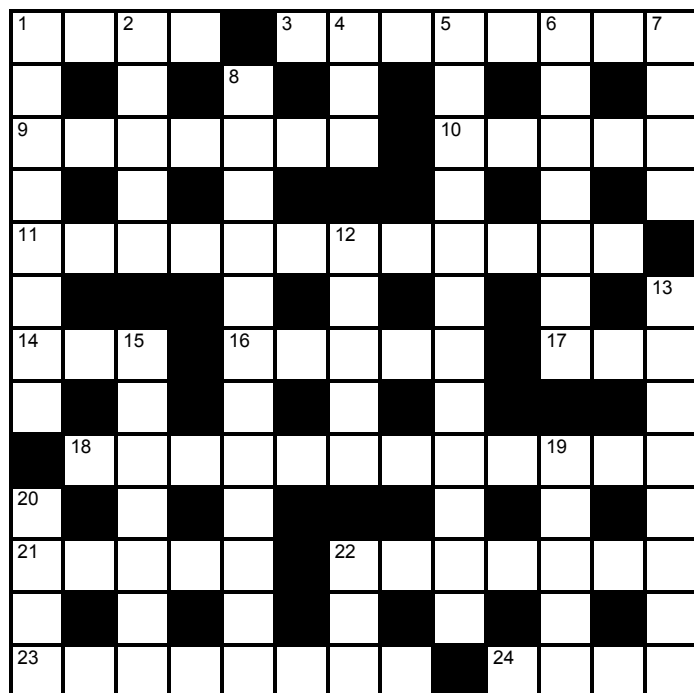


## Aha!

The across clues have a feature in common.



### Across

- 1 Small cake leavened with yeast (4)
- 3 Colloidal extract of algae; used especially in culture media and as a gelling agent in foods (4-4)
- 9 In a tedious manner (7)
- 10 Cocaine (5)
- 11 Tiresome, persistent or meaningless chatter (4,4,4)
- 14 With the addition of (3)
- 16 Snares (5)
- 17 Farm in southern France (3)
- 18 Pink paste made from fish roe and used as a dip for food (12)
- 21 Unit of measurement for the proportion of gold in an alloy (5)
- 22 Festival commemorating the announcement of the Incarnation by the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary; a quarter day in England, Wales, and Ireland (4,3)

### Down

- 1 United States songwriter noted for his protest songs (3,5)
- 2 Took out the fillets (5)
- 4 Bright and pleasant (3)
- 5 Rugged offshore places in Australia (5,7)
- 6 Old lady (7)
- 7 Dissolute man of fashion (4)
- 8 Practice fencing (4,2,6)
- 12 Theatrical entertainment (5)
- 13 All who (2,4,2)
- 15 Drawing showing the relation between the parts (7)
- 19 Yellow-fever mosquitos (5)
- 20 Singing jazz; the singer substitutes nonsense syllables for the words of the song and tries to sound like a musical instrument (4)
- 22 Resinlike substance (3)

- 23** Medium-sized larch of Canada and northern United States including Alaska having a broad conic crown and rust-brown scaly bark (8)
- 24** Snakes of southern Europe; similar to but smaller than the adder (4)