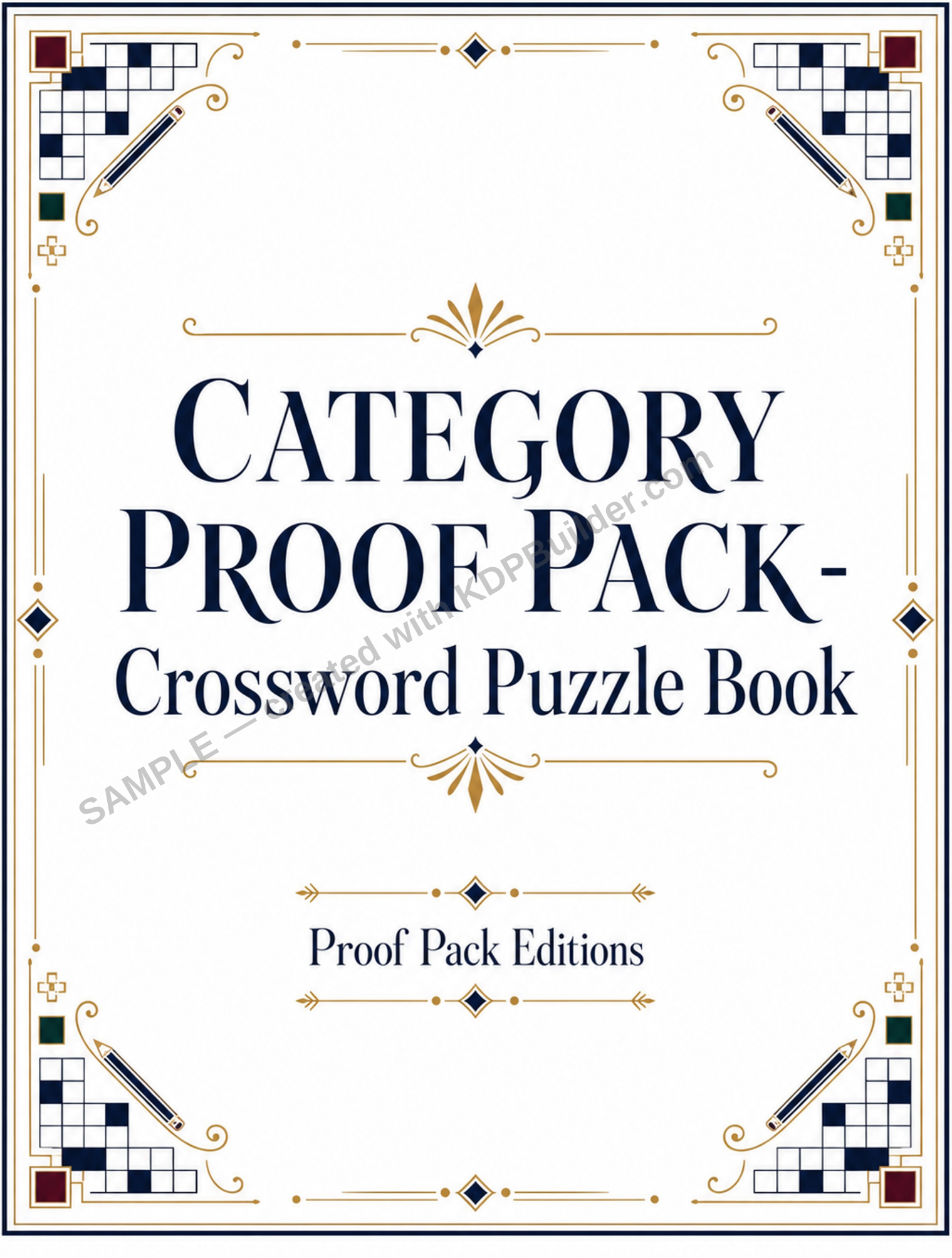




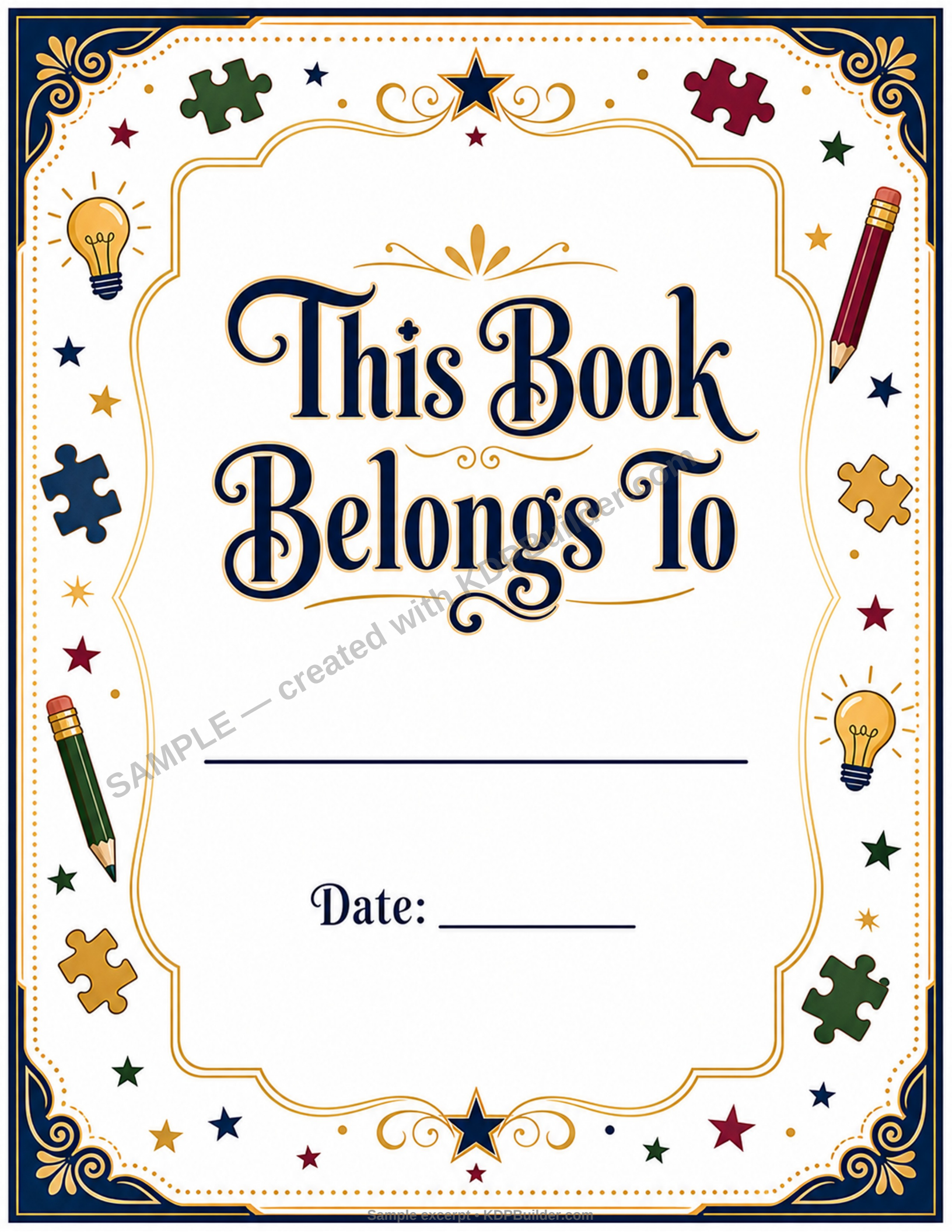
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This Book Belongs To

Date: _____

How to Use This Book

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1. Take your time — enjoy each puzzle at your own pace.

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2. Use a pencil so you can erase and try again.

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3. Solutions are provided at the back of the book if you get stuck.

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4. Challenge a friend to see who finishes first.

5

5. Most importantly — have fun!



Difficulty Guide



Easy — a gentle warm-up



Medium — a satisfying challenge



Hard — for confident solvers



Expert — test your limits



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The Opening Gambit

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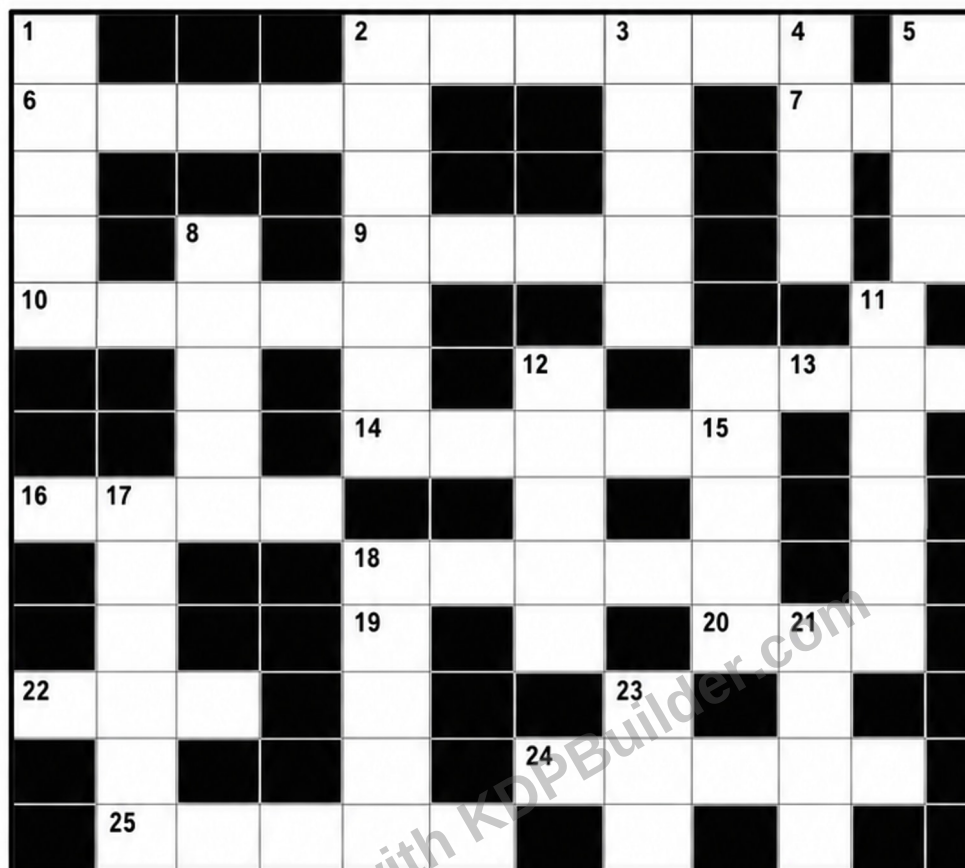
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3. A, E, I, O, or U in your answer
5. Wise move on a stumper
7. Lofty
9. Start a puzzle over fresh
10. Word knowledge you bring
12. Support
14. Just go for it
15. Top-to-bottom direction
19. Willing to try another word
21. Dot or circle a tricky clue
22. Visual guide to symbols
24. Make sweaters
25. What every solved clue does
27. Favorite solving furniture
28. Bold solver's weapon of choice
29. Groan-worthy clue device

