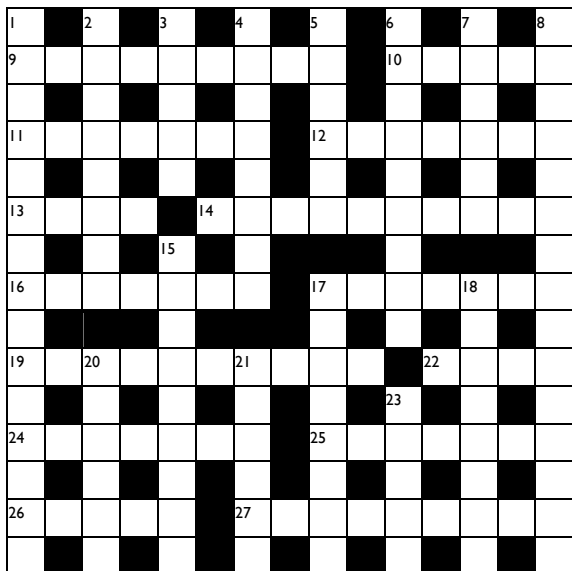


# COMPETITION CROSSWORD



Prizes to the first two correct entries drawn.

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## Across

9. Halt! While reforming government (9)
10. Plucked any long fibre? (5)
11. 1 in 1973, can still form an asset today (7)
12. Beaten men fail to whip-up emotions (7)
13. A season ends; say you will leave (4)
14. Majestic ceremonial show, not using the street? (10)
16. Order shot silk for monument? (7)
17. Revel in a blackout? (7)
19. Disowns work pirate used. (10)
22. Peel, the space graduate? (4)
24. Captivate – two points before tax (7)
25. Time to turn second punch to a clump! (7)
26. Dodge the Spanish turn of French (5)
27. Easy not to turn over a fool (9)

## Down

1. All time report of batting collapse? (10,5)
2. It's hell to clear up scene change (8)
3. It's a king's way to swill lager (5)
4. Confront the volume of Zuckerberg's behemoth (8)
5. Drought maker, even Fenland isn't OK (2,4)
6. Feel fab in fashion? Can't say so! (9)
7. Base for a tyro destroyer? (6)
8. Cyberfinance? It's performed better in Nanking! (8,7)
15. Captive in key to 'free' energy (4,6)
17. Pass on the sticker, a minter's aid (3,5)
18. Stick by porter to prepare footwear (8)
20. Expire say in a sulky face (3,3)
21. Amiable beast is a model help (6)
23. Cameron hugs little Sarah in song (5)