

| Across | Clue | Explanation |
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| 1 SCORED | Last lot of apples with seed sections removed should be <br> graded (6) | apple(S) + CORED |
| 5 PARODY | Take off financial reward for working around staff (6) | PAY outside ROD |
| 9 LUBRICANT | Reconvening of tribunal about counsel's opening should be <br> reducing friction (9) | Anagram of TRIBUNAL <br> outside C |
| 10 GO UP | Team losing right to get promoted (2,2) | GROUP minus R |
| 11 CASEMENT | Frame of a window, for instance, sealed with glue (8) | AS inside CEMENT |
| 12 DEARTH | Department's facing land shortage (6) | D + EARTH |
| 13 MOUSSE | Rodent biting edge of side dish (6) | MOUSE outside S |
| 14 RHEOSTAT | Variable resistor is hot in defective toaster (8) | H inside anagram of <br> TOASTER |
| 16 TALENTED | Brilliant story not abridged by editor (8) | TALE + NT + ED |
| 19 CRISIS | Emergency vehicle losing a passenger is used repeatedly (6) | CAR minus A + IS + IS |
| 21 FINIAL | Top decoration, one collected in major sporting event (6) | I (one) inside FINAL |
| 23 SLANTING | Computer system seized in undercover operation is not on the <br> level (8) | LAN inside STING |
| 24 ONCE | Active iodine extracted from ice in the past (4) | ON + (i)CE |
| 25 PAINTBALL | Missile used in war games ain't coated in lead completely (9) | AIN'T inside PB + ALL |
| 26 STOREY | Keep middle of kayak level (6) | STORE + Y |
| 27 DESIGN | Plan is backed by head of government in study (6) | SI + G inside DEN |


| Down | Clue | Explanation |
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| 2 <br> COLLABORATIONS | Company retrieved delivery addresses with teamwork (14) | CO + LLAB + ORATIONS |
| 3 RUBBERS | Many sets of tennis shoes? (7) | Double Def |
| 4 DRIVE BELT | Band's diameter printed on broken lever bit (5,4) | D + anagram of LEVER <br> BIT |
| 5 PLATTER | Outspoken hairdresser is a dish (7) | Homophone: PLAITER |
| 6 RATED | Had course, say, in middle of road, assessed (5) | ATE inside RD |
| 7 DOG-EARS | Finish wheelwork and place markers (3-4) | DO + GEARS |
| 8 AUSTRALIAN <br> FLAG | All guitar fans cracked up after introduction of a country <br> standard (10,4) | Anagram of ALL <br> GUITAR FANS after A |
| 15 ENCHANTED | Delighted singer finished early in finale (9) | CHANTE(r) inside END |
| 17 EVIDENT | Noticeable form of identification worn in competition (7) | ID inside EVENT |
| 18 DESTINY | Fortune and time put into animated production of Disney (7) | T inside anagram of <br> DISNEY |
| 20 IN TEARS | Crying irritated retinas (2,5) | Anagram of RETINAS |
| 22 LEPER | Drive off heading north with a sick person (5) | REPEL reversed |