DOWN

1. Military post
2. Why we do this at all
4. Flat
6. Bundle of puzzles
7. Most popular solving location
8. Hold tight
10. Action word as an answer
11. Black square that stops you cold
13. Connection
16. Thing word as an answer
17. Noisy bird
18. What every good clue should be
20. Puzzle zone feeling
23. Simplicity
24. Speed unit
26. Phone-based puzzle platform

Proof of Concept

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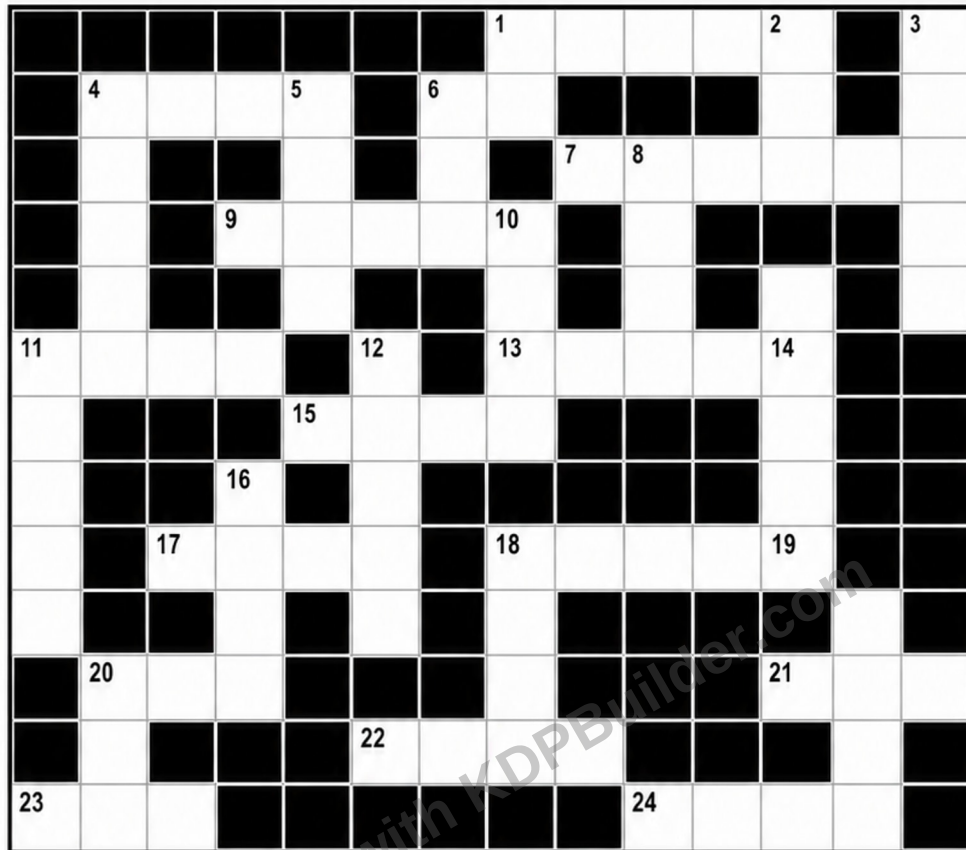
2. Person with book in hand
6. Committing a letter in pen
7. Phone-based puzzle platform
9. Word knowledge you bring
10. The puzzle's secret thread
13. Just go for it
14. This collection's format
16. Better with every puzzle
18. Speedsolvers watch this
20. Visual guide to symbols
22. Erase and rethink
24. Sometimes the only move
25. Peaceful outdoor solving spot

DOWN

1. How the puzzle hits paper
2. Start a puzzle over fresh
3. Clue with two meanings
4. Unusual word that surprises
5. Willing to try another word
8. Nostalgic puzzle vibe
9. Action word as an answer
11. Clue designed to mislead slightly
12. Tool when memory fails
15. Dot or circle a tricky clue
17. How you judge a puzzle's quality
19. Puzzle's blank canvas
21. First puzzles in the book
23. Groan-worthy clue device

The Qualifier Round

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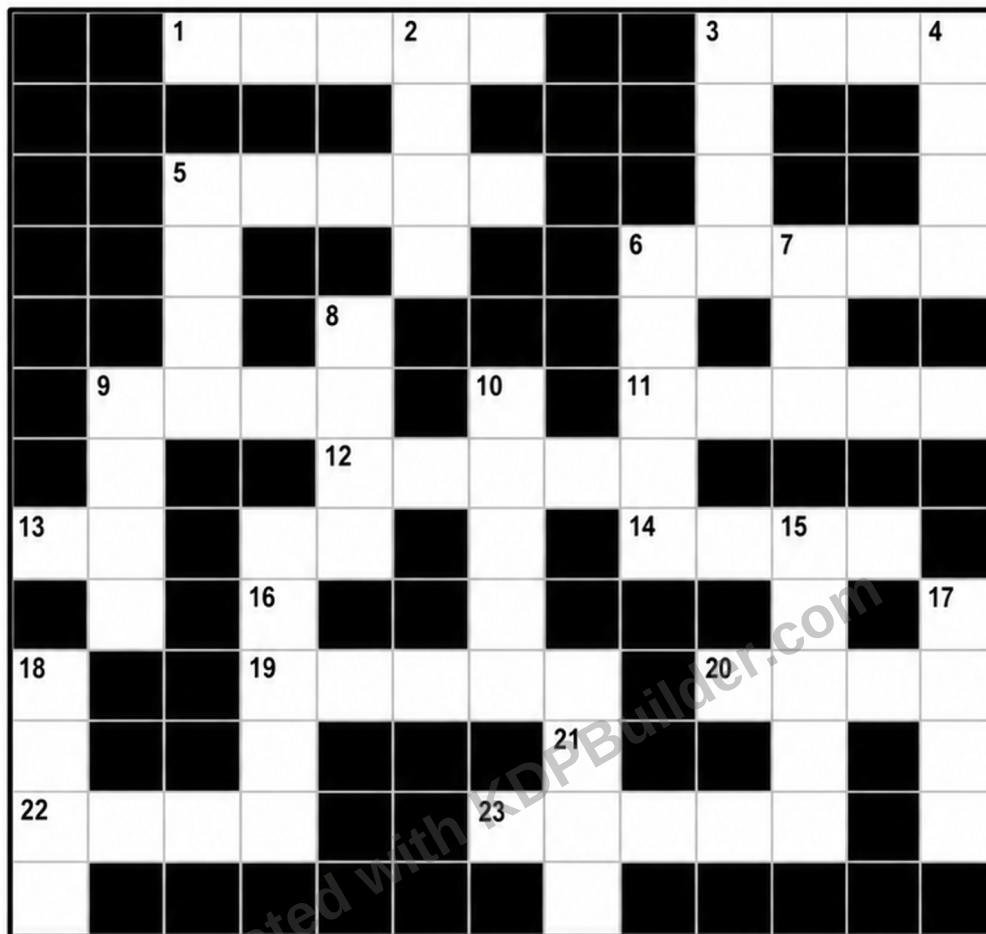
1. Favorite solving furniture
4. The present
7. The puzzle's secret thread
9. Stay on the grid, not your phone
11. Face cover
13. Willing to try another word
15. When answers come easily
17. Restrain
18. How the puzzle hits paper
20. Container
21. Erase and rethink
22. Solver's only hint
23. Phone-based puzzle platform
24. Check mark

DOWN

2. Past tense of eat
3. Step away — answers come back
4. Past or present — match the clue
5. Gradual
6. Flightless bird
8. Most popular solving location
10. Winter weather
11. Word knowledge you bring
12. Empty square awaiting you
14. Thing word as an answer
16. Action word as an answer
18. Where your puzzle lives
19. Clever solver's shortcut
20. Friendly solving advice

First Principles

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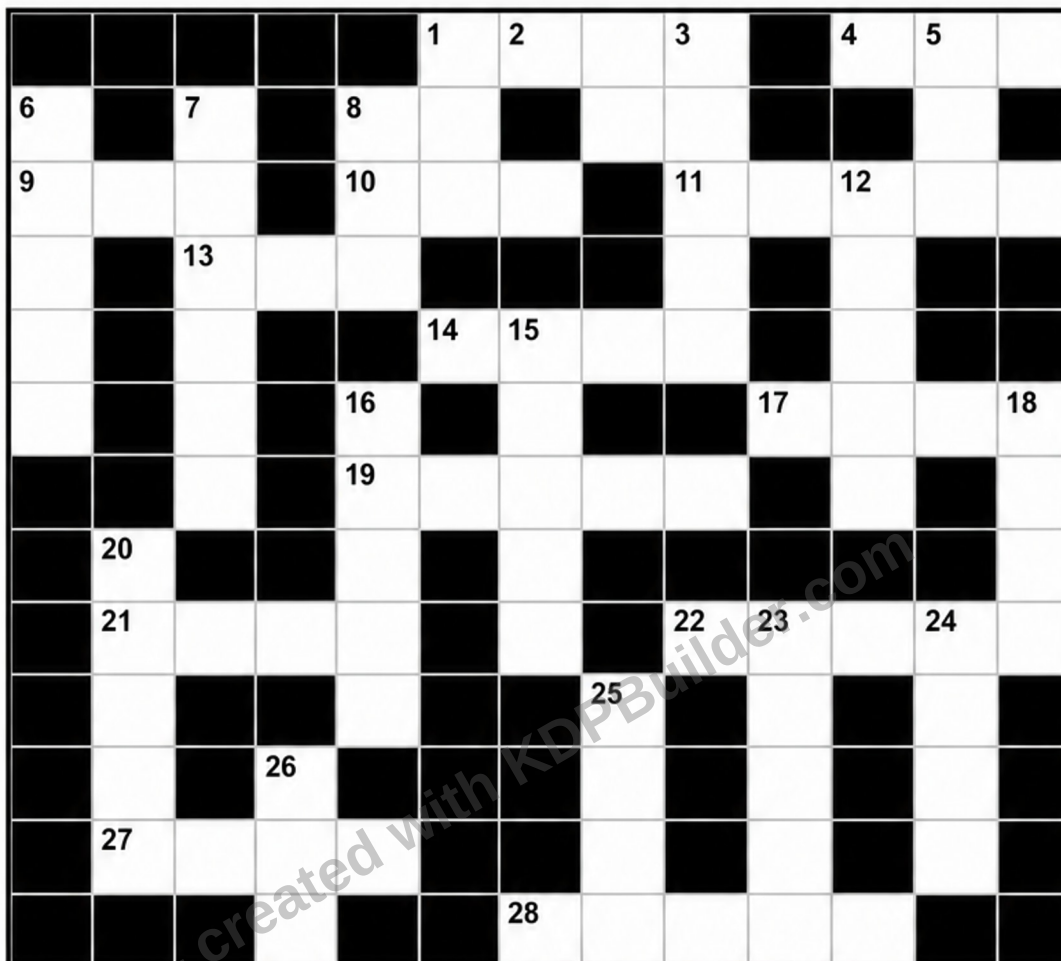
1. Wrong letter in a square
3. When the clue needs a clue
5. Erase it all and begin again
6. Past or present — match the clue
9. Favorite solving furniture
11. One answer in the grid
12. Common phrase used in clues
13. Friendly solving advice
14. First puzzles in the book
19. Opening pages of this book
20. Where your puzzle lives
22. This collection's format
23. Why erasers exist

