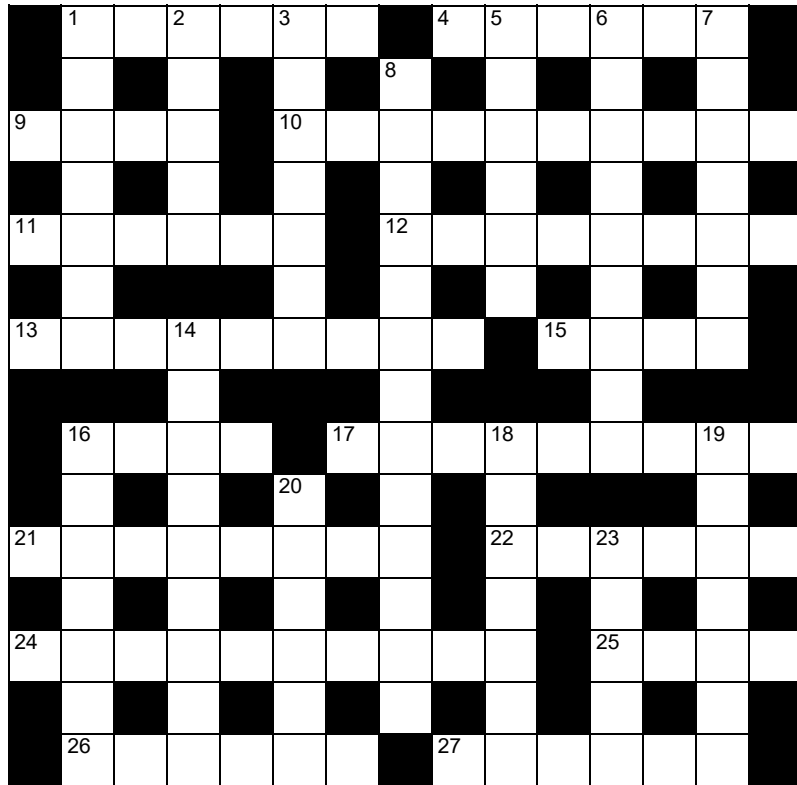


# Quick Crossword



### ACROSS

- 1. Cut in half (6)
- 4. Altercation (6)
- 9. Insult (4)
- 10. Undecided (10)
- 11. Interfere (6)
- 12. Balderdash (8)
- 13. Devoted (9)
- 15. Unightly (4)
- 16. Portal (4)
- 17. Taciturnity (9)
- 21. Authenticate (8)
- 22. Assert (6)
- 24. Let down (10)
- 25. Agreement (4)
- 26. Staggered (6)
- 27. Plot (6)

### DOWN

- 1. Accept as true (7)
- 2. Tear into small pieces (5)
- 3. Illusion (7)
- 5. Begrudge (6)
- 6. Workmate (9)
- 7. Gratify (7)
- 8. Perk (6,7)
- 14. Elaborate (9)
- 16. Slow-moving ice mass (7)
- 18. Foolish (7)
- 19. Waterfall (7)
- 20. Specimen (6)
- 23. Move furtively (5)

### Yesterday's solution

**Across:** 1. Apropos, 5. Replica, 9. Sulks, 10. Nefarious, 11. Secretive, 12. Caste, 13. Scant, 15. Implicate, 18. Intervene, 19. Loose, 21. Patio, 23. Shipshape, 25. Eradicate, 26. Icing, 27. Salient, 28. Takings.  
**Down:** 1. Assists, 2. Reluctant, 3. Piste, 4. Sensitive, 5. Rifle, 6. Parochial, 7. Irons, 8. Austere, 14. Terrorise, 16. President, 17. Adoration, 18. Impress, 20. Emerges, 22. Trawl, 23. Shaft, 24. Shirik.

## WordBuilder

How many words of three or more letters, including plurals, can you make from the five letters, using each letter only once?

No foreign words or words beginning with a capital are allowed. There's at least one five-letter word.

# S A H C E

Good 8 Very Good 12 Excellent 14



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## Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9

Medium

6		1						2
					5			
	7		1	2	9	6		
	1	3						5
9		6				2		7
7						8	6	
		7	5	6	3		8	
			8					
4						1		6

## Simon Shuker's Mini Code-Cracker

1	2	3	4	1	5	
2				6		3
7	2	2	7	8	1	9
9		7		9		8
1	7	2	7	1	5	0
5		5				6
	4	2	7	1	6	9

Numbers have been substituted for letters. Use the letter(s) given to work out the rest of the puzzle.

**2 = R**  
**0 = S**

3	7	5	2	8	4	9	1	6
9	2	8	6	1	7	5	4	3
1	6	4	5	3	9	7	8	2
2	9	3	7	4	1	6	5	8
8	1	6	3	2	5	4	9	7
5	4	7	8	9	6	3	2	1
7	5	9	1	6	2	8	3	4
6	3	1	4	5	8	2	7	9
4	8	2	9	7	3	1	6	5

### Yesterday's solutions

R	E	V	I	V	E	D
		V				
R	E	Y	E		A	
O	A	R		G	A	G
E		A	G	O		E
			A			
E	V	A	S	I	V	E

abet, able, alb, ale, ate, bale, bat, bate, beat, bel, belt, bet, beta, blat, bleat, eat, eta, lab, lat, late, lea, leat, let, tab, table, tael, tale, tea, teal