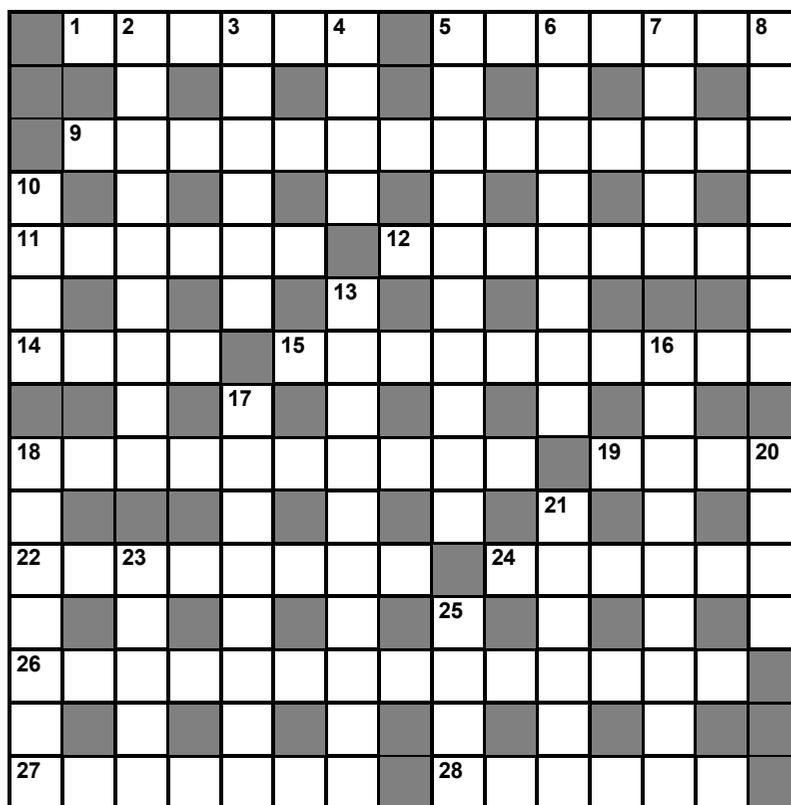


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- 1 Rust found in a vehicle could be an attractive thing (6)
- 5 Green activists, say, posted in supplementary information? (7)
- 9 Reformed prisoner came to like people (14)
- 11 Asian dish, reportedly, is snake (6)
- 12 Italian male that is checking sections of road (8)
- 14 Principal, one accepted by staff (4)
- 15 I established payment system in chains for powerful people (10)
- 18 Cheat's robbery plot (10)
- 19 Metal ring ultimately made long ago (4)
- 22 A drug helping oxygenation of the blood by respiration (8)
- 24 Submit to greatly impress boxer, for instance (3-3)
- 26 Group retrieved in rescue bid is wrongly associated with terrorists (7,7)
- 27 Promising person's narrow projection accepted by public relations (7)
- 28 Land-based game bird is very good in Australia (6)

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- 2 Ending fired up one in a benefit (9)
- 3 Snake in the grass and brown cane (6)
- 4 Measure load in semi-trailer making a return journey (4)
- 5 Timely preparation for study should be maintained in weakness (10)
- 6 Tape badly exposed stylish American political group (3,5)
- 7 "E" letter in Scrabble, flipped over, may be selected (5)
- 8 Organisations, say, not keeping a plant's main supports (7)
- 10 Point 4 needing a rewrite? (4)
- 13 Old driver is a riot with good spirits about (10)
- 16 Bugs crawling around on rolled scrap metal factory (9)
- 17 Cannabis used in police operation is leaving marks (8)
- 18 Gets friendly with bowlers, say, taking part in sporting contest (5,2)
- 20 Blue feathers (4)
- 21 Two publications missing endings? What a blunder (3-3)
- 23 Upgrade is put into mounted sensitive equipment (5)
- 25 Gear carried by dweeb on grass? (4)