DOWN

2. Willing to try another word
3. Most popular solving location
4. Floor square
5. Start a puzzle over fresh
6. The puzzle's secret thread
7. Bolt partner
8. What every good clue should be
9. Wise move on a stumper
10. Speedsolvers watch this
15. Casual word sometimes in clues
16. Committing a letter in pen
17. Action word as an answer
18. Employment
21. Jackpot ____

Establishing the Record

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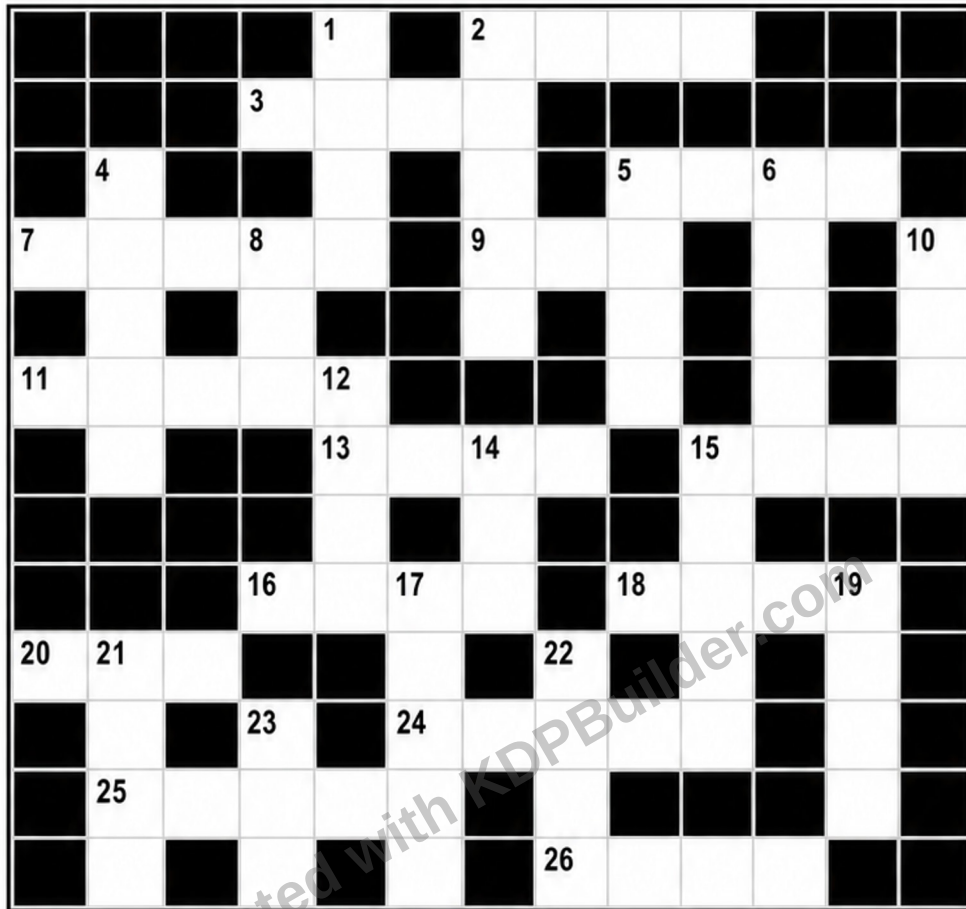
1. Unusual word that surprises
4. Research place
9. Number of years
10. Expert pilot
11. Erase it all and begin again
13. Friendly solving advice
14. Flag your favorite puzzle
17. Puzzle's blank canvas
19. Many solvers' puzzle habit
21. Start a puzzle over fresh
22. Empty square awaiting you
27. What every good clue should be
28. This book's target solver

DOWN

2. Mimic
3. Wrong letter in a square
5. Past tense of eat
6. Daily puzzle becomes this
7. Fresh eyes on a stubborn clue
8. Atlas page
12. How you measure a win
15. Clever solver's shortcut
16. Common phrase used in clues
18. Flat surface for serious solvers
20. Tested and verified
23. Difficulty tier: easy, medium, hard
24. Thing word as an answer
25. What every answer is
26. Assistance

The Morning Kettle

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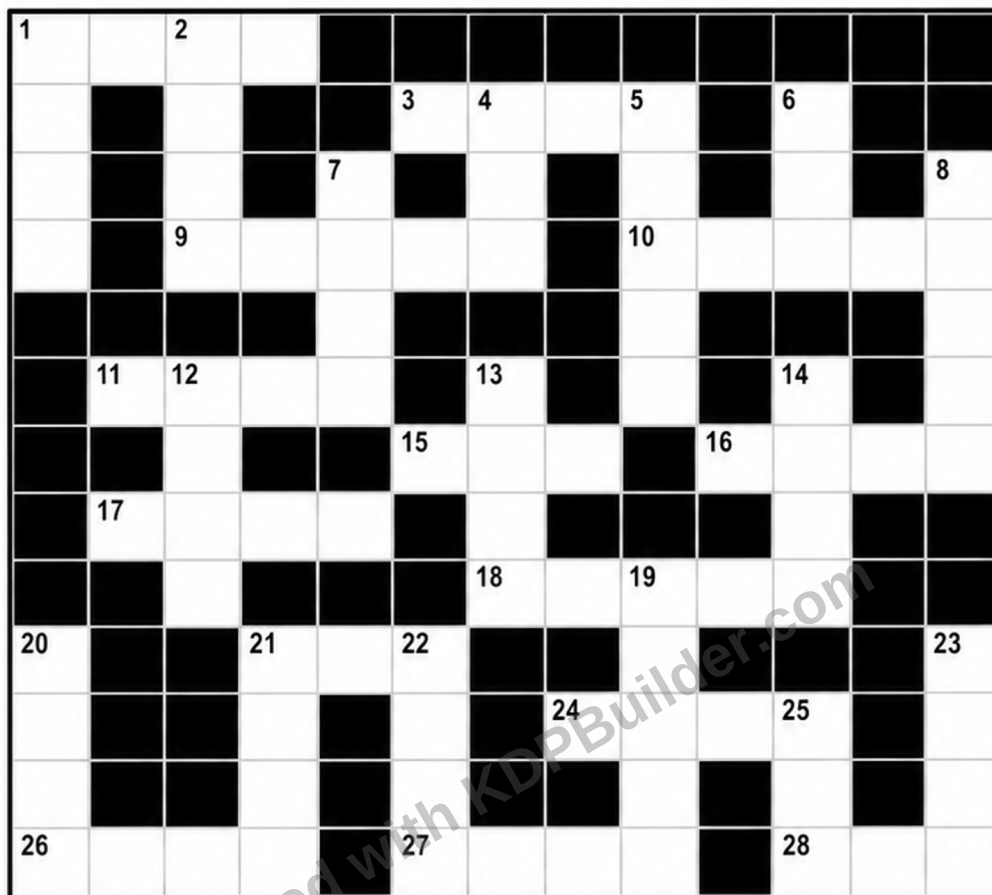
- 2. Deserve
- 3. Black fuel
- 5. Wolf group
- 7. Not tight
- 9. Couple
- 11. Woodwind instrument
- 13. Dodge
- 15. Essence
- 16. Gusto
- 18. Agreement
- 20. Climbing plant
- 24. In regard
- 25. Iron and carbon
- 26. Gateway

DOWN

- 1. Skeleton part
- 2. Select group
- 4. Global realm
- 5. Small lake
- 6. Ship load
- 8. Take a chair
- 10. Sport
- 12. Rim
- 14. Tabby
- 15. Storage trunk
- 17. Delay deliberately
- 19. Light fixture
- 21. Waistcoat
- 22. Give up
- 23. Middle of week

