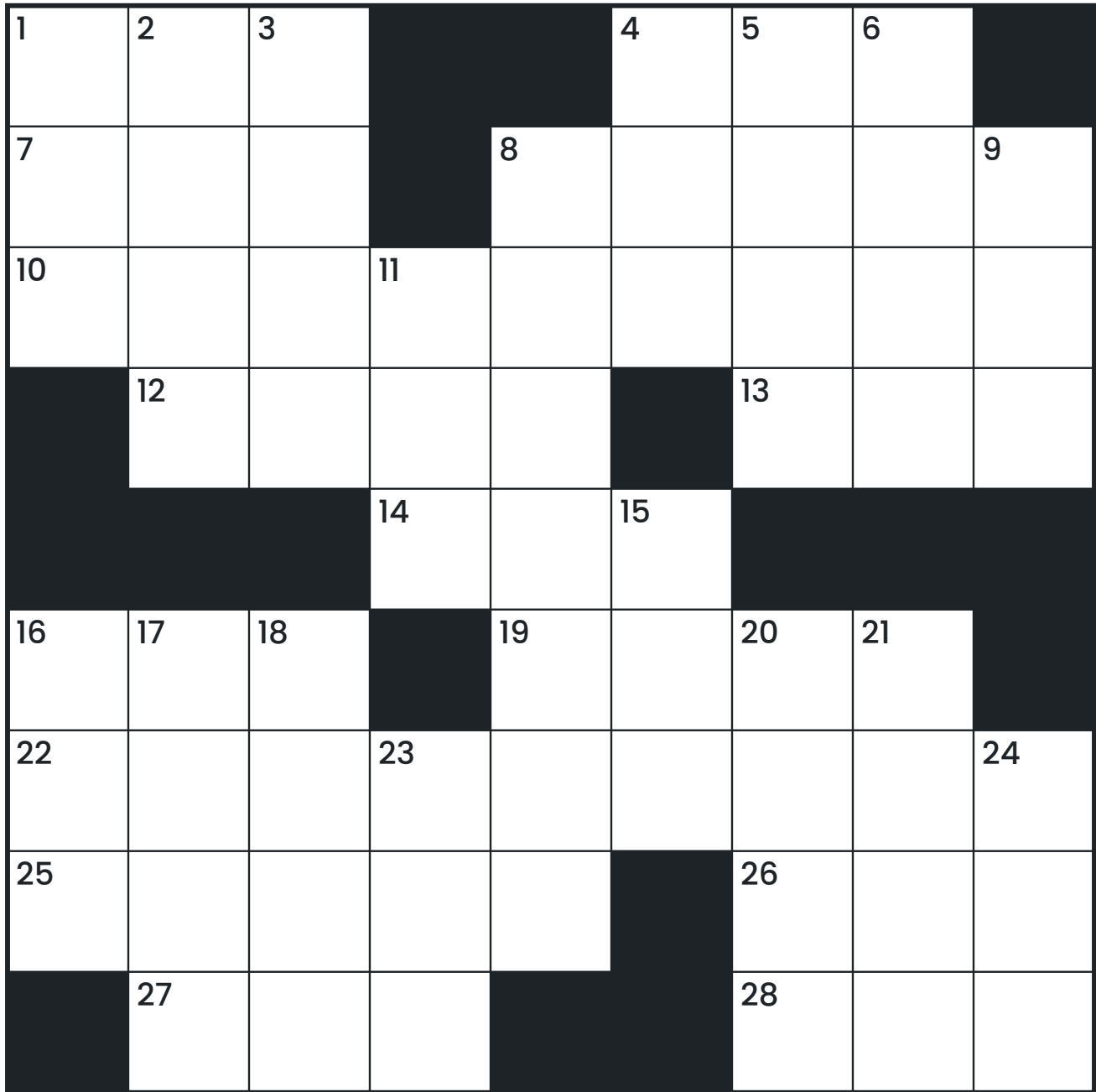
- 1** Opposite of against
- 4** Afternoon drink with scones
- 7** Turn on one foot, like a dancer
- 9** Fedora or bonnet
- 10** Very detailed, like a fancy plan
- 12** Every single one
- 13** "Whether or ___"
- 14** Past tense of "do"
- 15** Thick mist on the harbor
- 16** Polite way to address a gentleman
- 19** Pasta served with meatballs
- 22** You hear with it
- 23** Gave it a go
- 24** Needle's hole
- 25** Limb between shoulder and hand

DOWN

- 1** Top up, as a glass
- 2** Egg-shaped
- 3** Steal from
- 4** Not this, but ___
- 5** Have a meal
- 6** Had dinner
- 7** Small green vegetable in a pod
- 8** This evening
- 11** Fishing ___ and reel
- 14** Man's best friend
- 15** Bus or train ticket price
- 16** Mix the soup with a spoon
- 17** Single thing on a shopping list
- 18** Get ___ of (throw away)
- 19** Look with your eyes
- 20** Settle the bill
- 21** Period of history, like the Victorian ___

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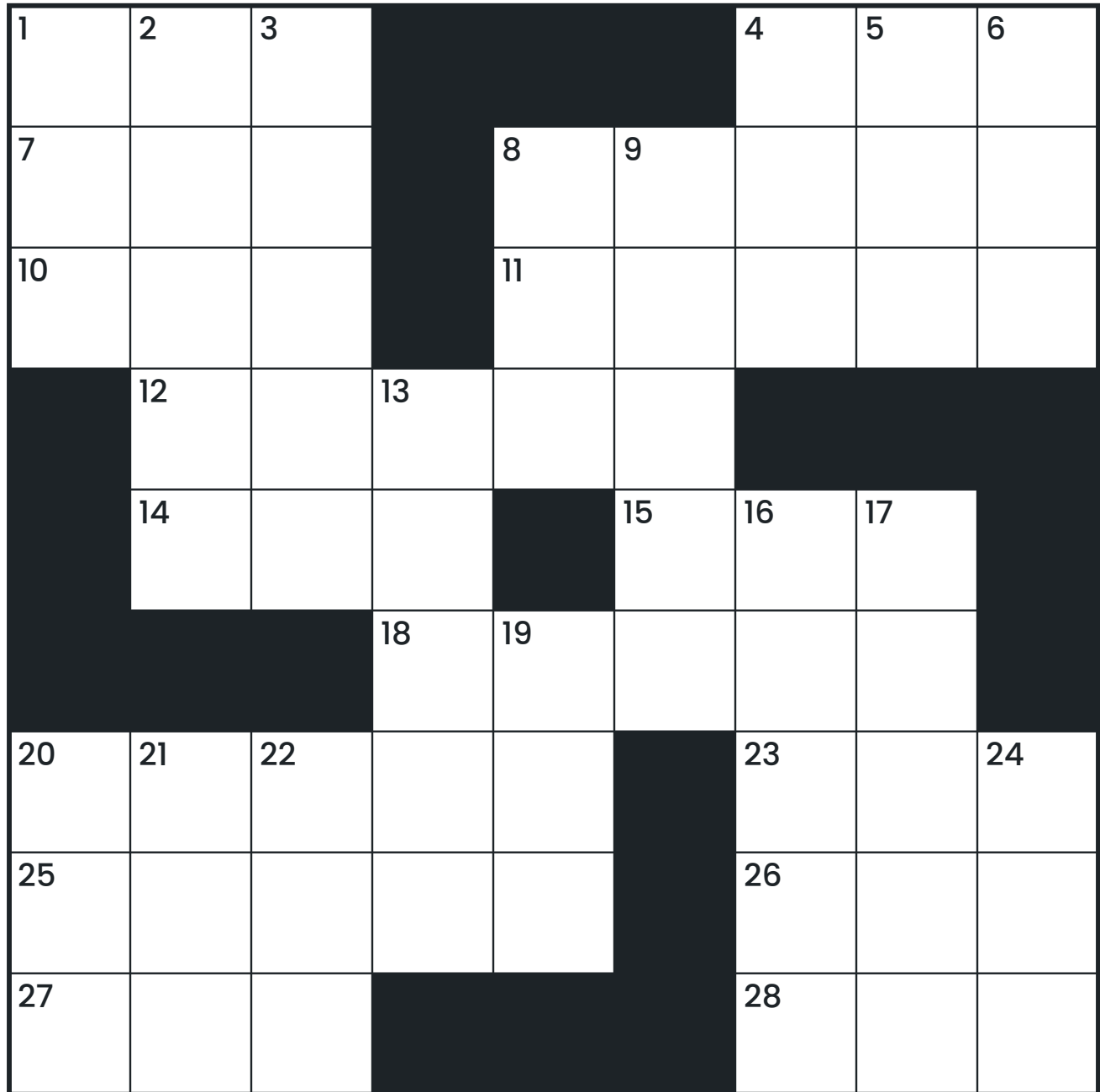
- 1** Everything
- 4** Short afternoon sleep
- 7** Signal for an actor to speak
- 8** Hot chocolate drink
- 10** Custom passed down through a family
- 12** Make changes to, as a letter
- 13** Not wet
- 14** Use a spade in the garden
- 16** Pet that purrs
- 19** Nothing at all
- 22** Handshake deal
- 25** Rule as a king or queen
- 26** Top playing card
- 27** Puppy, grown up
- 28** Green pod vegetable

