

The Stickler Weekly 258 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 CATAPULT	Sling a listening device secured by religious group (8)	(A + TAP) inside CULT
5 POSTS	Structural supports are removed from damaged seaports (5)	Anagram of SEAPORTS minus ARE
9 MANAGER	Feeding unit opened up by a supervisor (7)	MANGER outside A
10 WAGONER	Western driver, possibly, lost in combat (7)	GONE in WAR
11 LAYING	Putting down any girl out of line right away (6)	Anagram of ANY GIRL minus R
12 STEADIER	Pilot, taking notice, connected to one with stabilising influence (8)	STEER outside (AD + I)
13 POLICYHOLDERS	People covered slippery cargo area wearing Australian loafers (13)	(ICY + HOLD) inside POLERS
16 ENTERTAINMENT	Lodge and tent carrying broadcast of main leisure activity (13)	ENTER + (TENT outside anagram of MAIN)
20 EXORCISM	Ogre is playing a part in exam's release? (8)	EXAM with A = (ORC IS)
21 PRATER	One who talks a lot to class involved in public relations (6)	RATE in side PR
24 SPECULA	Capsule refitted with polished metal reflectors (7)	Anagram of CAPSULE
25 RAILING	A supporting barrier is trouble inside circus enclosure (7)	AIL inside RING
26 LIMIT	Check stock of local imitations (5)	localIMITations
27 CAUGHT ON	Criminal punched by a thug in a frenzy got wise (6,2)	CON outside anagram of A THUG

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 COMPLY	Go along with outlet free of complexity (6)	COMPLEXITY minus EXIT
2 TANGY	Bug turned up on side of sticky tart (5)	GNAT reversed + STICK(Y)
3 PAGINAL	Computer system, one opening up like a book (7)	(LAN + I + GAP) reversed
4 LARD	Part of regular diet is fat (4)	reguLAR Diet
5 PIGTAIL	Sort of plait covering one girl's head? (7)	Anagram of PLAIT outside [I + (G)IRL]
6 SENTIMENT	Feeling it, upstanding people should be used in broadcast (9)	[(IT reversed) + MEN) inside SENT
7 SURPRISE	Stable outside Paris not getting a start (8)	SURE outside (PARIS minus A)
8 SWITCH ON	Charming person embraced by child set off (6,2)	WITCH inside SON
13 PETROLEUM	Crude role in silent picture originally given backing (9)	ROLE inside [MUTE + (P)ICTURE] reversed
14 CLASS WAR	Troubled rascal, running around, saw heartless conflict caused by social division? (5,3)	Anagram of RASCAL outside S(a)W
15 REVERSAL	Odd bits of rust appearing in display switch (8)	(R)u(S)t inside REVEAL
17 RECRUIT	Take on fawn - it must be south of river (7)	(ECRU + IT) after R
18 EARNING	Scholarship with no upper limit is making money (7)	(L)EARNING
19 DRAGON	Large lizard is to continue slowly and tediously (6)	DRAG ON
22 TWIST	Pair nearly is on time to dance (5)	(TW)O + IS + T
23 ARIA	Distracted au pair not impressed with leading song (4)	Anagram of AU PAIR minus UP