Grocery List Chronicles

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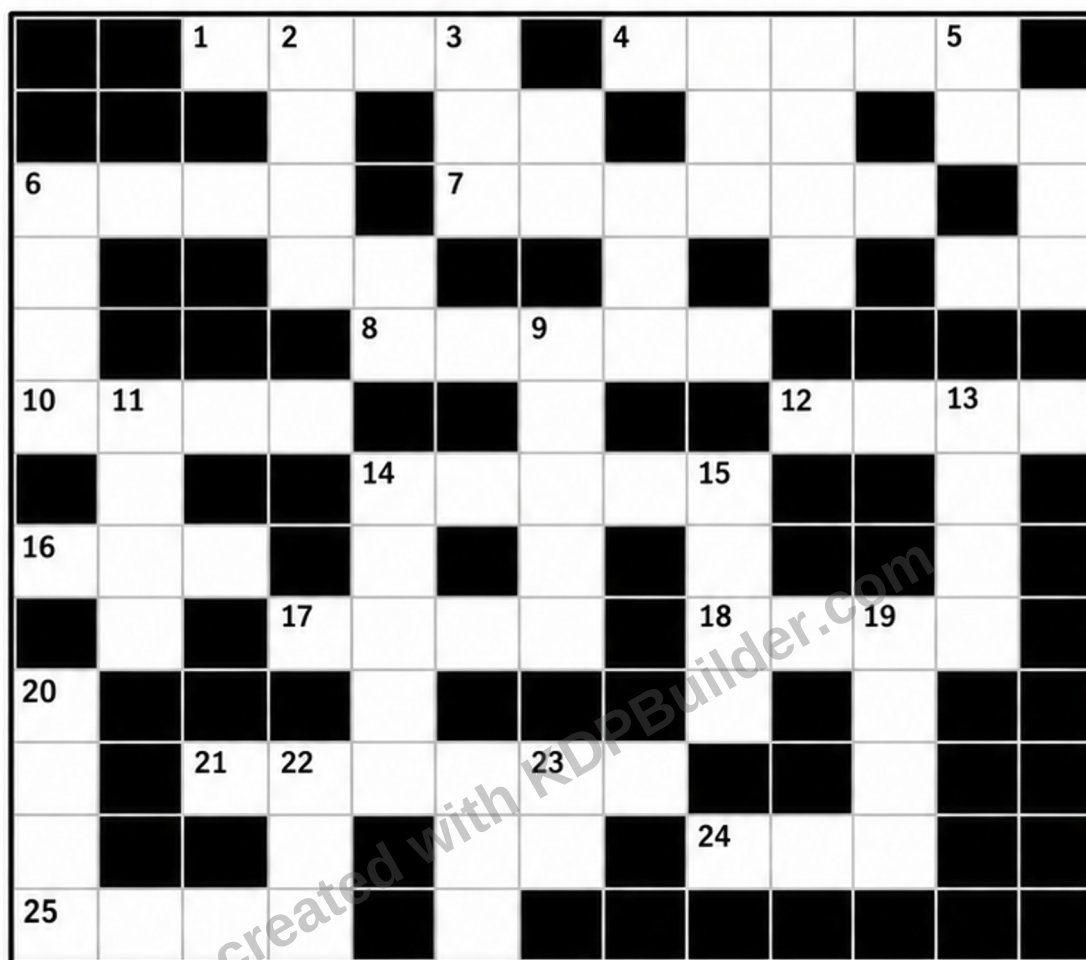
1. Wine type
3. Kitchen expert
9. Freshwater fish
10. Enclosed stand
11. Woody plant
15. Sly creature
16. Harvest
17. Blood vessel
18. Very courageous
21. Race loop
24. Bard
26. Print
27. Relax
28. Ink dispenser

DOWN

1. Pod content
1. Summit
2. Hire
4. Strike
5. Thin thread
6. Animal park
7. Spy
8. Writing stick
12. Marsh plant
13. Burial place
14. After eight
19. In regard
20. Apartment (British)
21. Queue
22. Unfortunate
23. Not fatty
25. Peak

Rush Hour Reverie

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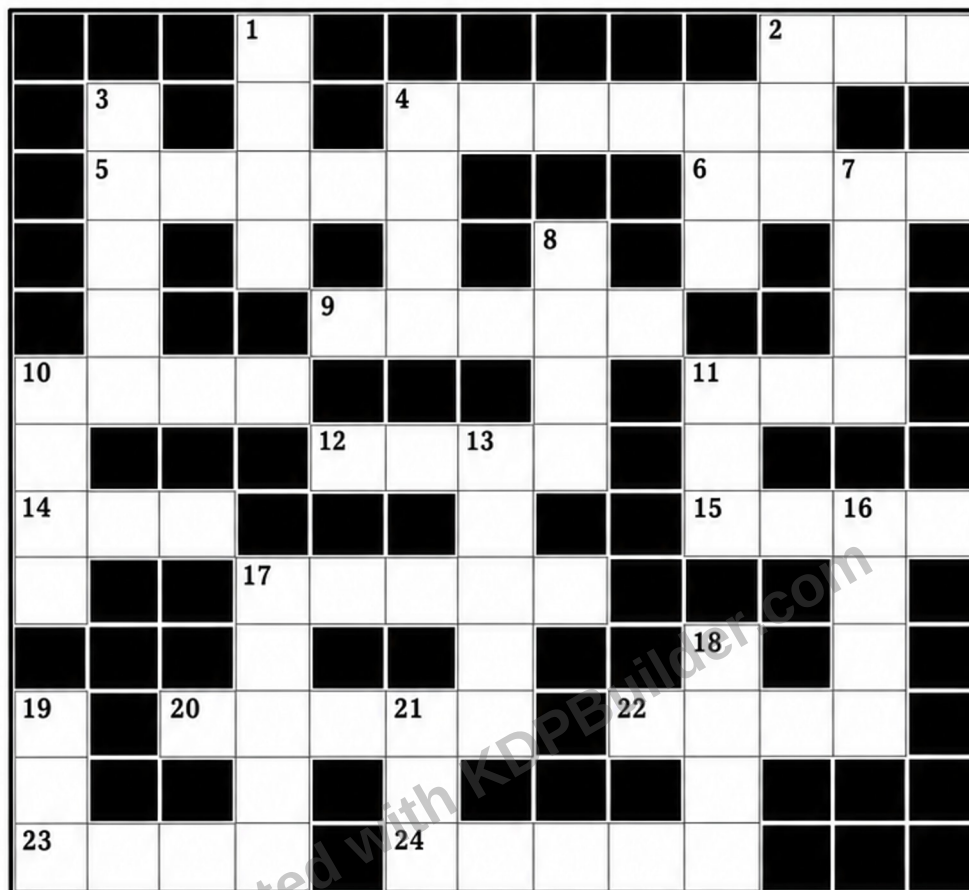
1. Long for
4. Pursue closely
6. Not real
7. Marriage partner
8. Ship freight
10. TV presenter
12. Pledge
14. Foreign being
16. Ocean
17. Shredded
18. Location
21. Recently made
24. Trade
25. Assessment

DOWN

2. Concept
3. Cry hard
4. Hold tightly
5. Revise
6. Aquatic creature
9. Rule as king
11. Begin
13. Wheel rubber
14. Up over
15. Snout
19. Follow
20. This place
22. Male sheep
23. Snow sport

The Linen Closet

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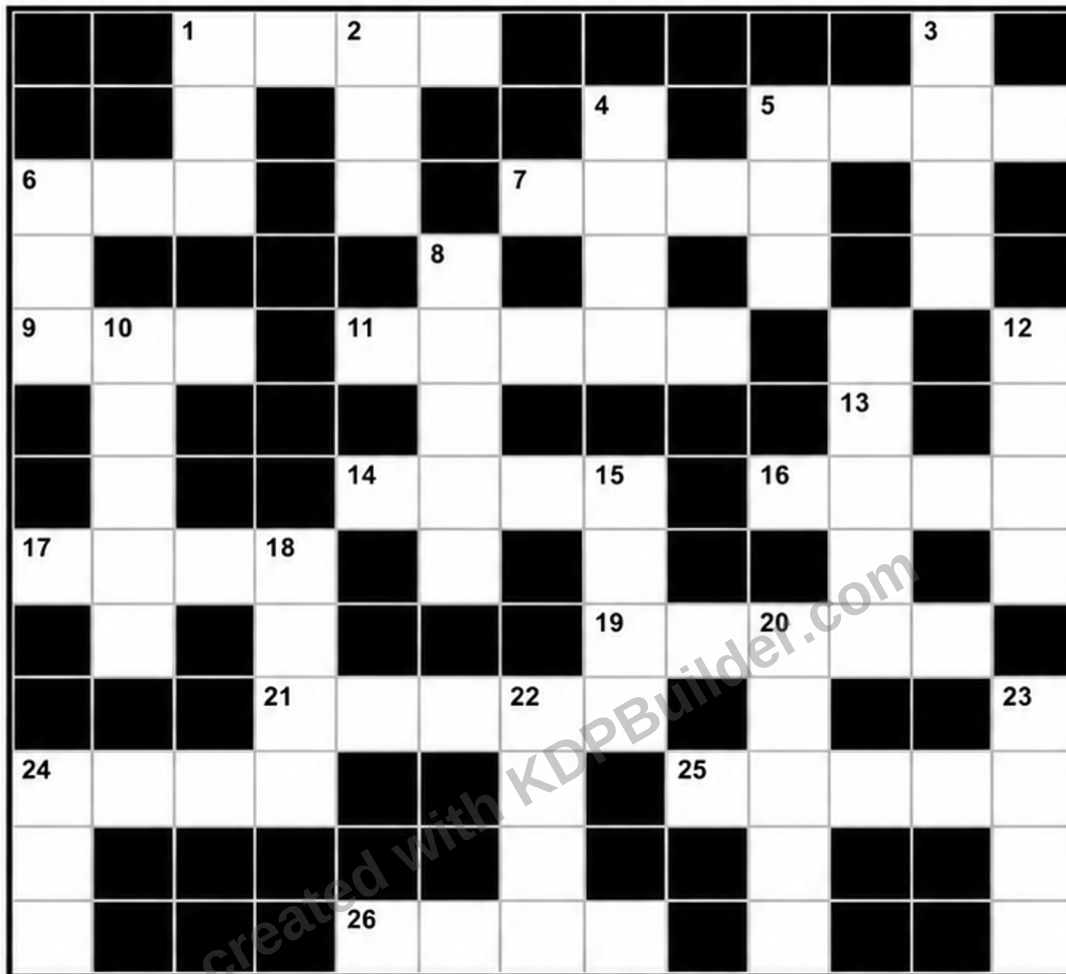
- 2. Elect
- 4. Wooden post
- 5. Hard to break
- 6. Loud sound
- 9. Divide into parts
- 10. Victim
- 11. Game piece
- 12. Safety device
- 14. Quiet
- 15. Footwear
- 17. Small team unit
- 20. Flat-topped furniture
- 22. Pay
- 23. Object
- 24. Unable to see

DOWN

- 1. Rule violation
- 2. Extremely
- 3. Flight element
- 4. Market
- 7. Military force
- 8. Flames
- 10. Heap
- 11. Pull ____
- 13. Left over
- 16. One time
- 17. Buzzing mass
- 18. Compensated
- 19. Slope glider
- 21. Test site