DOWN

- 1** Part of a play
- 2** Tempt, as fish with bait
- 3** Heavy metal used in old pipes
- 4** “___ at all”
- 5** Sour substance, like vinegar
- 6** Not rich
- 8** Member of a country
- 9** Is there ___ more tea?
- 11** Past tense of “do”
- 15** Precious stone
- 16** Automobile
- 17** Grown old
- 18** Group of three musicians
- 20** Harvest a crop
- 21** One time only
- 23** Breakfast food in a shell
- 24** Drink served at four o'clock in England

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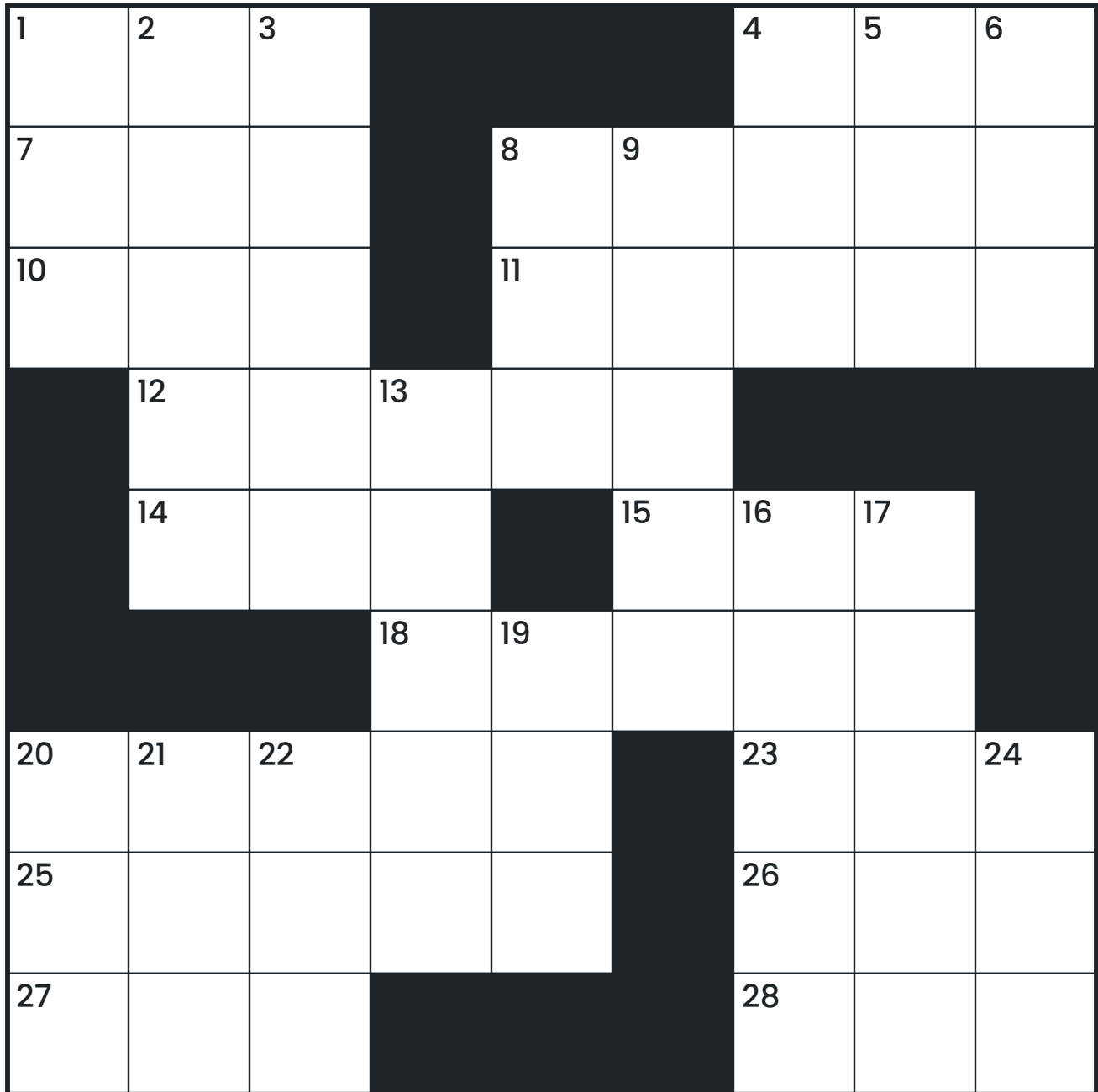
- 1** "Certainly _ _ _!"
- 4** Opposite of no
- 7** Single number
- 8** Move quietly, on tiptoe
- 10** Not bright, like a lamp turned low
- 11** Young cat
- 12** Having to do with the eye
- 14** At this moment
- 15** Jump on one foot
- 18** Perfect, like an _ _ _ day for a picnic
- 20** Calm and quiet; no war
- 23** Tool for cutting wood
- 25** Finished off, as a meal
- 26** Frozen water
- 27** "You _ _ _ welcome"
- 28** Get the table ready for dinner

DOWN

- 1** Agree without a word
- 2** Vegetable that can make you cry
- 3** Speed of the music
- 4** Still; so far
- 5** Have breakfast
- 6** Where clouds float
- 8** Glide down a snowy hill
- 9** Small hollow in a wall for a statue
- 13** Two times
- 16** Watering hole in the desert
- 17** Spot or location
- 19** Cozy room with a fireplace
- 20** Small green vegetable
- 21** Body part for hearing
- 22** Had lunch
- 24** Soaked from the rain

