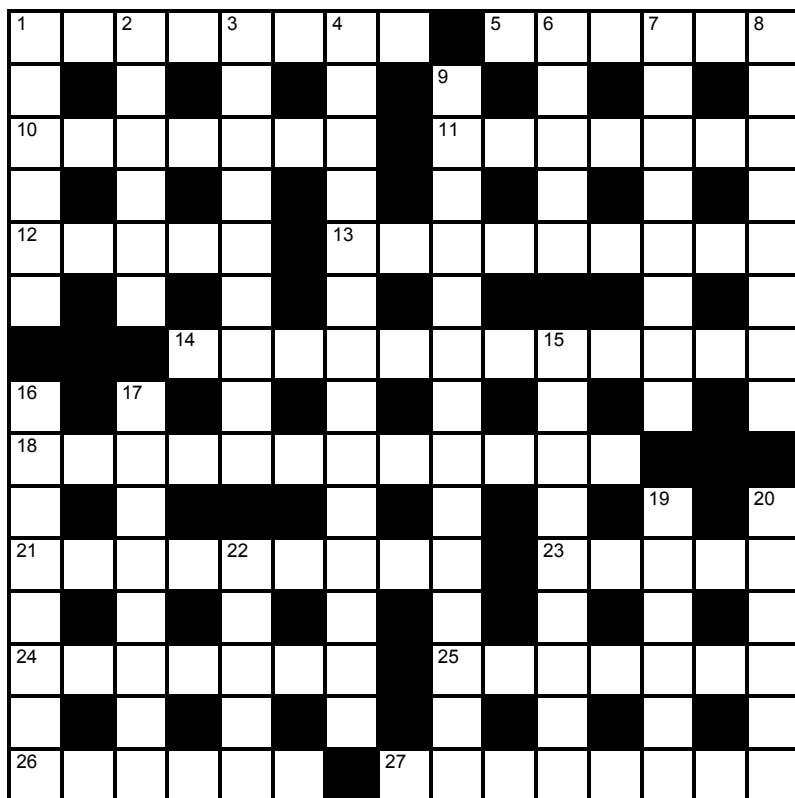


Partners

one of 2 side by side grids

Five pairs of clues (always one from each grid) have been exchanged. Each paired solution must be placed somewhere in the opposing grid. Most exchanged solutions have six letters, any variations in enumeration are shown in *brackets. Each pair of solutions are related to each other in some way. But beware, the ten 'exchange' solutions can also be written in a string (alternating between grids) in which all neighbours are related, thus solution 1 relates to solution 2, but solution 2 relates to both 1 & 3 and so on. You might need Exodus or Uriah Heep to understand 2 & 3.



Across

1 One of fifty, it's used on clothes horse. (4-4)

5 Start and end of dart thrown behind dog's mess? (6)

10 Pardon swearing, commonly interrupted. (4,3)

11 Gives evidence in examinations. (7)

12 Specialist in mnemonic heraldry. (5)

13 Boreal man returning on the railway. (9)

14 Easy meat, nothing between canteen shifts. (7,5)

18 Little prince on blower, nearly fond of music. (12)

21 Non-aligned and back to front, relief, expressed in boat. (4-5)

23 Motivator in policeman's job cut? (5)

24 Like a learner's signal, maybe. (7)

25 Leon's butchery in cold land meeting sky, nearly. (7)

26 Could be dead recent changes. (6)

27 It's taken from 24 first, for free spending. (8)

Down

1 Electronic flower put on bonnet sometimes. (6)

2 They can be broken when set and vice-versa. * (enumeration should be 7) (6)

3 Atlas, like this, search in the ocean. (9)

4 Fatten Berliner up for prodigious embarrassment. (6,8)

6 Unwelcome Hitachi crash is hard at first. (5)

7 Tutor in skin structure. (8)

8 Shy little sister is becoming unsuitably feminine. (8)

9 Serviceman? Crew

organised to include downright smelly one. (7,7)

15 Deal with meaning found at low tide? (9)

16 War and Peace on iPod, with a tiny edit, as Dickens was published? (8)

17 Mercenary could be hung over a communist. (5,3)

19 Closing bell heard after measurement. (6)

20 Start of month or years in school? (6)

22 Dressing in offensive dressing room. * (enumeration should be 6) (5)