Clockwork Habits

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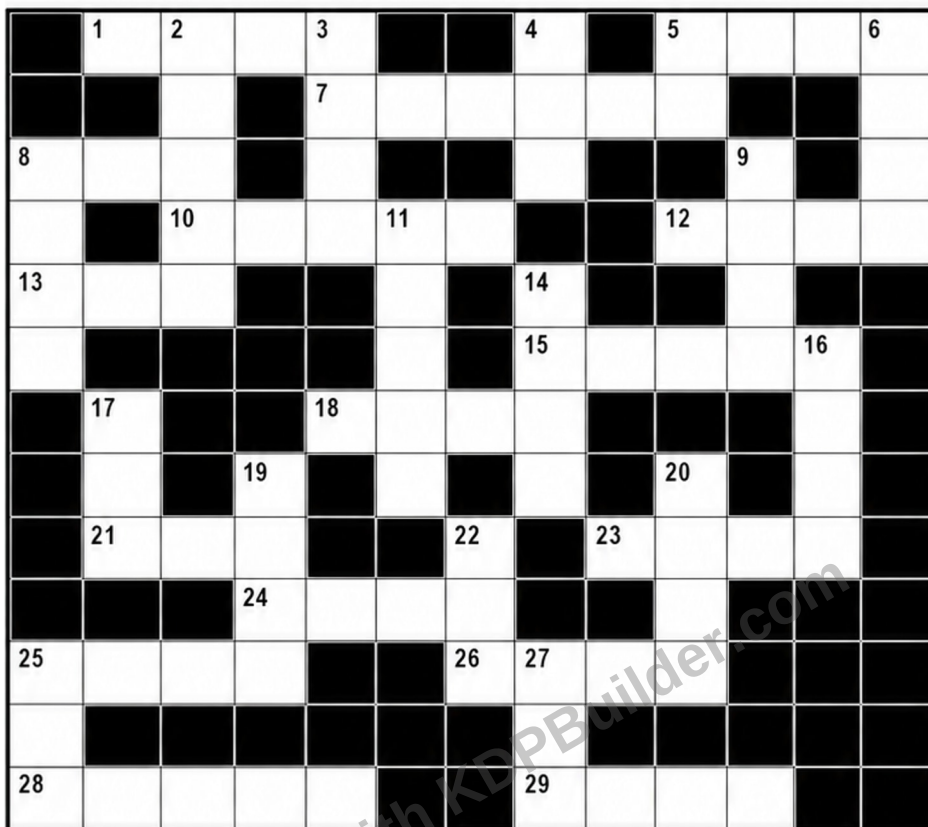
- 1. Expensive
- 5. Trendy
- 6. Insect
- 7. Elevated
- 9. After five
- 11. Dismiss
- 14. Misplaced
- 16. Metal money
- 17. Top of body
- 19. Not full
- 21. Magic spell
- 24. Tree covering
- 25. Smooth bend
- 26. Long journey

DOWN

- 1. Shovel
- 2. Had a meal
- 3. Frog cousin
- 4. Document
- 5. Kitchen expert
- 6. City vehicle
- 8. Bereaved woman
- 10. Reference guide
- 12. Money pool
- 13. 12 inches
- 15. Those people
- 18. Ship berth
- 20. Bold nerve
- 22. Ready to eat
- 23. Almost
- 24. Container

Notes on the Fridge

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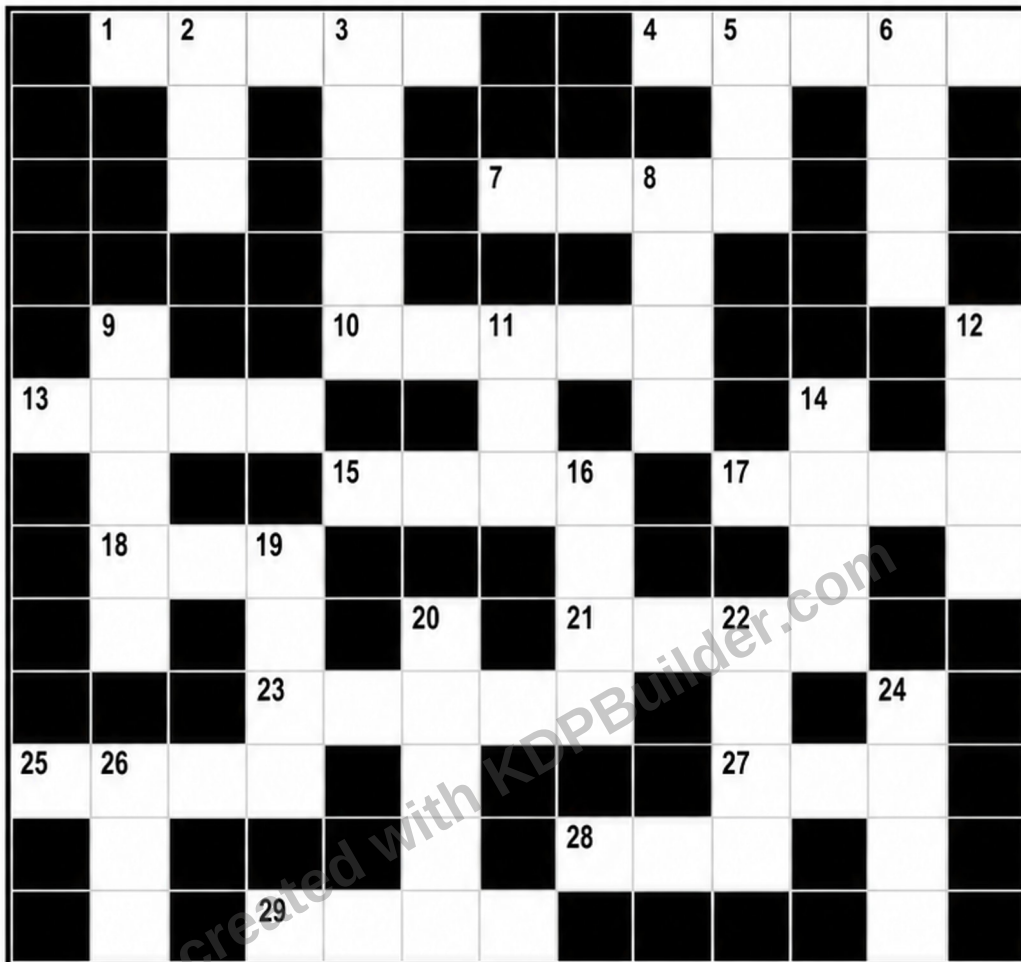
1. Assessment
5. Not hard
7. Photo book
8. Definite article
10. Kings and queens
12. Electrical wire
13. Dine
15. Heavenly being
18. Chat
21. Age
23. Misplace
24. Options
25. Location
26. Long journey
28. Point of view
29. River edge

DOWN

2. Choose by vote
3. Seize
4. Pirate drink
6. Lean toward
8. Those people
9. Thick cord
11. Fastening band
14. Sweet treat
16. Existence
17. Era
19. Contest
20. ____ music
22. Crazy person
25. Sailor's domain
27. Steal from

The Corner Café

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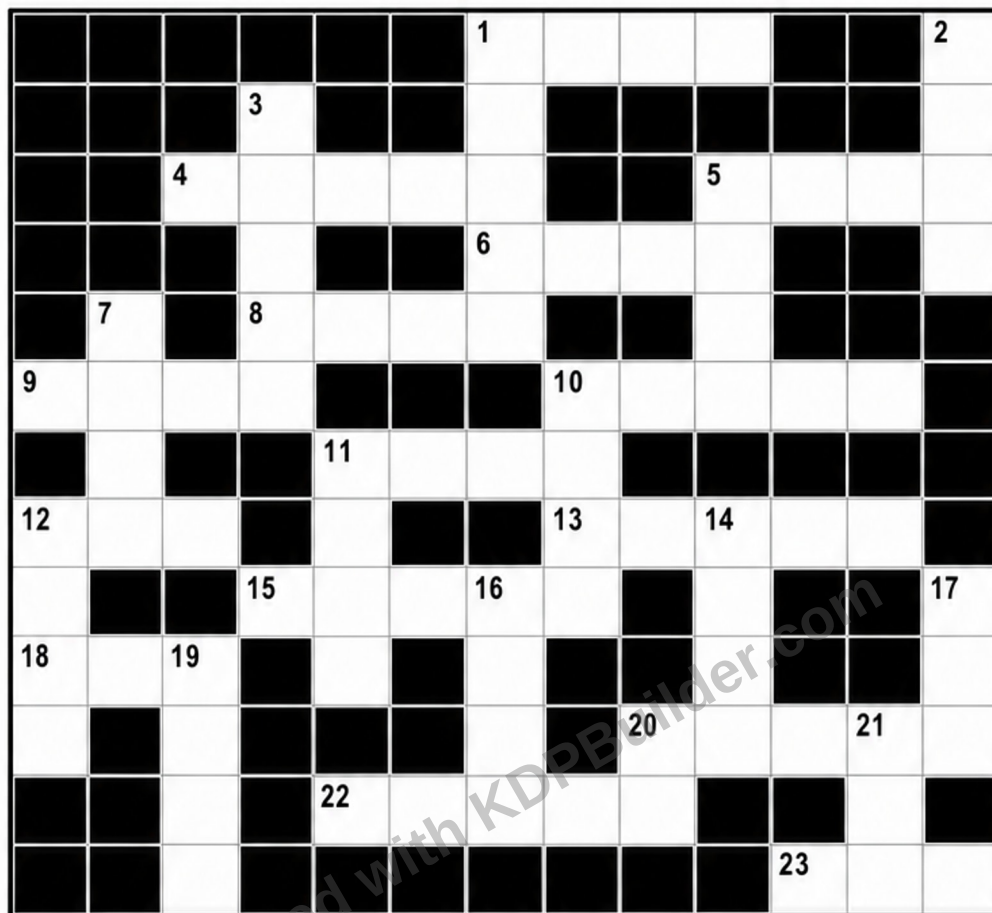
1. To speak
4. Exhaust resources
7. Red light
10. Follow behind
13. Night butterfly
15. Object pronoun
17. Greeting ____
18. Law or decree
21. Hair curl
23. Military group
25. Lifting device
27. Fishing ____
28. Expert pilot
29. Solid

DOWN

2. Crude
3. Belief in someone
5. Young dog
6. Title
8. Merely
9. Right conduct
11. Draft drink
12. Network junction
14. Sell aggressively
16. Not strong
19. Assignment
20. Radio adjuster
22. Concern
24. Modify text
26. Part of a chair

