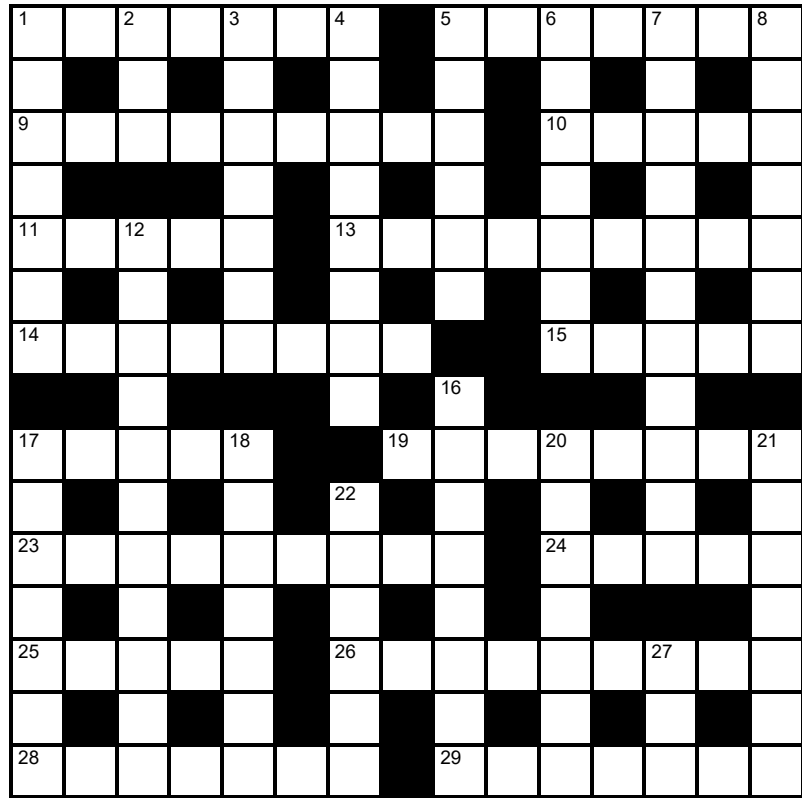


The question you are required to answer is contained, Nina-style, in two columns and one row (in that order).

**Across**

- 1 Field trip admiral reportedly considered *forever* (7)
- 5 Rural transport curtailed by sickness (7)
- 9 Cool about sides of square being sharply defined (9)
- 10 Remove opponents on time (5)
- 11 Does almost nothing like operating apparatus for shrunken heads (5)
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- 25 News agency has slightly interesting article about bees (5)
- 26 Detestable one not straight about his overtures re Russian leaders (9)
- 28 Mostly safe hang-out for dogs (7)
- 29 Middle Eastern clock goes back this way round (7)

**Down**

- 1 Accountant blocks everything from French mayor of Spanish town (7)
- 2 Boxer almost completely independent (3)

- 3 Went up with group put in a hollow (4-3)
- 4 More brightly coloured, the old large cow? (8)
- 5 Bird is one to move round (6)
- 6 Contemporaries of company's hard worker turning up (7)
- 7 Gifts provide foundation for league's international debts (11)
- 8 Purify inclinations in church (7)
- 12 I ran 4G 27 out making a collection (11)

- 16 Bar in Casablanca owns bike taxis (8)
- 17 Old man keeps nitwit busy with sauce (7)
- 18 Things to be got rid of advance through being almost late (7)
- 20 Saying pie mix needs particular sort of flour (7)
- 21 Get nice contraption as part of inheritance (7)
- 22 Perhaps leaves boy in army unit (6)
- 27 Have essentially cheated (3)