



Across

- 7 A constellation in the Milky Way near Cygnus; contains the star Altair (6)
- 8 Dry red table wine from a region of northern Spain (6)
- 9 A landlocked republic in northwestern Africa; achieved independence from France in 1960; a centre of West African civilization for more than 4,000 years (4)
- 10 Arranged like rays or radii; radiating from a common centre (8)
- 11 The brightest star in the sky; in Canis Major (3,4)
- 13 A person who is voluntarily absent from home or country (5)
- 15 Irish poet and playwright whose plays are based on rural Irish life (1871-1909) (5)
- 17 Carping and unjust criticism (7)
- 20 The currency of the former East Germany (8)
- 21 A member of an Algonquian people living in central Canada (4)
- 23 A woman chaperone (6)

Down

- 1 A shade of blue tinged with green (4)
- 2 See 11 across (6)
- 3 A planet (usually Venus) seen just before sunrise in the eastern sky (7)
- 4 A small zodiacal constellation in the northern hemisphere; between Pisces and Taurus (5)
- 5 The brightest star in Gemini; close to Castor (6)
- 6 Imaginary people who live on Earth's neighbour (8)
- 12 Famous mythical Greek hero; his return to Ithaca after the siege of Troy was described by Homer (8)
- 14 An island in the Mediterranean; with adjacent islets it constitutes a region of France (7)
- 16 A zodiacal constellation in the northern hemisphere between Taurus and Cancer on the ecliptic (6)
- 18 A genus of hunting spiders including the true tarantula (6)
- 19 A person born under 4 down (5)

24 A multiple star with 6 components;
second brightest in Gemini; close to
Pollux (6)

22 God of love; son of Aphrodite; identified
with Roman Cupid (4)