Sunday Paper

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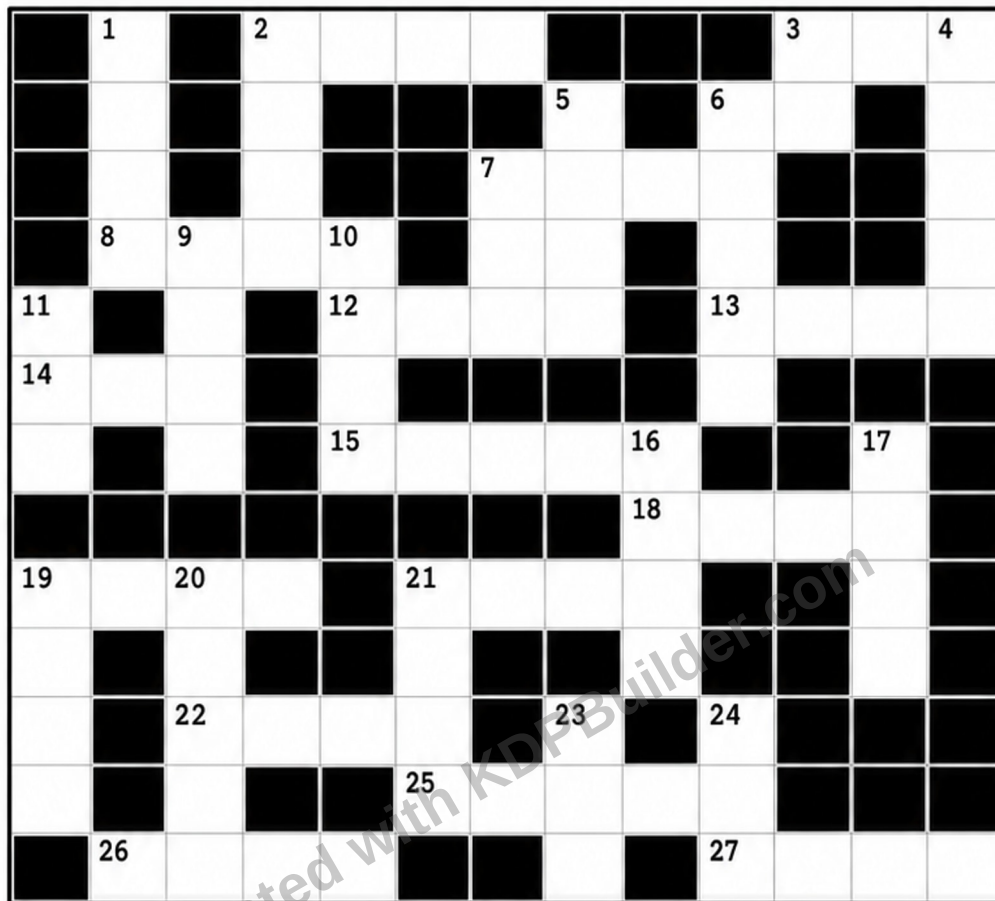
1. Literary work
4. Scale copy
5. Spirit
6. Slide
8. Web ____
9. Asian grain
10. Dangle
11. Function
12. Headed
13. Motorsport event
15. Heading name
18. Mouse chaser
20. Sudden surprise
22. Employment
23. Story ____

DOWN

1. Rhythmic beat
2. Corridor
3. Not tight
5. Turn
7. Wind toy
10. Present
11. Attack
12. Be without
14. Not heavy
16. Young sheep
17. Wapiti
19. Assignment
21. Auto

Errands in Order

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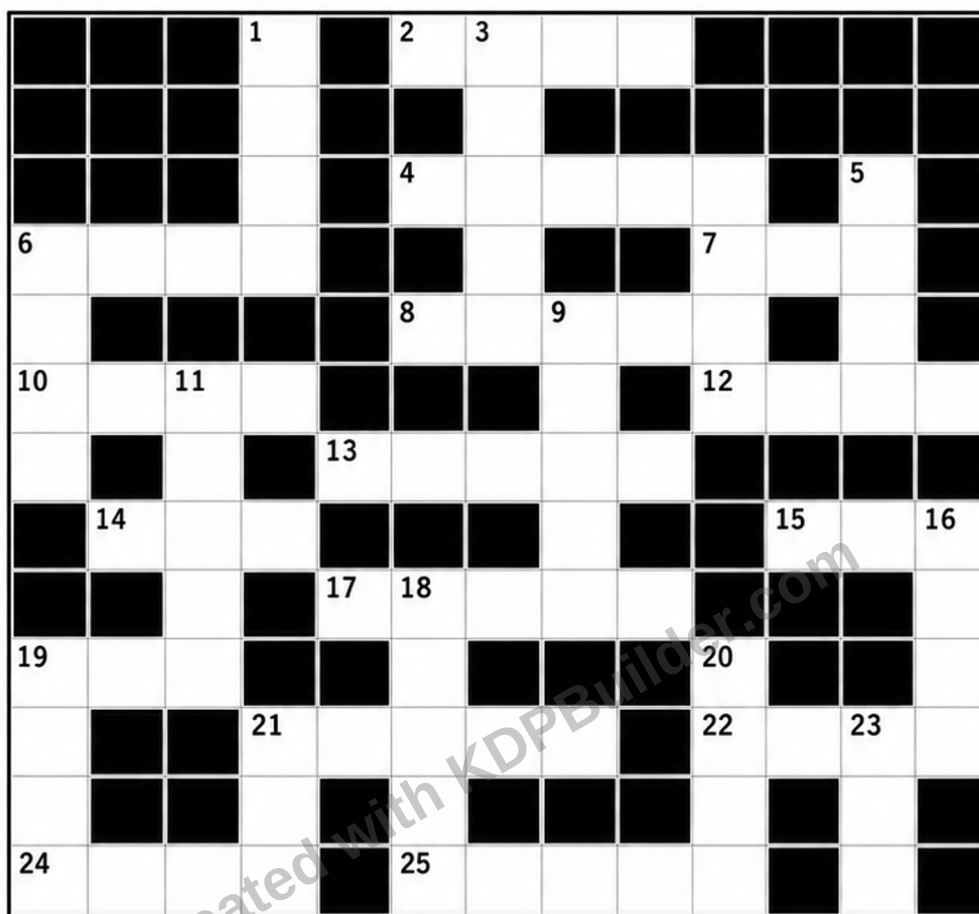
- 2. Red light
- 3. Dirt
- 7. Protected
- 8. Children
- 12. Target
- 13. Make money
- 14. Adam's partner
- 15. After sunset
- 18. Drive
- 19. Clock reading
- 21. Cast a ____
- 22. After that
- 25. Best of class
- 26. Stumble
- 27. Peaks

DOWN

- 1. Fish ____
- 2. Marketed
- 4. Die underwater
- 5. Dark blue
- 6. Flat even
- 9. Concept
- 10. Whirl
- 11. Tiny vegetable
- 16. Woody plant
- 17. One's own person
- 19. Kind
- 20. Metric length unit
- 21. Grape plant
- 23. Picky detail
- 24. Mesh

The Kitchen Drawer

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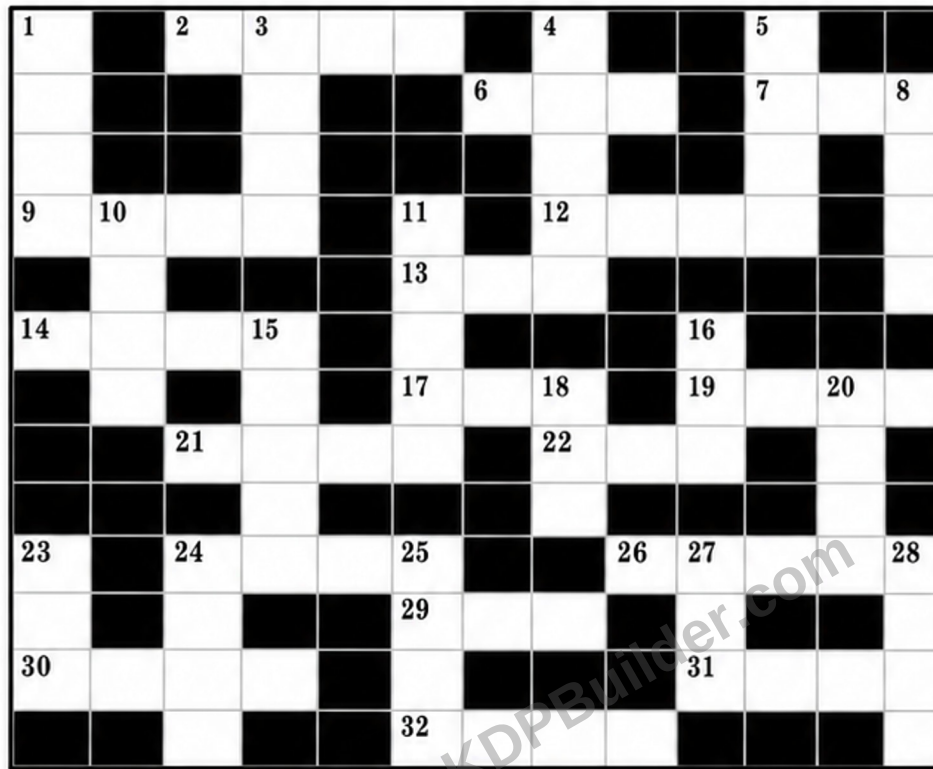
- 2. Thin
- 4. King of beasts
- 6. Loud sound
- 8. Go away
- 10. Vault
- 12. Cylinder
- 13. Flax fabric
- 14. Good time
- 15. Unwell
- 17. Near the pole
- 19. Child
- 21. Honorably grand
- 22. Key
- 24. Kick
- 25. Fish to catch

DOWN

- 1. More than
- 3. Banished person
- 5. Young sheep
- 6. Remainder
- 7. Mesh
- 9. Competition venue
- 11. Flowing substance
- 16. Narrow road
- 18. Path around body
- 19. Door handle
- 20. Catalog
- 21. Negative
- 23. Recline

