



Across

- 1 Busy port and financial centre in northern Belgium on the Scheldt river; it has long been a centre for the diamond industry and the first stock exchange was opened there in 1460 (7)
- 5 Ballroom dance of Latin-American origin (5)
- 8 Largest planet and the 5th from the sun; has many satellites and is one of the brightest objects in the night sky (7)
- 9 1st letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
- 10 Husband of Bathsheba and a soldier who was sent to die in battle so that king David could marry his wife (5)
- 11 Egg-shaped terra cotta wind instrument with a mouthpiece and finger holes (7)
- 12 An obvious truth (6)
- 14 Ring-shaped pieces of pasta used especially in soups (6)
- 17 Son of Agamemnon and Clytemnestra; his sister Electra persuaded him to avenge Agamemnon's death by killing Clytemnestra and Aegisthus (7)
- 19 More humorously sarcastic or mocking (5)

Down

- 1 Former province of western France in the Loire valley (5)
- 2 Traditional theme, motif or literary convention (5)
- 3 Ambassadors (7)
- 4 Liqueur flavoured with anise (6)
- 5 Jewelled headdress worn by women on formal occasions (5)
- 6 Of or relating to a wedding (7)
- 7 Any of various short-tailed, long-haired S American monkeys of the genus *Cacajao*, related to the saki (7)
- 12 Russian revolutionary and Communist theorist who helped Lenin and built up the army; he was ousted from the Communist Party by Stalin and eventually assassinated in Mexico (7)
- 13 Duct through which urine is discharged in most mammals and which serves as the male genital duct (7)
- 15 Planned urban community created in a rural or undeveloped area and designed to be self-sufficient with its own housing and education and commerce and recreation (3,4)

- 22** Formerly a term of respect for important white Europeans in colonial India; used after the name (5)
- 23** Black gallinule that inhabits ponds and lakes (7)
- 24** Any of various single-celled fungi that reproduce asexually by budding or division (5)
- 25** Dutch Post-impressionist painter noted for his use of colour (3,4)
- 16** United States writer (born in Russia) noted for his science fiction (6)
- 18** Autonomous region of the Peoples Republic of China; located in the Himalayas (5)
- 20** Person who is not very intelligent or interested in culture (5)
- 21** Farm consisting of a large tract of land along with facilities needed to raise livestock (especially cattle) (5)