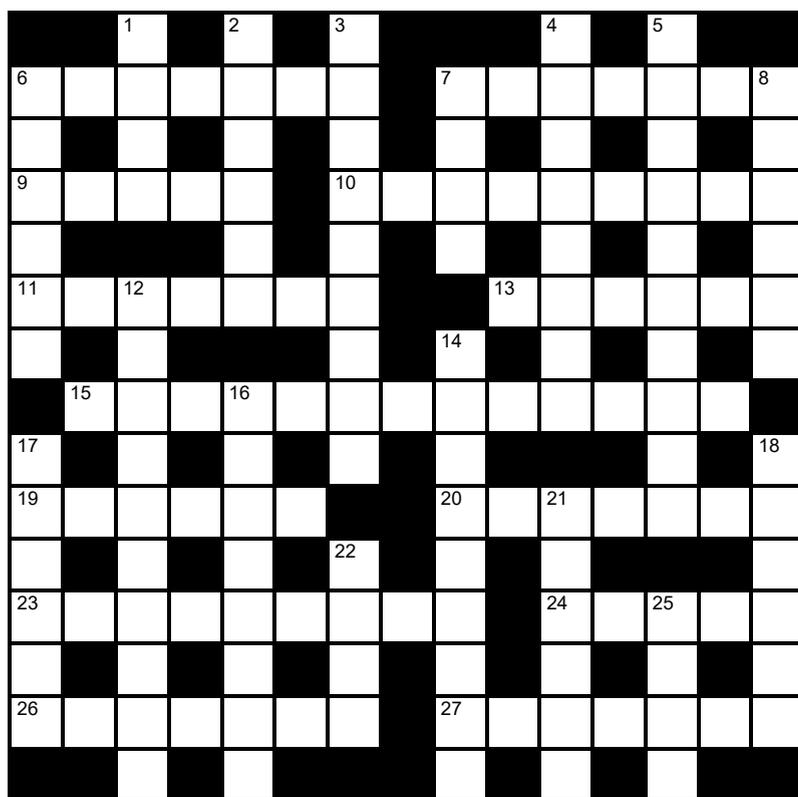


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15 across identifies a three-word thematic place. The expression is not in Chambers but is given as an example of its first word in ODE.



Across

- 6 To write mournful poem on the Spanish, for example, is emotional at first (7)
- 7 Be informed about the purple-flowered moorland plant (7)
- 9 Rough, mostly hard stony hill for starters (5)
- 10 Moved along a course principally twisted and tangled (9)
- 11 Furious refusnik, not ultimately one to slowly introduce something (7)
- 13 Dark and gloomy unspecified number going round Britain (6)
- 15 Beetle (it's said) with Wings celebrated this promontory (4,2,7)
- 19 Anger following old Department of Education and Science request (6)

- 20 Court house involved in reactionary relief with sentence finally cut for thief (7)
- 23 Brief time international organisation took originally active in southern land masses (9)
- 24 Heading off to chatter and gas (5)
- 26 Passage Franklin was searching for at compass point 315° (7)
- 27 25 downs' foremost of verdant passages (7)

Down

- 1 Marsh grass raised for grazing ruminant (4)
- 2 Dark hours, things seen with different polarity (6)
- 3 Richer person who gambles money away (6,3)
- 4 One who accepts

challenge, maybe, subsequently too upset to settle down (4,4)

- 5 Life force lady regularly brings into relief primarily with the brief process of parturition (10)
- 6 Concerning nations and French, Hungarian, Norwegian, Irish and Croat initially (6)
- 7 Have news of frisky hare (4)
- 8 Journeys around German hill ranges (6)
- 12 Straightforward price of passage involving our group of team players with no publicity (4-6)
- 14 Extending round America, I've put under Defence Intelligence very loudly (9)
- 16 Behold setter brought up courtesans! (8)

17 Peculiar fellow, one who is frequently left out (3,3)

- 18 Duke and gentleman turning up: lazy, idle people (6)
- 21 Exposed to risk, Light Infantry having sufficient strength (6)
- 22 Reportedly discovered the absence of thin fog (4)
- 25 Characters in panel game give rise to depression (4)