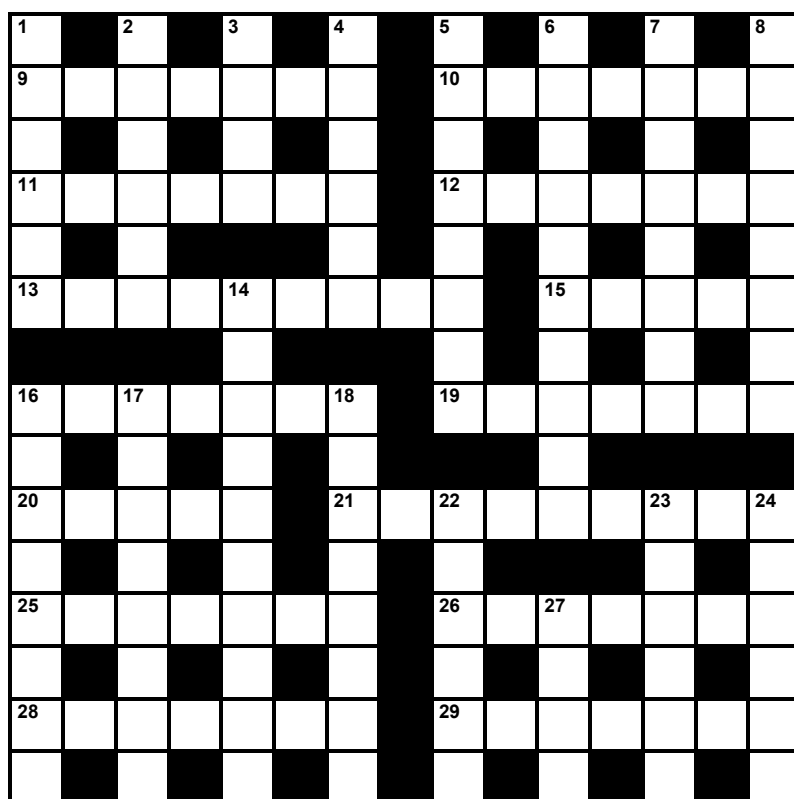


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Two lines in the grid describe what to put in the box, and a further line shows how to present it.



Across

- 9 Men look around and find US resort (7)
 10 Look back at dead boy with unknown grandmother? (3,4)
 11 Approaching child to be around later on? (7)
 12 Play this card first, then the last spade, in case the ace is needed (7)
 13 How to save faces a point agreed with the underworld (9)
 15 Fools seen in American quarter when old boy leaves (5)
 16 The wealthy act fast when in trouble (3,4)
 19 Partners drench protesters' leader in seconds (7)
 20 One to profit a second time (5)
 21 Eternal taboo broken by the first of seven angry neurologists (9)
 25 The worst-looking fruit is French (7)

- 26 Insect meeting terrible fate in drink (4,3)
 28 Eavesdrops on queen, eating a syrup sponge at first (7)
 29 Small glass vessel sufficient to contain old uranium (7)

Down

- 1 Wimp with very loud neckwear (6)
 2 British on their own - blocked by Germany, to be fair (6)
 3 Warm and cosy with arms aloft (4)
 4 Carried soft alternative to regular tweeds (6)
 5 School accountants finally permit small audio files to be downloaded (8)
 6 Heretical vow our last mistake (10)
 7 Cases where cabinet minister wears formal dress? Quite the opposite! (8)

- 8 During drowsy naps, essayist makes internal connections (8)
 14 In love with her, a distraught monkey might cover his ears to this (4,2,4)
 16 Highlights achievement sure to fail (8)
 17 External regulations underpinning Walter wrecked fishing boats (8)
 18 Opponents provided criterion extremely fast (8)
 22 Business supports poisoners (6)
 23 East End arrogance of pretentious director (6)
 24 Exchanged upside-down pictures of French duke (6)
 27 Observe online agent (4)