Crossword 4

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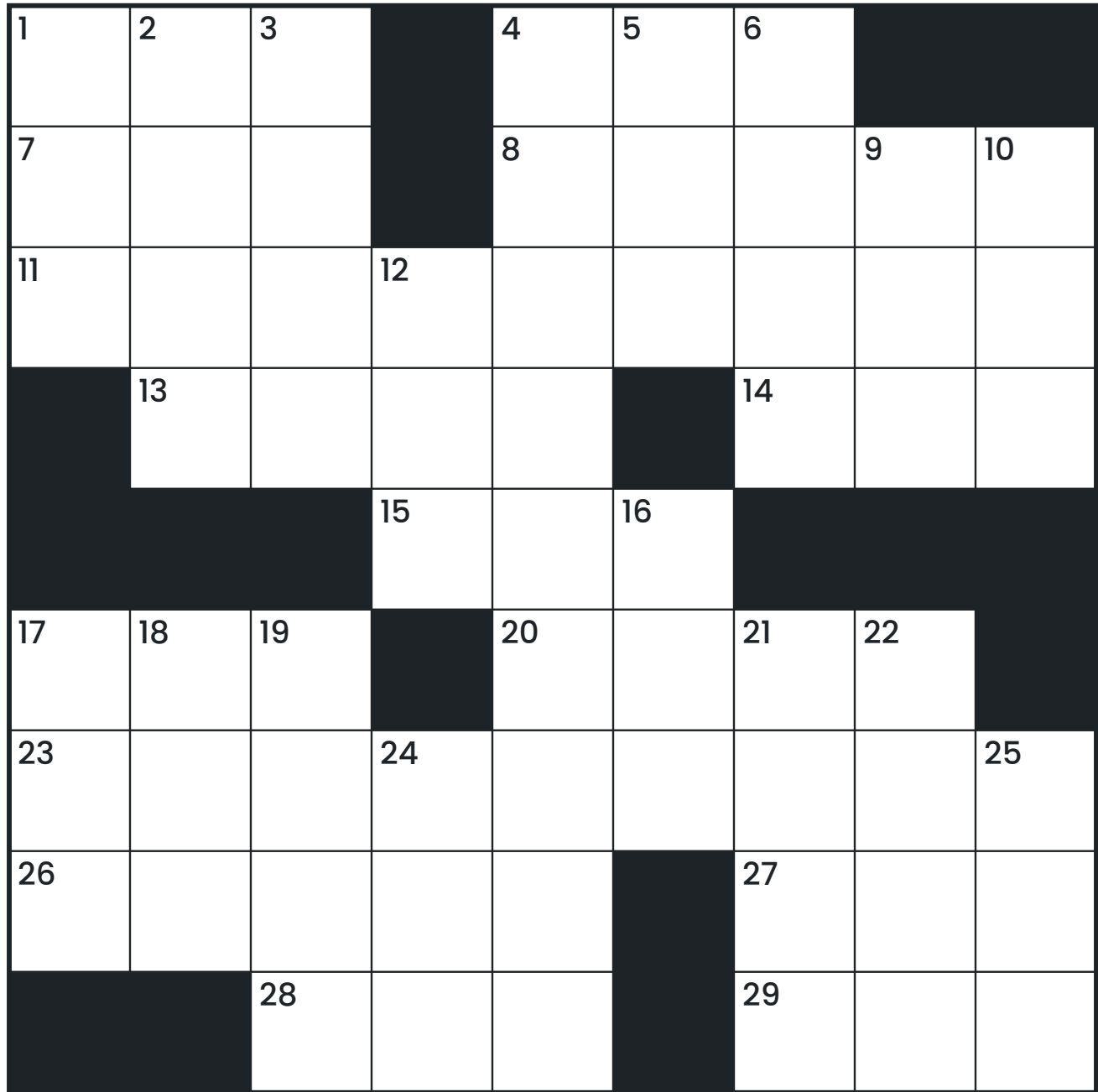
- 1** Tin for soup
- 4** Place for a massage and a relaxing soak
- 7** Wonder and amazement
- 8** Set of beliefs
- 10** Black sticky road material
- 11** In front
- 12** Piano keys were once made of it
- 14** Earl Grey, for one
- 15** Road atlas page
- 18** Say the letters of a word
- 20** Proportion, like 2 to 1
- 23** Put down gently
- 25** Be real; be alive
- 26** Number after zero
- 27** Fox's home
- 28** Damp

DOWN

- 1** Pet that purrs
- 2** Look forward to; expect
- 3** Courage
- 4** Look at
- 5** Green pod vegetable
- 6** Sum up
- 8** Family sedan
- 9** Words that end alike, like "moon" and "spoon"
- 13** Green spot in the desert
- 16** Permit
- 17** It flies from one airport to another
- 19** Cooking pan with a lid
- 20** Color of a ripe tomato
- 21** Tool for chopping wood
- 22** The ___ Man of Oz
- 24** Up to now

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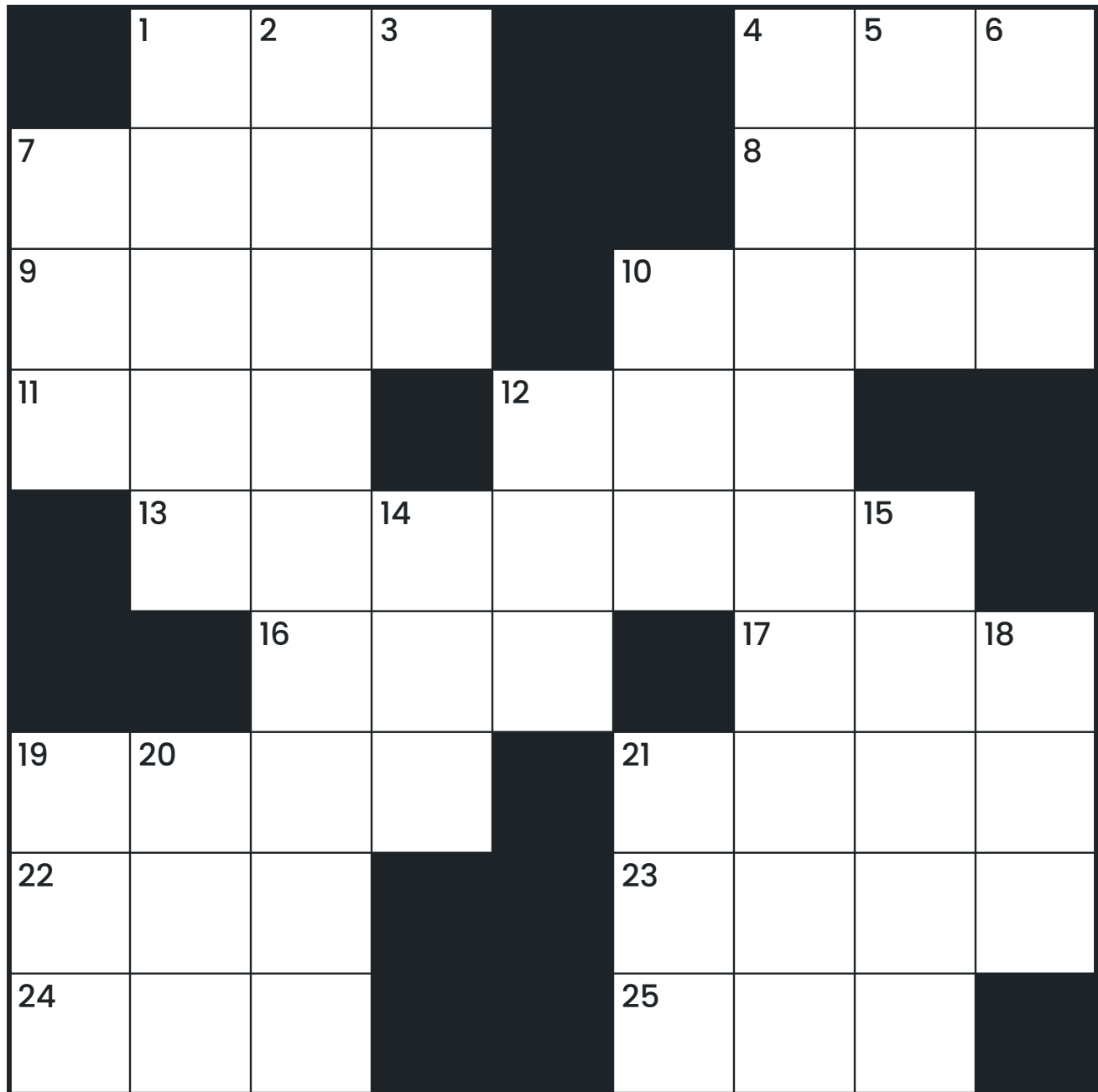
- 1** Every one
- 4** Owned, past tense
- 7** Hot drink in a china cup
- 8** Bring together
- 11** Keep guests amused
- 13** Rip
- 14** Showed the way
- 15** Extra money for a waiter
- 17** Total
- 20** Mobile phone, for short
- 23** Being alone, apart from others
- 26** Sticky substance from pine trees
- 27** Night before a big event
- 28** Look at
- 29** Morning drops on the lawn

