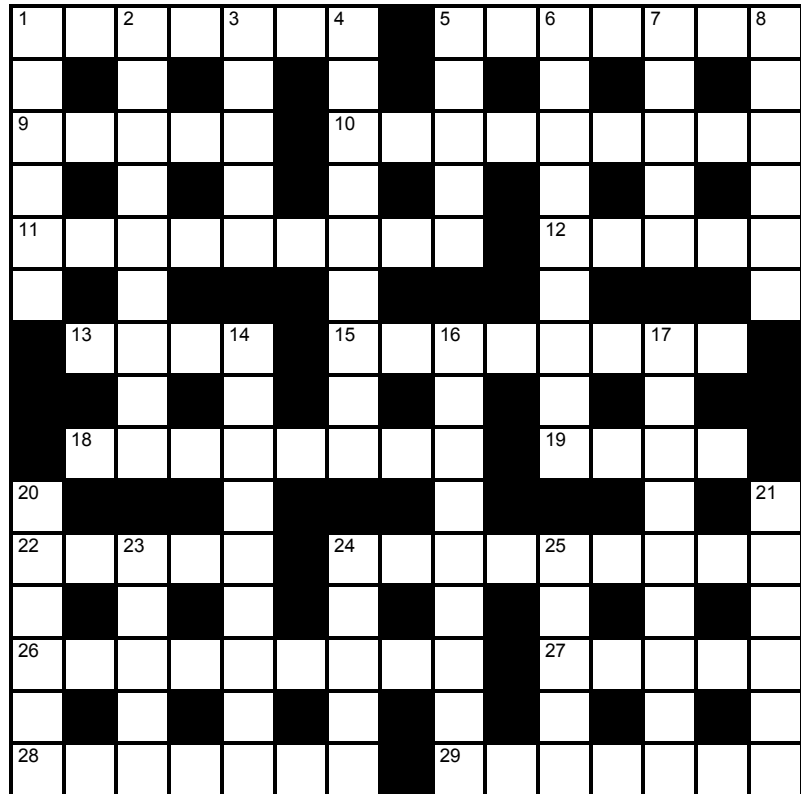


Seven across clues each lead to an answer that is too long and one letter must be omitted (always leaving a real word or words) before the answer is entered into the grid. Those seven letters, in the order they occur, spell a word that is related to one of the other answers in the puzzle. Provide both words to enter the competition.

Across

- 1 It's what close mates do and where, on getting caught (7)
- 5 Flings starter abandoned after Henry's buttock parts (7)
- 9 Congregate in North German ground (5)
- 10 Score given and race abandoned (9)
- 11 Was initially fit, Edward's dead (6,3)
- 12 Box containing English coin (5)
- 13 Dance from drag act originally moved later (4)
- 15 Retrieves from water, assuming fish twisted lines (8)
- 18 Terminal waiting area airport designed primarily for hotel (5,3)
- 19 Natural and necessary to produce asymmetry (4)
- 22 Quietly given spiritual guidance and medicine to get fit (5)
- 24 Storing up trouble, ignores tip (9)
- 26 Stop worrying about length, I got aroused (7,2)
- 27 Tempt it back



- from Berlin with Italian title (5)
- 28 Work to stop? Yes, when the public visits (4,3)
- 29 Remedy concerning lady doctor? (7)
- Down**
- 1 Yours truly pronounced cleverest, measured by this? (2,4)
- 2 8 or saw blue of bruising (4,1,4)
- 3 Big birdie? (5)
- 4 Follow and arrest choker (3,6)
- 5 Somebody who is to tackle (5)
- 6 Unexpected invoice at a time of learning (9)
- 7 Colour upset wife of William S (5)
- 8 Anger controlled after temperature dropped (3,3)
- 14 Saw at bottom of mountain climbing earlier (9)
- 16 Rag clothing showing up breasts with a hint of nipple above jug (9)
- 17 Abandoned idea, essentially not current custom (9)
- 20 Handsome young man given survey after having a ball (6)
- 21 Right to go at first, not right to return (6)
- 23 Fire one couldn't start (5)
- 24 Fluid, like a successful innings? (5)
- 25 Consume species abruptly leading to extinction (5)