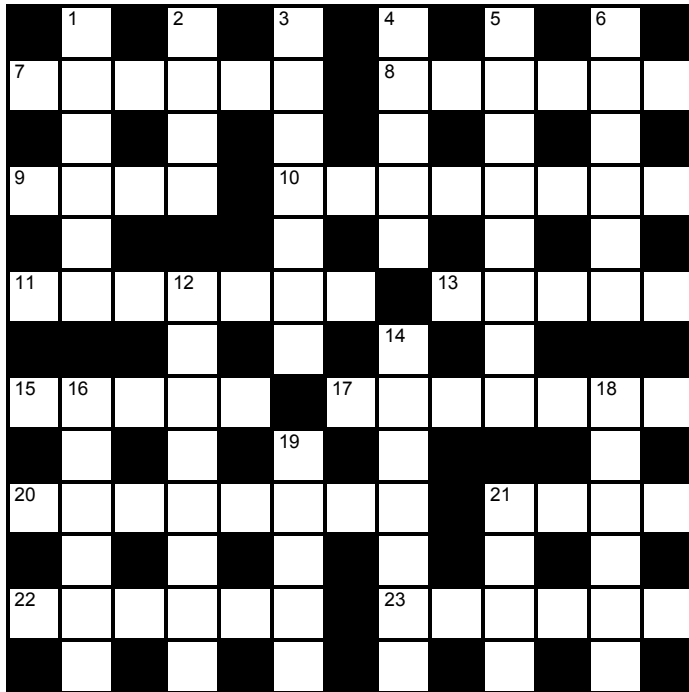


Reduce

Ten solutions contain the same short word (at the beginning, in the body or at the end of the word) which is present in the definition part of the clue but not included in the wordplay.



Across

- 7 Country with gold horse-drawn carriage (6)
- 8 About to greet with hollow sounds a company or partnership (6)
- 9 Special tail (4)
- 10 Refined citrine absorbing energy becoming yellowish (8)
- 11 Young pigs coming back, run with short rapid steps (7)
- 13 Absolute ecstasy strongly felt (5)
- 15 Garment of eccentric hermits (not me) (5)
- 17 Person of specified character embracing a champion in a familiar routine (7)
- 20 Credit mapmakers with special short way from one point to another (8)
- 21 Clever European (4)
- 22 Permit chop (6)
- 23 Scottish dowry to praise noisily but lacking a hint of enthusiasm (6)

Down

- 1 Containing lime, carbon, aluminium and iodine in cubic centimetres (6)
- 2 English verse to prepare for publication (4)
- 3 Dead skin and stick of frozen water with bits missing from the top (7)
- 4 Northern form of English producing terrible costs (5)
- 5 Fast ways in knee-length gear (8)
- 6 Italian noblewoman with time is an idler (6)
- 12 An old world songbird to strangle when time is taken for a bit of song (8)
- 14 Fabric a curtailed sea monster swallowed (7)
- 16 In purdah, ill-treated, not having enough money to pay for necessities (4-2)
- 18 Sailing vessel initially taking eastern routes (6)
- 19 Oblong shields in South Africa (5)

21 Chanel's tree? (4)