DOWN

- 1** Had a meal
- 2** Loaned
- 3** Not on time
- 4** Big storm with strong winds
- 5** Picnic pest
- 6** Turn, as an old phone
- 9** Knot a shoelace
- 10** Finish
- 12** Have supper
- 16** Dog or cat at home
- 17** Title for a knight
- 18** Put to work
- 19** Green plant on old stones
- 21** Stretched the truth
- 22** Deep affection
- 24** Rest flat on the sofa
- 25** Brand- _ _ _ (never used)

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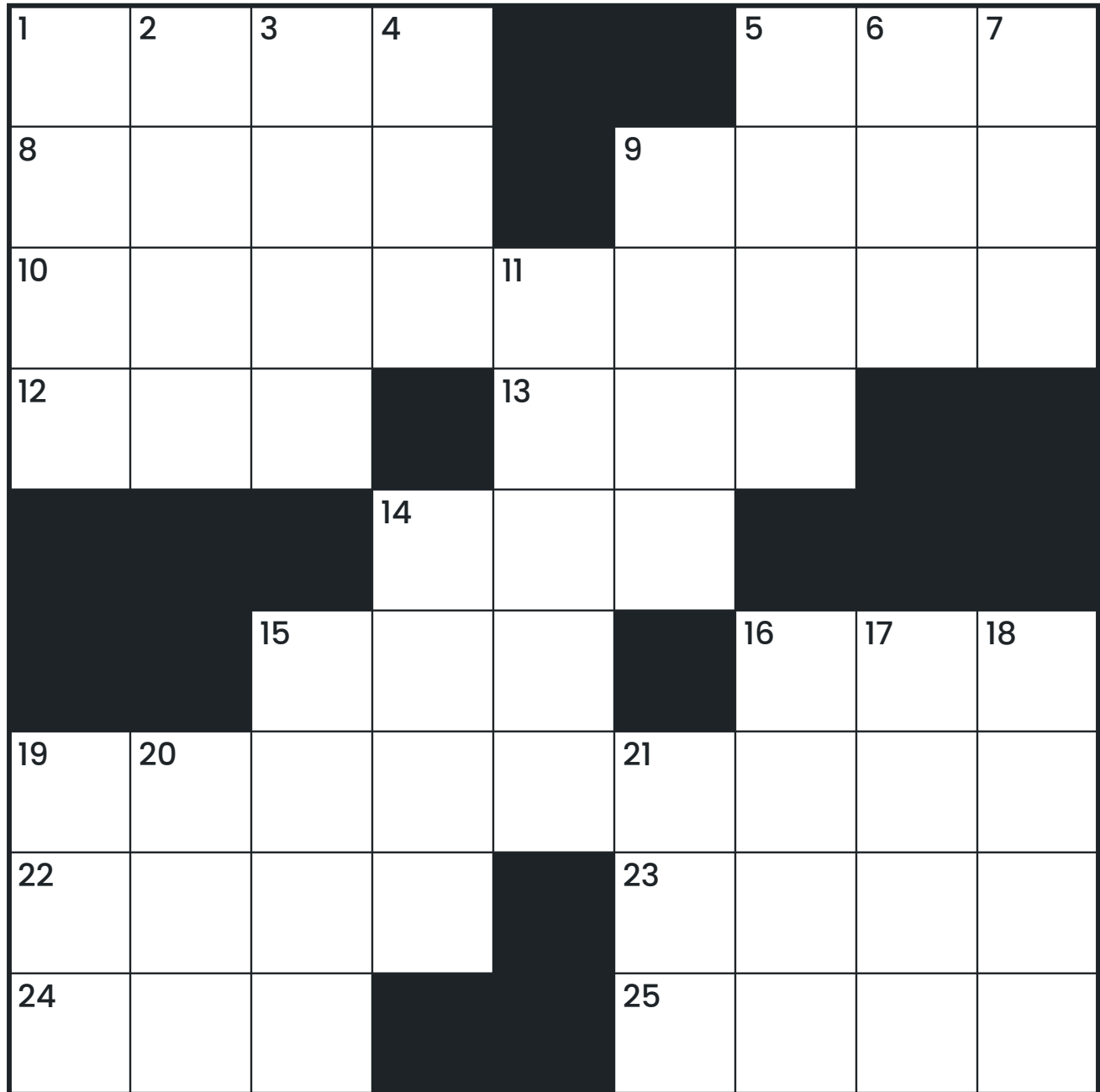
- 1 In favor of
- 4 Bow your head to say yes
- 7 Dad
- 8 "We ___ family"
- 9 Thing on a list
- 10 Workers on a ship
- 11 Road-surfacing goo
- 12 A long way off
- 13 Sideways, like a pass in football
- 16 Knot for a shoelace
- 17 Money left for a waiter
- 19 Become a member of
- 21 Number of fingers on one hand
- 22 Possess
- 23 Smooth and flat
- 24 Ask humbly
- 25 Got married

DOWN

- 1 Deadly
- 2 Running, as a machine
- 3 Male sheep
- 4 Story in a novel
- 5 Rock that contains metal
- 6 Morning moisture on the grass
- 7 Hole in the ground
- 10 Automobile
- 12 Charge for a service
- 14 Can for food
- 15 Resided
- 18 Writing tool with ink
- 19 Work you are paid for
- 20 Be in debt
- 21 Not many

