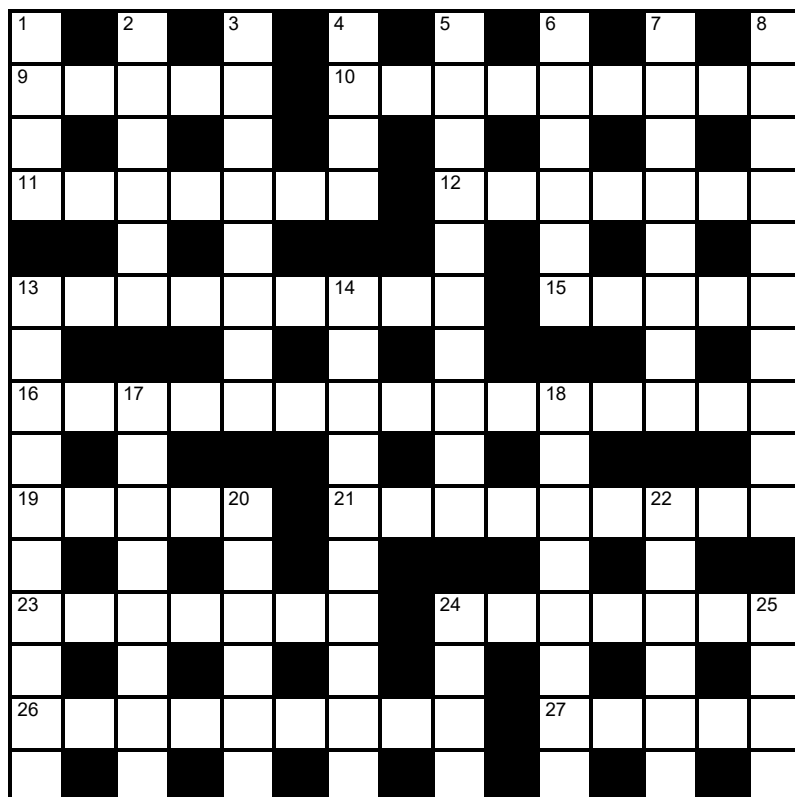


In the completed grid, the cells along the top and bottom rows will contain the jumbled letters of the first five words (3,3,6,2,2) of a six-word expression. The sixth word is one of the answers. A clue to the entire expression may be found in one of the diagonals (13 letters).

Solvers should provide the six-word expression to enter the competition.



Across

- 9 Depot at end of the strip (5)
- 10 Head surgeon hides worker outside theatre (9)
- 11 Mother touring Latin American state (7)
- 12 Veto takes over year to satisfy one abroad (7)
- 13 Fashionable guy returns ladies' dresses (9)
- 15 Illustration showing Penny after bedtime? (5)
- 16 Translate: "un gluant à la gare" (possibly French) (7,8)
- 19 Souvenir of priest entering church? (5)

- 21 Without shrinking volts and amps, supply drops power (9)
- 23 In Cadillac? I don't recall getting from point to point (7)
- 24 Inches from rear, separated boy from girl guides (7)
- 26 Ground of Western area of England (3,6)
- 27 Blinking fishy? (5)

Down

- 1 What's taught in Grammar class? (4)
- 2 Russell's picture showing lady's entrance into foreign harem (6)

- 3 With more enthusiasm he's less Philistine (8)
- 4 Written about stuff in Platonic letters (4)
- 5 Bouncer sent in building before dance (6,4)
- 6 Seal performing in a pool, finally ended (4,2)
- 7 Restricted restraint if adaptable, provides resistance (8)
- 8 Poem old Americans say in cathedral (5,5)
- 13 Workers rebuilt inner gallery originally in decay (10)
- 14 Stroke holly leaf, very prickly! (4,6)

- 17 Be patronising to instruct pilot (4,4)
- 18 Fine wine and piano gets workers in voice (5,3)
- 20 Gaga and one fostered by singer (6)
- 22 Day before party, rings unknown DJ (6)
- 24 One's not mad, but crazy about... (4)
- 25 Spot first one to go, yet last to leave (4)