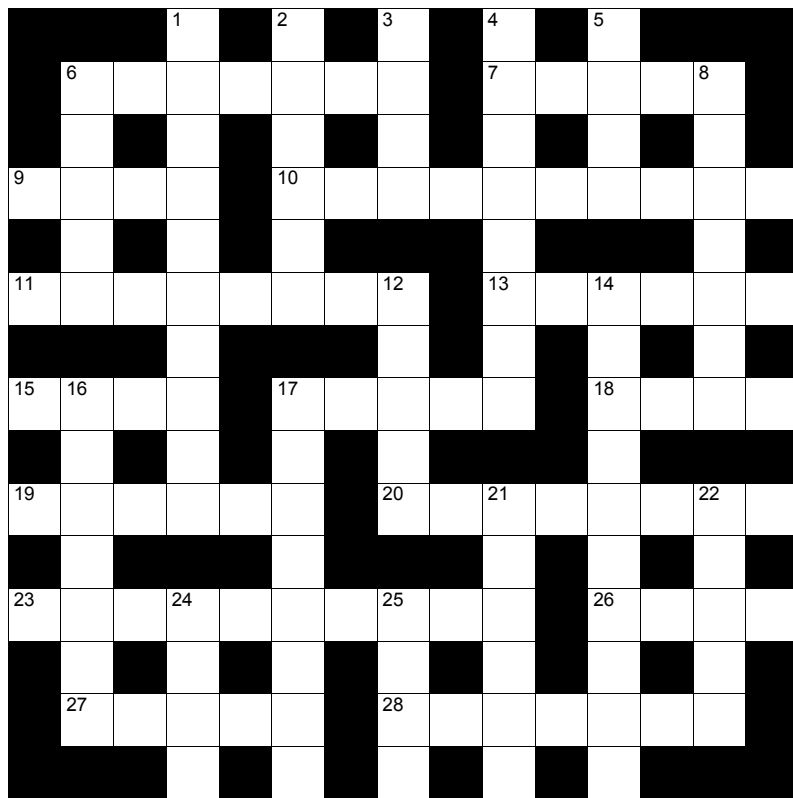


Birds of a Feather

How many themed answers can you find in the grid, as hinted at by the title?



Across

- 6 Trust worker to conceal vile cavorting (7)
- 7 Delight in daily mass (5)
- 9 Boat's a good way back at rear of fleet (4)
- 10 Elevation of English taxation corrupted grasping left (10)
- 11 Reminders hospital department concealed in notes (8)
- 13 A northerly wind delivers foreign aid (2,4)
- 15 Weary Ninja, defeated in part (4)
- 17 Swap ram's head for lamb's in gore stew (5)

- 18 Fume old cloth with last of cyanide (4)
- 19 Social climber returning to first class Japanese art form (6)
- 20 Sit tired, dishevelled and most grimy (8)
- 23 Peacekeeper roughly skinned serpent's head, showing lack of compassion (10)
- 26 Short time at castle boundary (4)
- 27 Gutless knave featuring in evil yarn (5)
- 28 Soldier bound by endless responsibility goes AWOL (7)

Down

- 1 Happiness surrounds the North East in show of endless cheer (10)
- 2 Lie in empty crate, bound up outside (6)
- 3 Greek zulu? (4)
- 4 Good man assuming care of league and country (8)
- 5 Pet keeping son company (4)
- 6 Reinforce undergarment with concrete edging (5)
- 8 Mounted horseman clasps popular source of stability (7)
- 12 Small, heartless vixen (5)
- 14 Corrupt liar replacing last of

- money in reward for congress (10)
- 16 Marks new leader of unruly nations (7)
- 17 Essentially conflicted over diamonds one gets in bribe for construction (8)
- 21 Blue Iris queen holds (6)
- 22 Diverts road in sections (5)
- 24 Object one encountered coming up (4)
- 25 Pigs regularly seen in regattas (4)