Crossword 7

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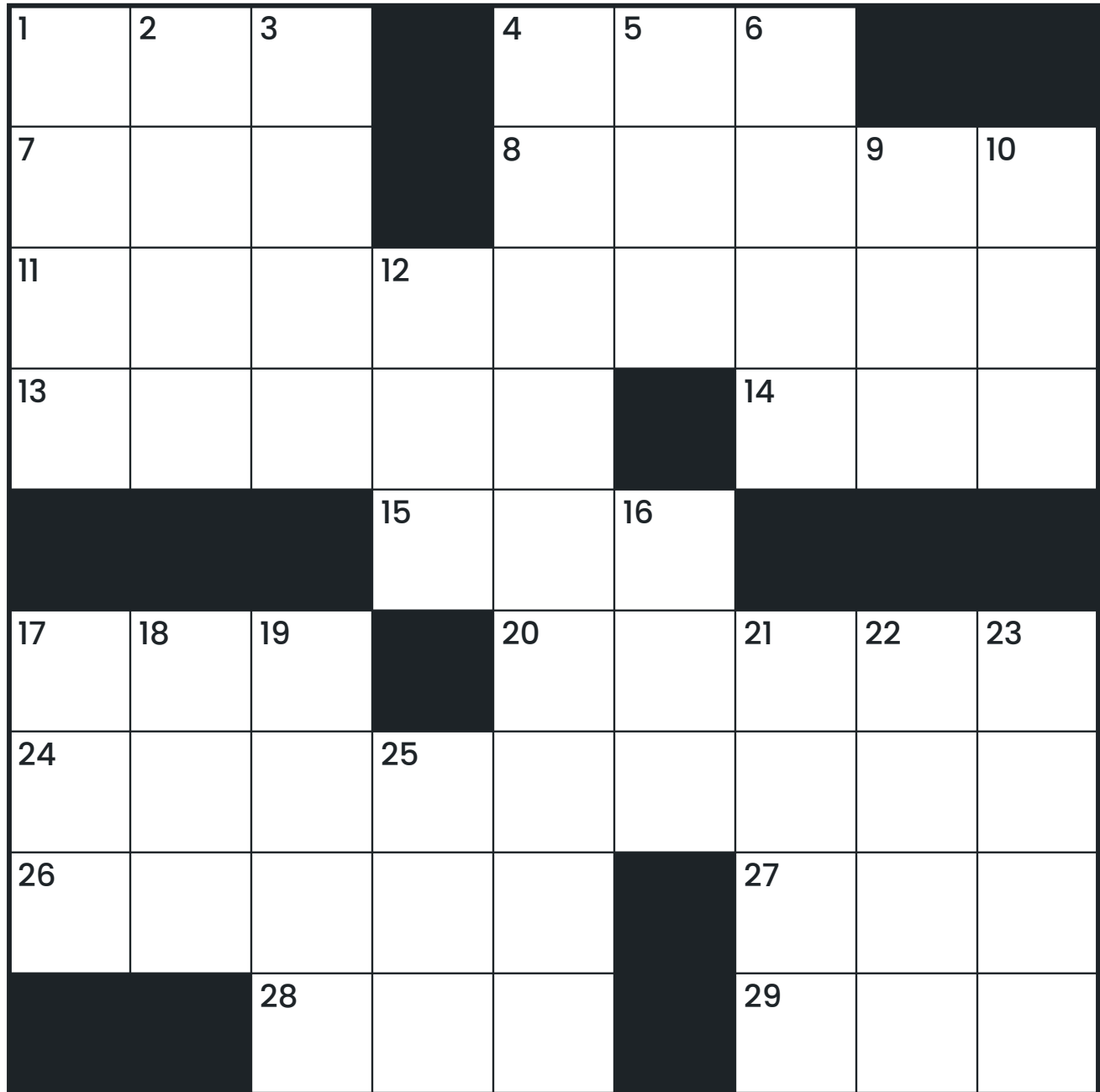
- 1** Small unit of weight
- 5** "This gift is ___ you"
- 8** Part played by an actor
- 9** Queue of people
- 10** Left behind; deserted
- 12** Opposite of no
- 13** Fishing pole
- 14** Strong tree that grows from an acorn
- 15** Total of numbers added
- 16** Solemn promise
- 19** Working; in action
- 22** Glass in a pair of spectacles
- 23** Computer operator
- 24** Father
- 25** Uncovered, like feet on the sand

DOWN

- 1** Color of rain clouds
- 2** Dressing gown
- 3** "___, poor Yorick!"
- 4** Gentlemen
- 5** Locate
- 6** Single
- 7** Color of a fire engine
- 9** See with your eyes
- 11** Stage play
- 14** Belonging to us
- 15** Mail, as a letter
- 16** Travel document stamp
- 17** Finished
- 18** "We ___ young once"
- 19** Not young
- 20** Green pod vegetable
- 21** Place for a bubble bath

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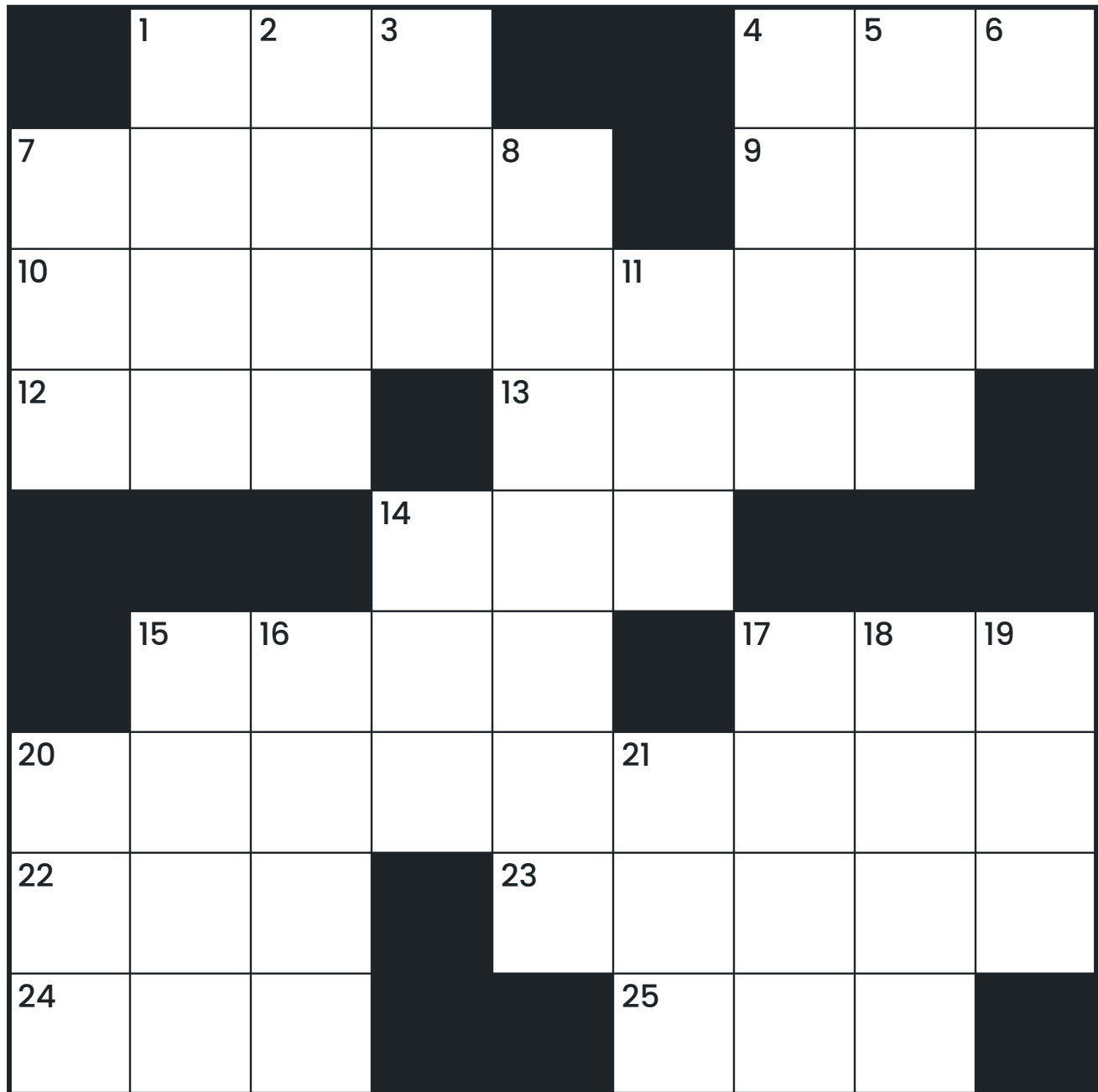
- 1** Is able to
- 4** Gray dust in a fireplace
- 7** "We ___ ready"
- 8** Slightly wet, like a good cake
- 11** Person who delivers news
- 13** Consumed, as dinner
- 14** Friendly greeting
- 15** Find the total
- 17** Price label
- 20** Less; the – sign
- 24** Deal both sides accept
- 26** Rule as monarch
- 27** Had a meal
- 28** "I hope ___!"
- 29** Highest point

