



**Across**

- 7 Tool supports language, at first covered (6)
- 9 Perhaps 30-50 making trouble, high after taking drug (3,5)
- 10 Former lover is playing hard! (8)
- 11 Wrongly assumes American couple have embraced Oxford English (6)
- 12 Investor has cowshed, we hear (5)
- 13 Land where killer was put to sleep? (3)
- 14 Observe sound of predator, even after it's beheaded! (4)
- 15 Do this before fixing European tax disc, which was sent back (7)

- 17 Pukes up violently, stabbing oneself in 21 19 (7)
- 20 No life here, river impeding rescue (4)
- 22 Companion to 18 featured on Don's cap for instance (3)
- 23 Staged terrible joke about tomato skin (3,2)
- 24 While on drugs, damages car (including wheel) while reversing (6)
- 26 Charlie's not here, having accepted value of possible route to isle (8)
- 27 Paid bets mistakenly converted (8)
- 28 As, for instance, one starts jail term, forfeiting right (6)

**Down**

- 1 Uncommitted British emigré, going around France and Luxembourg to start with (8)
- 2 From foreshore, you initially aim for high spot (6,4)
- 3 Exhibiting ceaseless chest pain while visiting Mercury? (7)
- 4 Confuse those who returned from Dunkirk, for parking in wet spot (8)
- 5 Tongue is ingredient in your dumplings (4)
- 6 Horse or 18? (6)
- 8 You're likely to be caught with this slippery customer - on snow (5)

- 14 Needle the nurse? In brief, just an idea (10)
- 16 Too much good verse? No good, surprisingly! (8)
- 18 Having smuggled fish in small boat, according to verbal testimony, you won't get a fair trial in this court (8)
- 19/25 Ultimate message outside: nice composition (7,4)
- 21 Oddly unable to perform more slowly before ceremony (6)
- 23 Choose to interrogate about money (5)
- 25 See 19