



Across

- 1 Cortes devastated the area (6)
- 4 Gap is complete, we hear (4)
- 7 Finished six deliveries (4)
- 8 The man composed a song (6)
- 9 Change gear in anger (4)
- 10 Soon to get a French veto (4)
- 12 Pit belonging to me (4)
- 14 Dog turned out to be supreme being (3)
- 16 Creature of romance (3)
- 17 Spots cane construction (4)

- 20 Note played has a certain quality (4)
- 23 Stumble on the journey (4)
- 24 Hear a silent order (6)
- 25 Recalled about visit (4)
- 26 Owing to student struggle (4)
- 27 Not at home at place of manufacture (6)

Down

- 1 Some insects are small and affectionate (5)
- 2 Appealing to reduce energy (4)
- 3 Old Italian-style manor (5)

- 4 The Romans' idol (4)
- 5 Colour of zero scope (6)
- 6 Journalist has soldiers to correct (5)
- 11 Gas that none used (4)
- 13 Land in terrible rain (4)
- 15 Tempt hospital department with diamonds (6)
- 16 Silent daughter was subdued (5)
- 18 Room only for an instrument (5)
- 19 Meant to develop as an artist (5)
- 21 Ring friend for a jewel (4)
- 22 Pause to order pots (4)