DOWN

- 1** Arrived
- 2** Region or zone
- 3** Bird's home
- 4** Change to a law
- 5** Boy in the family
- 6** Tall
- 9** Look at
- 10** Attempt
- 12** Ocean
- 16** Not bright
- 17** Sticky black road stuff
- 18** How old you are
- 19** Big smile
- 21** Tidy
- 22** Old-fashioned word for "to"
- 23** Stair
- 25** Sense of self

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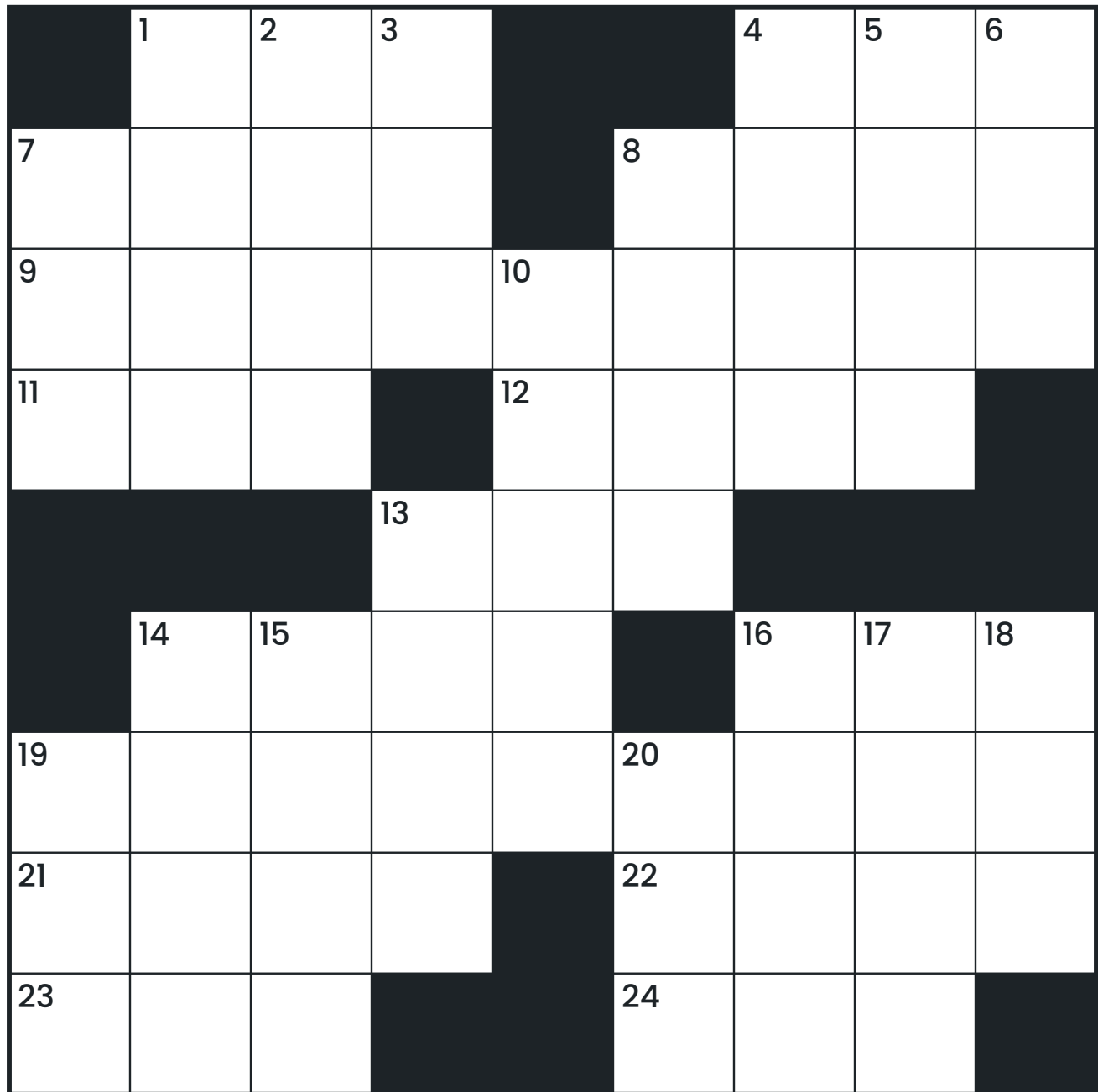
- 1** "You ___ welcome"
- 4** Friend
- 7** Wide
- 9** Playing card with one spot
- 10** Getting better
- 12** Color for hair or fabric
- 13** Not any
- 14** Rule made by a government
- 15** Cooking rod for roasting meat
- 17** Wages
- 20** Work together
- 22** Every bit
- 23** Train station
- 24** Body part with a nail
- 25** Wall that holds back a river

DOWN

- 1** Soldiers, all together
- 2** Line for a swing or a clothesline
- 3** You hear with it
- 4** Ache
- 5** Teenage skin trouble
- 6** Limb used for walking
- 7** Offer at an auction
- 8** Gave to charity
- 11** Solemn promise
- 14** Edge of the mouth
- 15** Performance by one person
- 16** Tall post for a flag
- 17** Dad, in old-fashioned talk
- 18** Tiny particle
- 19** Still; so far
- 20** Pet that purrs
- 21** Color of a stop sign