Commuter's Almanac

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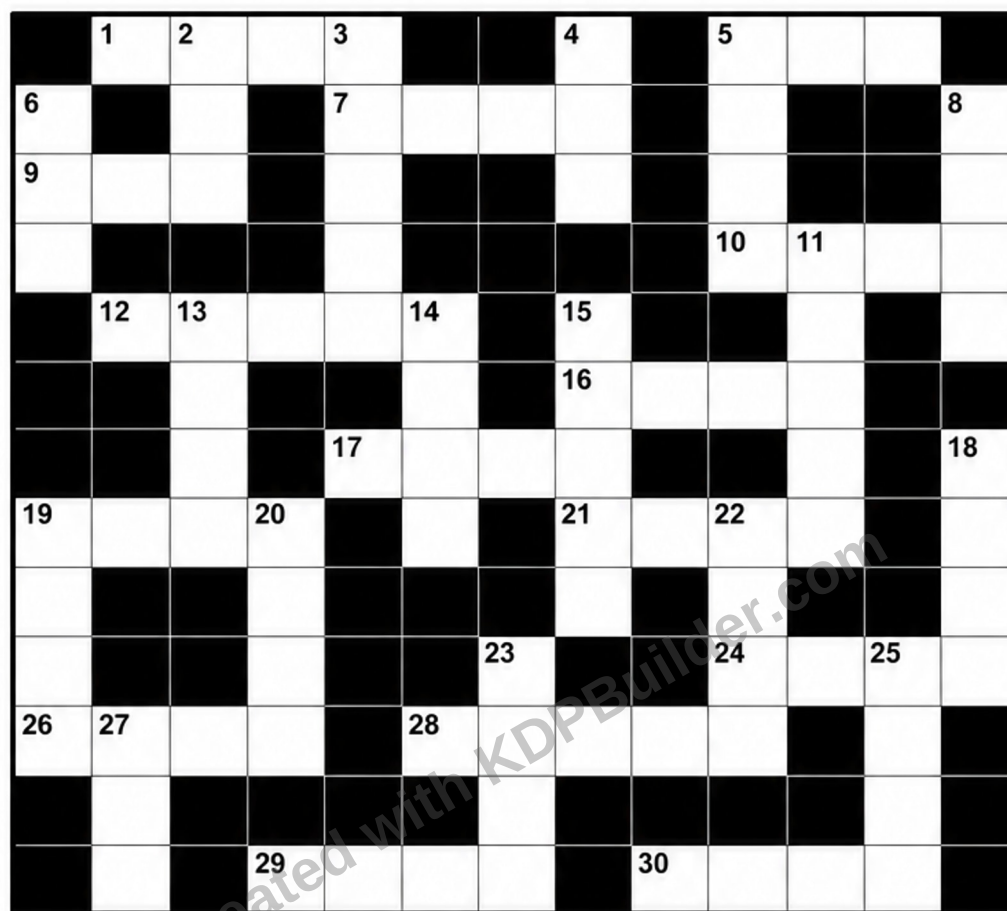
- 2. Door handle
- 6. Young goat
- 7. Target
- 9. Advantage
- 12. Fortune
- 13. Pot top
- 14. Current events
- 17. Tennis unit
- 19. Weapon
- 19. Ground troops
- 21. Aquatic creature
- 22. Law or decree
- 24. Recover
- 26. Rise above
- 29. Number of years
- 30. Smoking device
- 31. Feathers
- 32. Crypt

DOWN

- 1. Gap
- 3. Musical tone
- 4. Cultivated land
- 5. Without light
- 8. Insane
- 8. Manufactured
- 10. Forest animal
- 11. Brief bright light
- 15. Cooking seasoning
- 16. Grain
- 18. Label
- 20. Man
- 23. Baby seal
- 24. Desire
- 25. Final
- 27. Not new
- 28. Smelly

Familiar Faces

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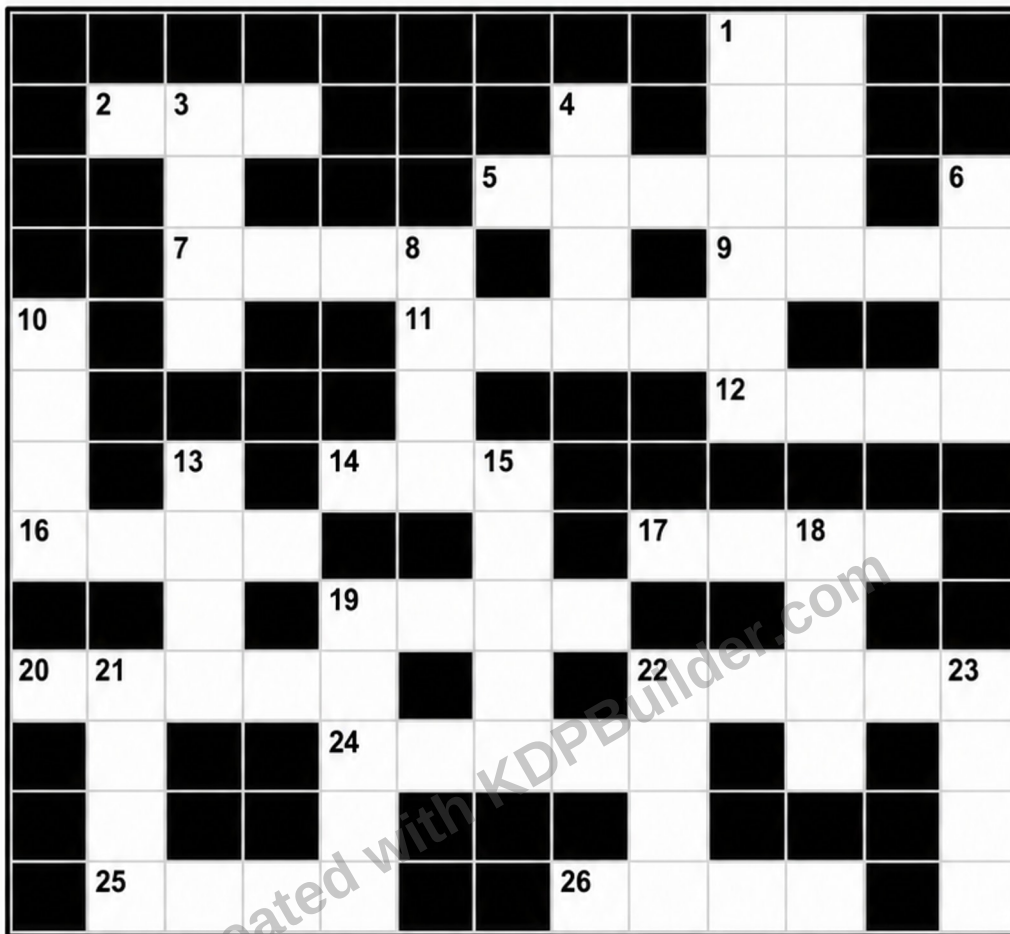
1. Daring
5. Obese
7. Flowing garment
9. Past tense of eat
10. Inland water
12. Initial stage
16. Kick
17. Ground troops
19. Tub soak
21. Commotion
24. Revise
26. Turn
28. Appealing quality
29. Bound
30. Labyrinth

DOWN

2. Have to pay
3. Motivate action
4. Decade
5. Filled
6. Biological bag
8. Comply
11. Sacred platform
13. Following
14. Ripped
15. Bottomless pit
18. Strong breeze
19. Robin or wren
20. Call out to
22. Object
23. Potato snack
25. Small island
27. Electric particle

The Pantry Index

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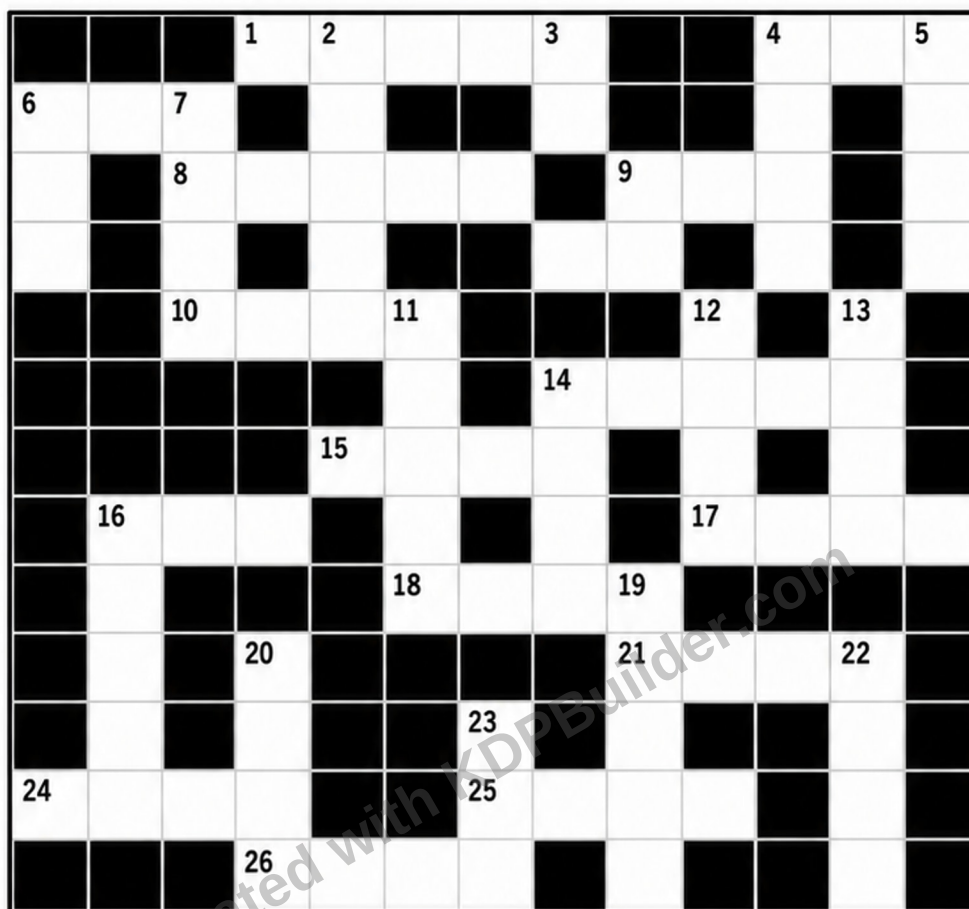
1. Fuzzy covering
2. Unusual
5. Flatfish
7. Silicon piece
9. Lamb's mother
11. Ground troops
12. Elect
14. Question word
16. Forest animal
17. Metropolis
19. Celebrity
20. Add up exactly
22. Perfectly vertical
24. Very excessive
25. Paddy crop
26. Back

DOWN

1. Liberated
3. Game cubes
4. Bubbles
6. Exam
8. Trail
10. Leader
13. Upcoming
15. Own up
18. Correct
19. Slim pipe
21. Stench
22. Step
23. Make bread

