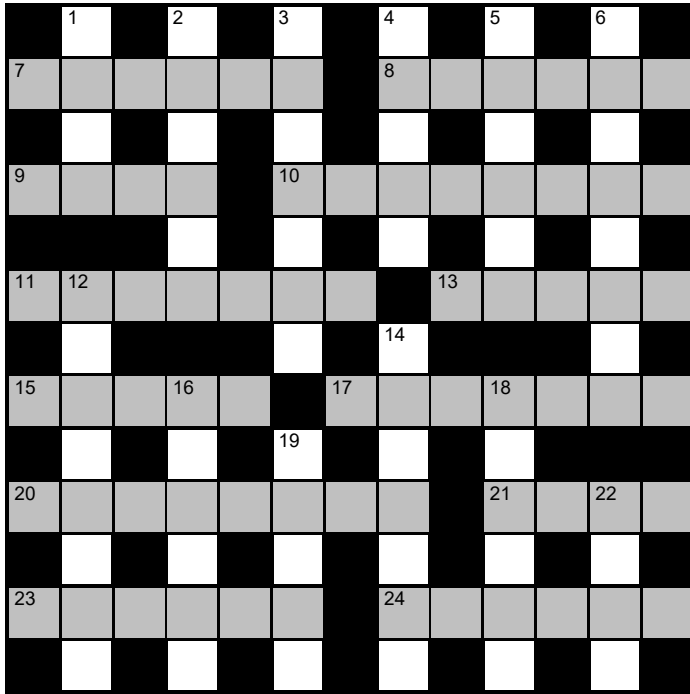


Poise by Chalicea

Solutions to all the across clues can be defined by the same word. They have only wordplay.



Across

- 7 Matter set forth at start of legal document (but not initially) (6)
- 8 Redesigned the car (6)
- 9 Obstacle to progress (4)
- 10 Kind of recreational but not extraordinarily neat (8)
- 11 Seven of these were said to be walled up in a cave at Ephesus (7)
- 13 Resentful (5)
- 15 Vehicle in island race (1-4)
- 17 Half-hearted place where shaggy carnivores used to fight (7)
- 20 Raw hicks frolicking (8)
- 21 Artist in the afternoon (4)
- 23 Sounds good looking (6)
- 24 Nice chair (6)

Down

- 1 Marsh grass turned over for ruminant mammal (4)
- 2 Celebrate the French unmarried person (6)
- 3 One involved in education is an awful cheater (7)
- 4 Line marking defined position of apple centres, back to front (5)
- 5 Stab one game stork (6)
- 6 Unusually silken as fur (8)
- 12 Complicated criminal law (no win included) connected with weeping (8)
- 14 Oil, top skimmed off, found in shattered wreck in Shetland's capital (7)
- 16 Dashing knight involved primarily in series of events happening in short space of time (6)
- 18 Speak again about blocks of dried bog, used as fuel (6)
- 19 Season, we're told, for aromatic plant (5)
- 22 Scattered peas in part of east end of church (4)