Crossword 10

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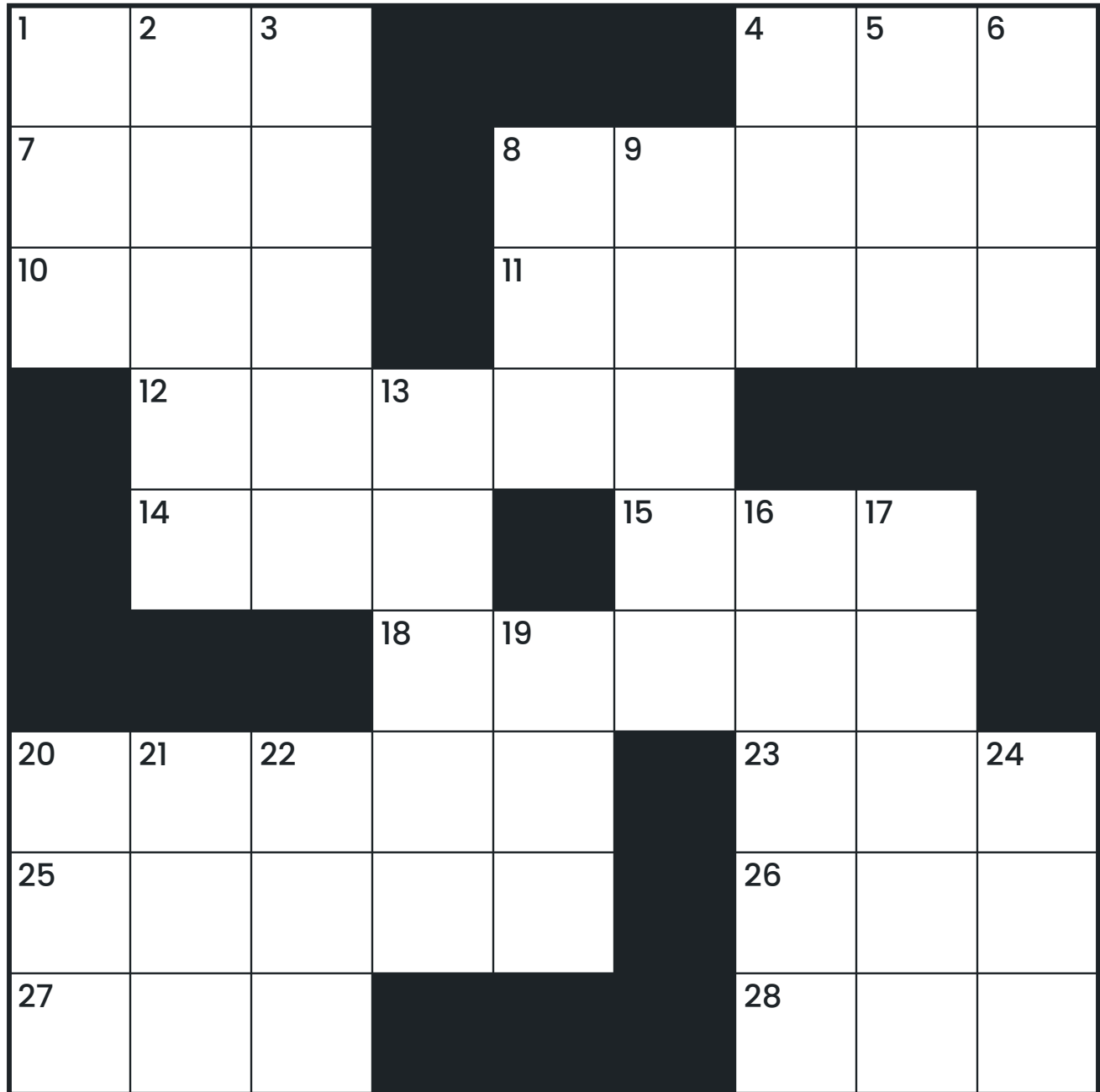
- 1** In favor of
- 4** Space between two things
- 7** Very small
- 8** A few
- 9** Not sure
- 11** Honey maker
- 12** Grip
- 13** Pointed end
- 14** Not thick
- 16** Health resort
- 19** Step up the ladder at work
- 21** Comfort; no difficulty
- 22** Just; merely
- 23** Fitting; suitable
- 24** Self-esteem

DOWN

- 1** Very good; okay
- 2** One time
- 3** Bread grain
- 4** Aim; target
- 5** In the middle of
- 6** Ballpoint, for one
- 7** Bath vessel
- 8** Halt
- 10** Big animal with a horn on its nose
- 13** What a clock shows
- 14** Catch, like a mouse
- 15** Person who throws the party
- 16** Make music with your voice
- 17** Game played on horseback
- 18** Is there ___ cake left?
- 19** Green pod vegetable
- 20** One of ten on your feet

Crossword 11

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Crossword 11

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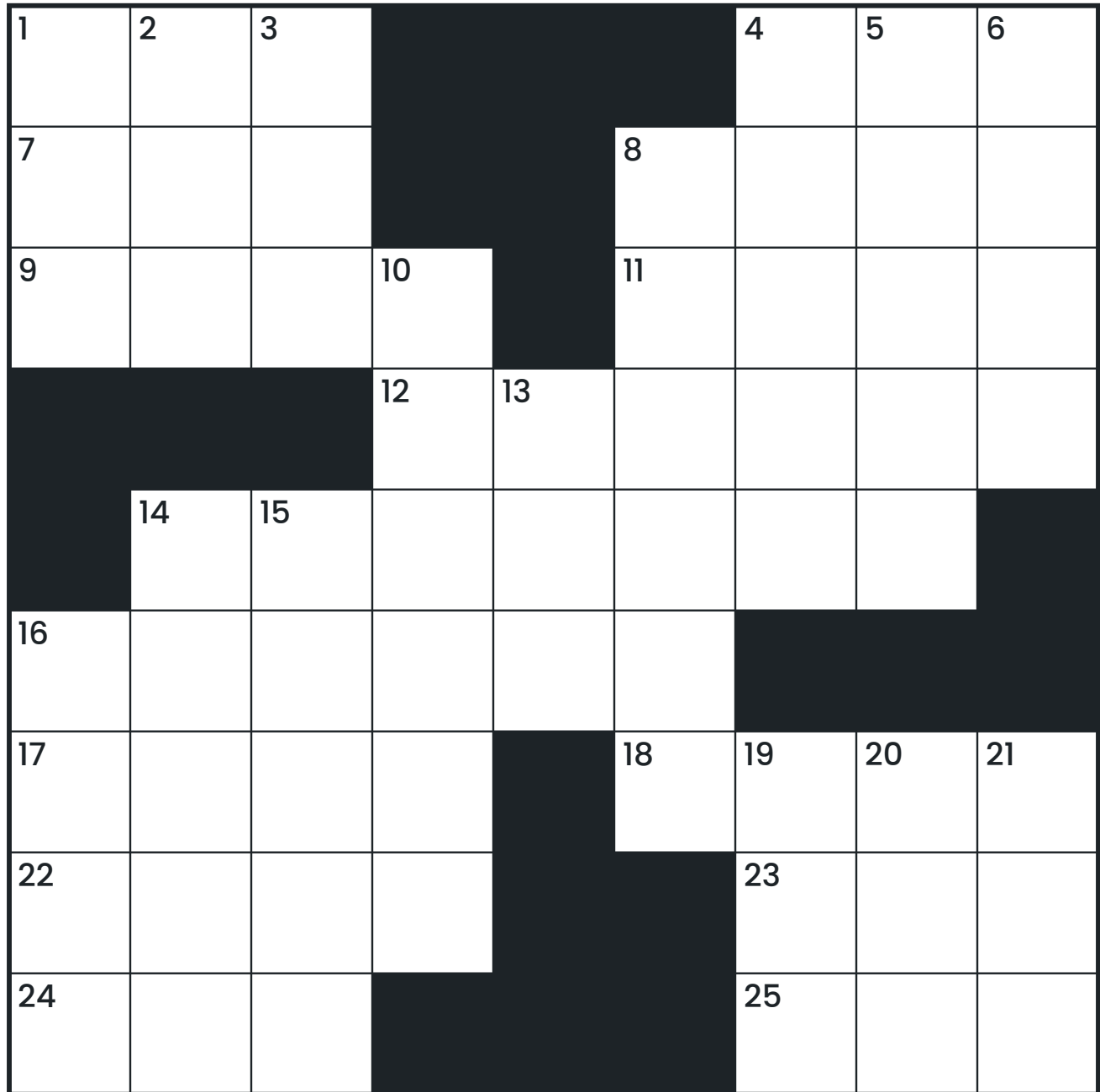
- 1** In favor of
- 4** Science room, for short
- 7** Tool for chopping wood
- 8** Knowing; alert
- 10** Tear, as paper
- 11** "Cat" and "hat," for example
- 12** Waltz or foxtrot
- 14** Body part you see with
- 15** Period of time in history
- 18** Good, like a ticket or a reason
- 20** Strong metal for bridges
- 23** Solemn promise
- 25** Gem found in an oyster
- 26** "We ___ here"
- 27** Picnic insect
- 28** Allow

