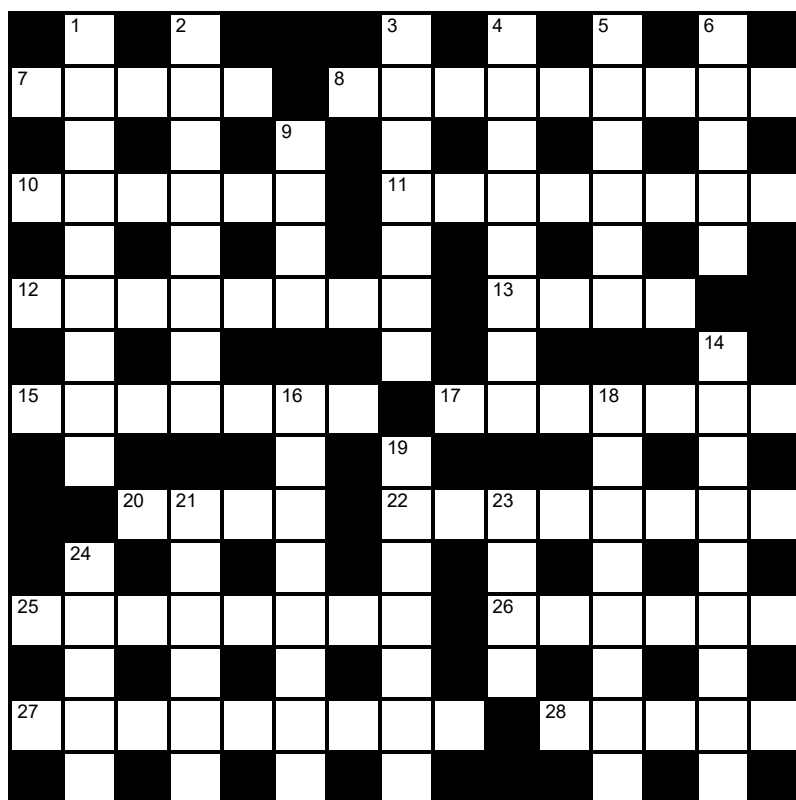


Ten solutions share a connection but which one lacks the X-Factor?



Across

- 7 Publicity about amateur interior designers (5)
- 8 Grouch hit out in trial venue (4,5)
- 10 Singer Matt beginning to entertain American actress (6)
- 11 Briefly go into prison with crack (8)
- 12 Intelligent public leader goes after republican (8)
- 13 Crossing coming back in hydrofoil (4)
- 15 Shelves holding reading books (7)
- 17 Harangue one

- with passionate desire to pursue bachelor (7)
- 20 Plant with cylindrical sleeve (4)
- 22 Red flag I waved for cat (8)
- 25 Short talk with everyone about fellow's humiliating blunder (8)
- 26 One leaves jeweller for drayman (6)
- 27 Interns take in Zulu warriors facing natives (9)
- 28 Accept award (5)

Down

- 1 Recommends a daughter leaves with nothing for leading American (9)
- 2 England's coming together and coming out (8)
- 3 See a US car maker (7)
- 4 Children left university unemployed returning happy (8)
- 5 Postpone Liberal Democrat going to dam (6)
- 6 Car sold in 1966 bearing riff-raff (5)
- 9 Maybe Andrew buries seed (4)
- 14 Kind lawmen let off (4-5)
- 16 Get ready on late running transport (8)
- 18 Prison heartlessly fosters scaremongers (8)
- 19 Enduring drug found in silver pine (3-4)
- 21 At university go for revival (6)
- 23 Support torture (4)
- 24 Blast children's TV programme lacking fashion (5)