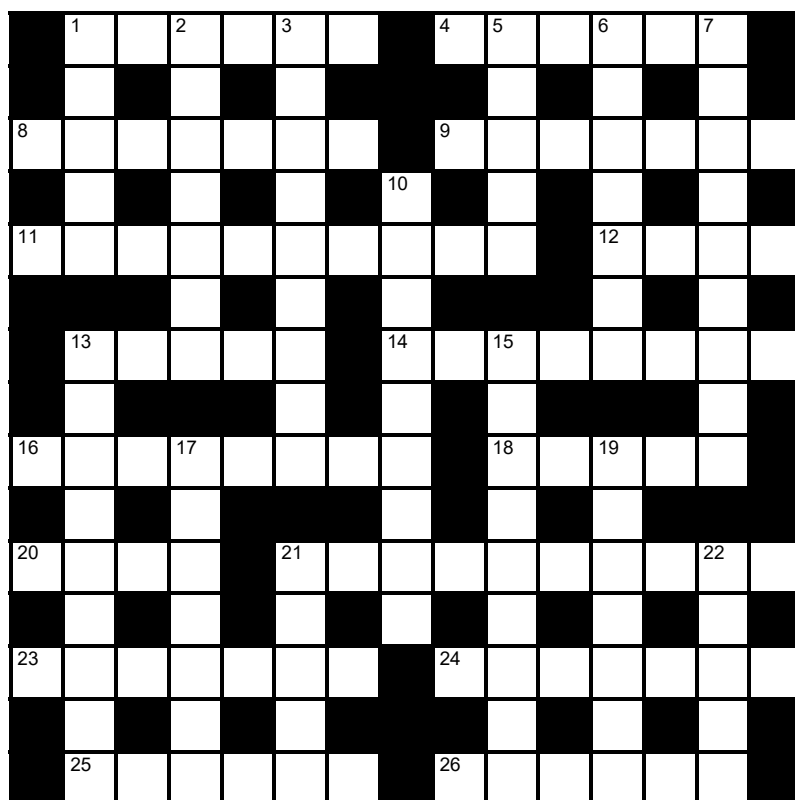


## A Crossword by Madcap

### Across

- 1 How to score with a kiss on the table? (6)
- 4 I overdoes, needing counter-agent first time (6)
- 8 Circuitous verbosity avoided so this? (7)
- 9 Yard workers' money? (7)
- 11 Madcaps! The French overrun by bedbugs (10)
- 12 Cries of help signalled when British captured (4)
- 13 Father takes on Tesla in van (5)
- 14 Subject of story: male escaping from treasure island (8)
- 16 American soldier, by breaking barrier, makes GB (8)



- 18 Woman from Berlin, Germany, is an imposter (5)
- 20 City house is reproduction, we hear (4)
- 21 Town infamous for its charge set primarily for top gear (10)
- 23 Where we hear pop artist loses head in drugs (3-4)
- 24 Discover fellow independent's exposed (4,3)
- 25 Heaved in loo by the sound of it (6)
- 26 Exercise freak without a thing to eat (6)

### Down

- 1 Turn against stopping treatment (5)
- 2 Book to see old matinee idol (7)
- 3 Might myope trot off for this? (9)
- 5 Islands where nearly all oyster is cooked (5)
- 6 No progress here as setter's old-fashioned (7)
- 7 Trade 80% up meeting committee's target (9)
- 10 Unnaturally inclined to be taken in by cunning (9)
- 13 Spacious pad having sheets turned over - seductres welcoming new chap (4,5)
- 15 Swear two thirds of objective is successful (9)
- 17 An alternative to her? (7)
- 19 Old film star in pantomime favourite! (7)
- 21 Elbow's ballad originally moved to Number One in under ... (5)
- 22 ... a day last month - that's obscene (5)