DOWN

- 1** A long way
- 2** Rust is one
- 3** Return, as a loan
- 4** Put down
- 5** Upper limb
- 6** Insect that buzzes
- 8** Rainbow shape
- 9** Car or bicycle part
- 13** Not ever
- 16** Opponent in a contest
- 17** Love deeply
- 19** The whole lot
- 20** Place for a relaxing soak
- 21** Number of fingers on both hands
- 22** Have a meal
- 24** Damp

Crossword 12

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Crossword 12

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- 1** “___ a moment too soon”
- 4** Not many
- 7** Age or period, like the jazz

- 8** Otherwise
- 9** Headed off; left
- 11** Untidy state
- 12** Do again
- 14** Force that makes apples fall
- 16** Person behind the wheel
- 17** Great anger
- 18** Level; smooth
- 22** Very wicked
- 23** In the past
- 24** Got married
- 25** Pull a broken-down car

DOWN

- 1** Fresh; just bought
- 2** Rock from a mine
- 3** Sun-browned color
- 4** Group of ships
- 5** Short school composition
- 6** Direction of the sunset
- 8** Large realm ruled by one person
- 10** Go on a journey
- 13** Evening, in old poems
- 14** Serious
- 15** Stiff; not bending
- 16** Made a picture with a pencil
- 19** Big tub for liquids
- 20** Sense of self
- 21** At this moment

Answers

Crossword 1

	1	2	3		4	5	6
	F	O	R		T	E	A
7	P	I	V	O	8		9
					H	A	T
10	E	L	A	B	O	R	A
					T	E	
12	A	L	L		13	N	O
					T		
			14	D	I	D	
		15	F	O	G		16
						S	I
						R	
19	20	S	P	A	G	H	21
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						T	I
22	E	A	R		23	T	R
						I	E
						D	
24	E	Y	E		25	A	R
						M	

Crossword 2

1	2	3			4	5	6	
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7	C	U	E		8	C	O	9
					C	O	C	A
10	T	R	A	D	I	T	I	O
					N			
		12	E	D	I	T		13
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						G		
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Crossword 3

1	2	3			4	5	6
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7	O	N	E		8	9	
					S	N	E
10	D	I	M		11	K	I
						T	T
						Y	
	12	O	P	T	13	I	C
	14	N	O	W		15	16
						H	O
						P	
				18	19	I	D
						E	A
						L	
20	21	22	P	E	A	C	E
							23
							S
25	E	A	T	E	N		26
							I
							C
27	A	R	E			28	S
							E
							T

Crossword 4

1	2	3			4	5	6
C	A	N			S	P	A
7	A	W	E		8	9	
					C	R	E
10	T	A	R		11	A	H
						E	A
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		14	T	E	A		15
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Answers

Crossword 5

1	A	2	L	3	L		4	H	5	A	6	D		
7	T	E	A				8	U	N	I	9	T	10	E
11	E	N	T	12	E	R	T	A	I	N				
		13	T	E	A	R			14	L	E	D		
				15	T	I	P							
17	S	18	U	19	M		20	C	E	21	L	22	L	
23	I	S	O	24	L	A	T	I	O	N		25		
26	R	E	S	I	N			27	E	V	E			
			28	S	E	E			29	D	E	W		

Crossword 6

		1	F	2	O	3	R				4	N	5	O	6	D
7	P	A	P	A						8	A	R	E			
9	I	T	E	M					10	C	R	E	W			
11	T	A	R			12	F	A	R							
		13	L	A	T	E	R	A	L							
				16	T	I	E			17	T	I	P			
19	J	20	O	I	N				21	F	I	V	E			
22	O	W	N						23	E	V	E	N			
24	B	E	G						25	W	E	D				

Crossword 7

1	G	2	R	3	A	4	M			5	F	6	O	7	R
8	R	O	L	E				9	L	I	N	E			
10	A	B	A	N	11	D	O	N	E	D					
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				14	O	A	K								
			15	S	U	M		16	V	17	O	18	W		
19	O	20	P	E	R	A	21	T	I	V	E				
22	L	E	N	S			23	U	S	E	R				
24	D	A	D				25	B	A	R	E				

Crossword 8

1	C	2	A	3	N		4	A	5	S	6	H				
7	A	R	E				8	M	O	I	9	S	10	T		
11	M	E	S	12	S	E	N	G	E	R						
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24	A	G	R	25	E	E	M	E	N	T						
26	R	E	I	G	N			27	A	T	E					
			28	N	O	T			29	T	O	P				

Answers

Crossword 9

	1	2	3		4	5	6
	A	R	E		P	A	L
7	B	R	O	8		9	A
							C
10	I	M	P	R	O	V	I
							N
12	D	Y	E		13	N	O
							N
			14	L	A	W	
	15	S	P	I	T		17
							P
20	C	O	O	P	E	21	R
							A
22	A	L	L		23	D	E
							P
24	T	O	E		25	D	A
							M

Crossword 10

	1	2	3		4	5	6
	F	O	R		G	A	P
7	T	I	N	Y		8	S
							O
9	U	N	C	E	10	R	T
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11	B	E	E		12	H	O
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21	E	A	S	E		22	O
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23	A	P	T			24	E
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Crossword 11

1	F	O	R		4	L	A	B
7	A	X	E		8	A	W	A
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10	R	I	P					
	12	D	A	N	13	C	E	
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27	A	N	T			28	L	E
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Crossword 12

1	N	O	T		4	F	E	W
7	E	R	A			8	E	L
								S
9	W	E	N	10	T	11	M	E
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				12	R	E	P	E
								A
		14	G	R	A	V	I	T
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