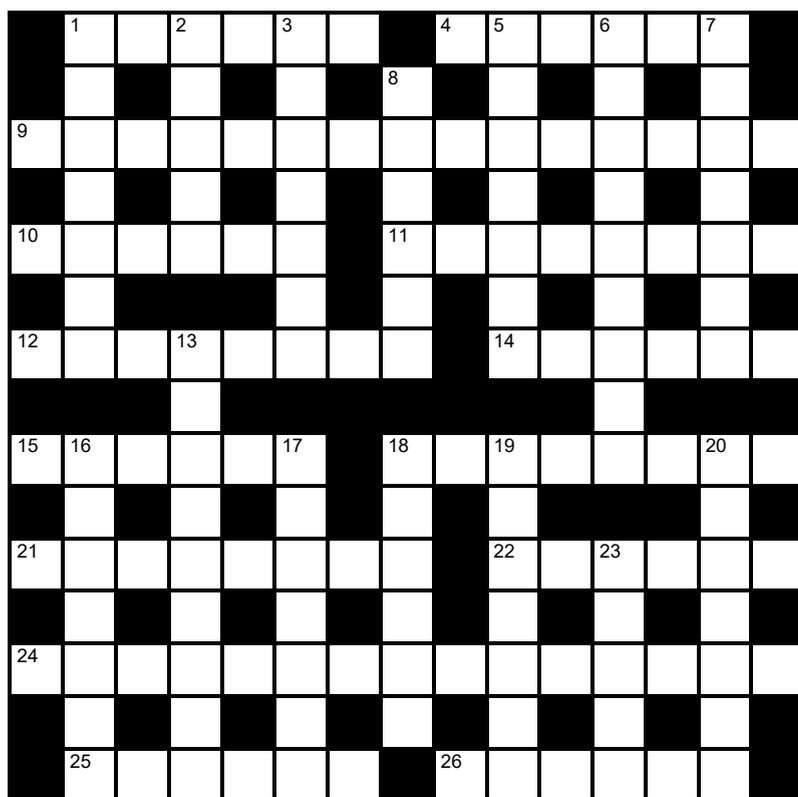


Alphabetical

Solve the clues and enter the answers in the grid. Each letter of the alphabet features at least once at the beginning of the grid entries



Across

- 1 Chinese vessel going east to west, bow very low (6)
- 4 It's French silk, having regularly useable lining (6)
- 9 In which drunken gent struggles with treble notes? (3,5,7)
- 10 A danger to bathers in Skopje? Tsk! Illegal! (3-3)
- 11 Having focussed on Australian turn, silly mid-on catches England opener (6,2)
- 12 Featured every now and again by Pascal: lute (early instrument) (8)

- 14 Ball player, although not a Union fan, makes sporting wager (6)
- 15 Tiny, tiny person penning letter to Plato (6)
- 18 Denying United can seduce match official (German) (8)
- 21 Rover's early sports utility vehicles? (8)
- 22 Spaniard forced taxi driver to dish dirt (6)
- 24 It impels doctor to cure Henry, patriotic old chap (11,4)
- 25 Went off to get ready to ride in The Oaks-missed the start (6)
- 26 Fitzgerald's hero, leaving America for Europe, just manages to survive (4,2)

Down

- 1 Lucky people who find help in Regent's Park? (7)
- 2 General Electric cut up about compensation (5)
- 3 Formerly punctual service finally pulled in (3-4)
- 5 The specialist field of original gooly treatment? (7)
- 6 Pat on head for naming tree (9)
- 7 Shirt-cum-tunic hem is embroidered, partly lined (7)
- 8 Well-dressed Poles have a yen to snatch forty winks (6)
- 13 Rocket starter Mike refused to eat in Bel Air apartment (6,3)
- 16 WWII Major stripped off for battle (3,4)
- 17 Canal dredging might help to ease this (7)
- 18 Scamp cut fringes off women's underwear range (6)
- 19 To get natural light, switch web browser components (7)
- 20 Gas lighting up "Go" sign? Quite the opposite! (2,5)
- 23 6-0! Leeds wingers: "take a bow for them" (5)