Small Talk, Big Words

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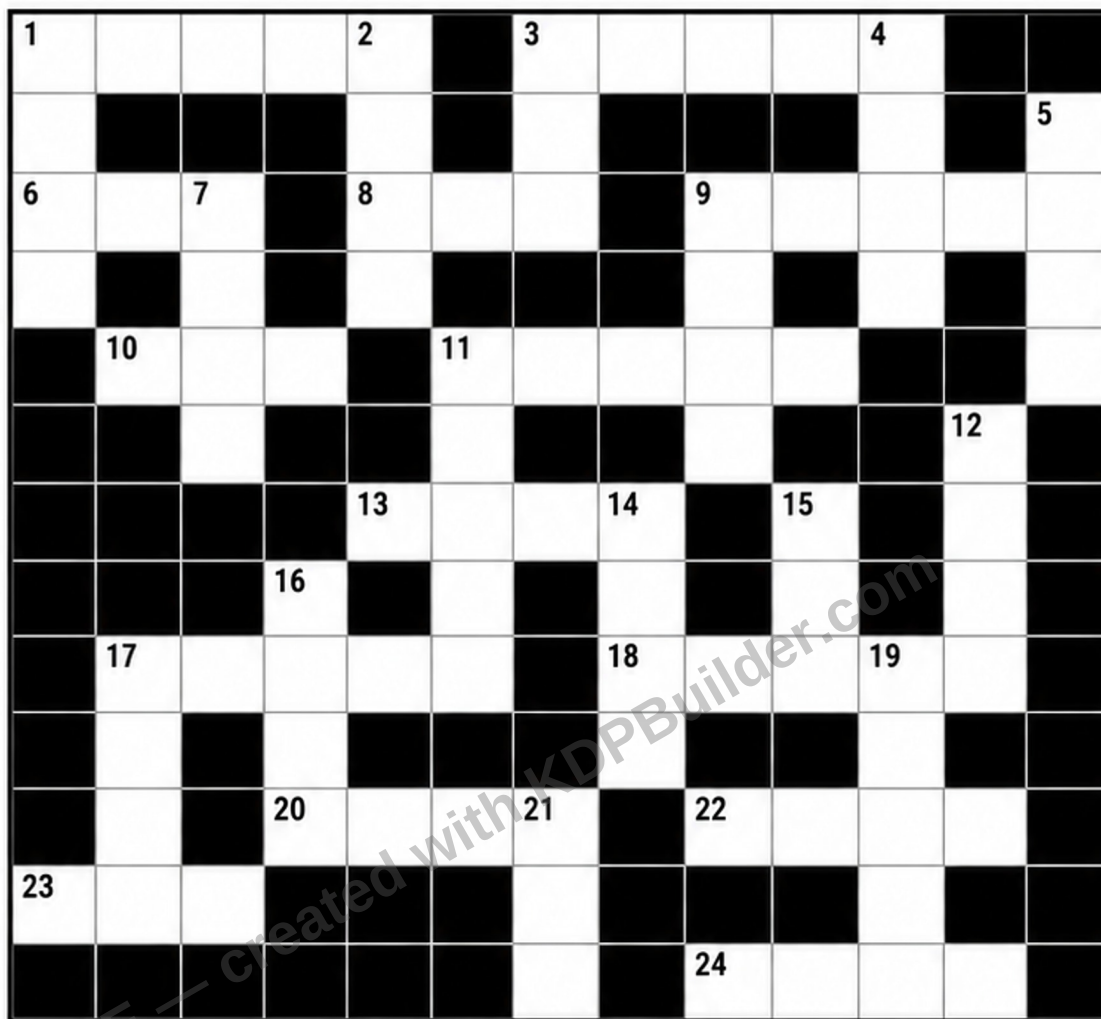
1. Physical struggle
4. Biological bag
6. Fast plane
8. Assessment
9. Villainous
10. Underwater ridge
14. Speak aloud
15. Ethnicity
16. Lapel ____
17. Assist
18. End life
21. Smell
24. Residence
25. Verse writer
26. Rub

DOWN

2. Mental picture
3. Subject pronoun
4. One's own person
5. Peaceful
6. Fruit preserve
7. Rip
11. Open and honest
12. Elevated
13. Agreement
14. Face cover
16. Taken image
19. Passionate admirer
20. Hearty soup
22. Iron corrosion
23. Gorilla, e.g.

The Neighborhood Watch

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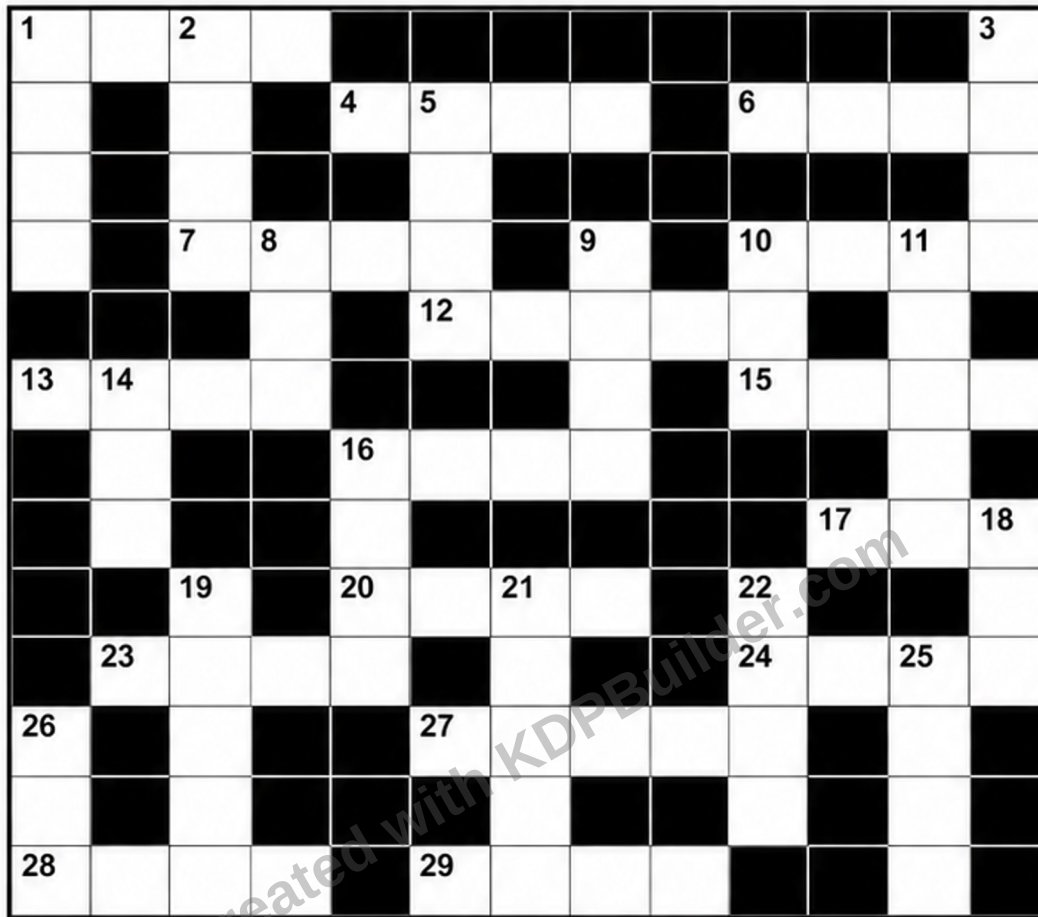
1. One after second
3. Cover up
6. Small piece
8. Take a chair
9. Place where bones meet
10. Roof sealant
11. Cooking seasoning
13. Deserve
17. Intense fire
18. Sweet treat
20. Connection point
22. Bard
23. Race segment
24. Foundation

DOWN

1. Cylinder
2. Clean surfaces
3. Slice
4. Make sweaters
5. Plant stalk
7. Flat carrier
9. Male name
11. Old and dry
12. Subject pronoun
14. Body part
15. Writing tool
16. Farm building
17. Make bread
19. Wear clothing
21. Tiny mythical being

Bedside Table

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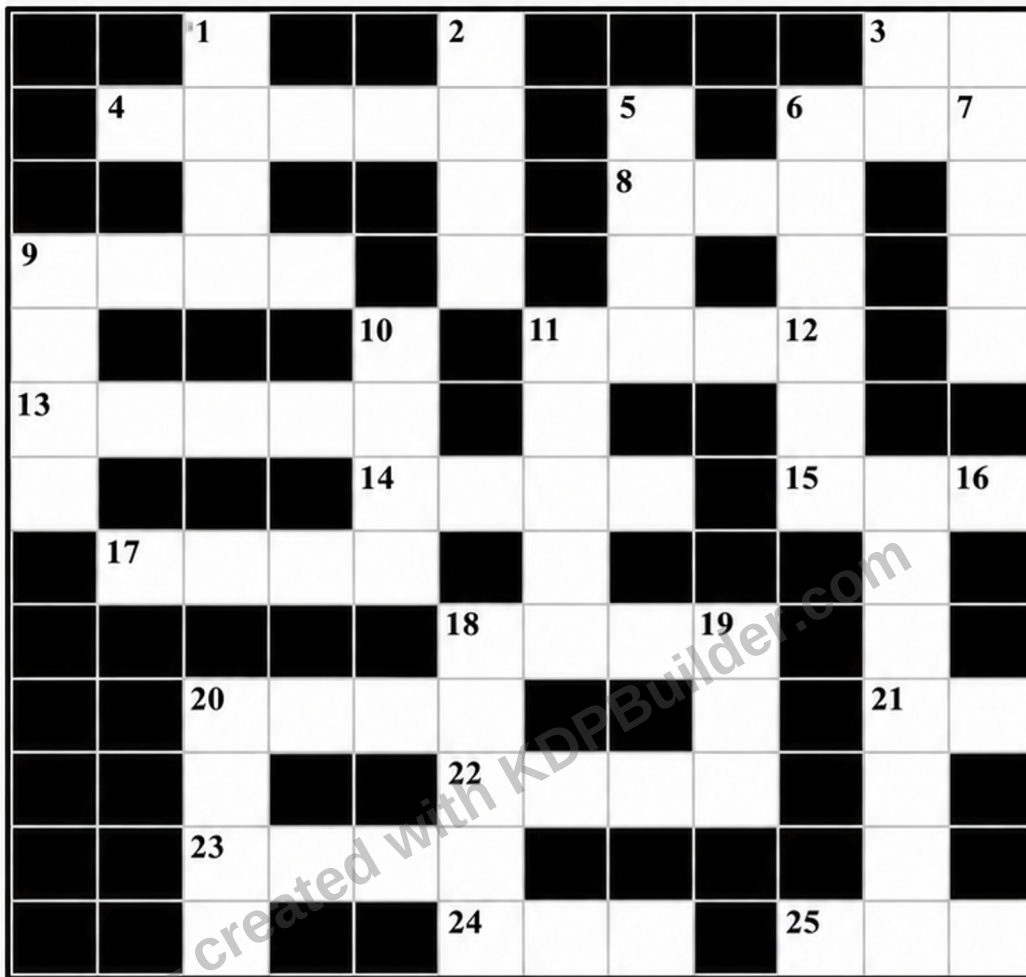
1. Spouse
4. Market
6. Giant
7. Thin
10. Head covering
12. Mountain animal
13. Dance event
15. Search
16. Pick up
17. Painting or sculpture
20. Penalty
23. Horseback
24. Military force
27. Light splitter
28. Position
29. Waistcoat

DOWN

1. Function
2. Energy source
3. Bambi
5. Dangle
8. Snake-like swimmer
9. Shopping wagon
11. More inward
14. Chopping tool
16. Living
18. Game piece
19. Loud warning sound
21. Sinew cord
22. Tent site
25. Young woman
26. Vehicle

The Weekly Planner

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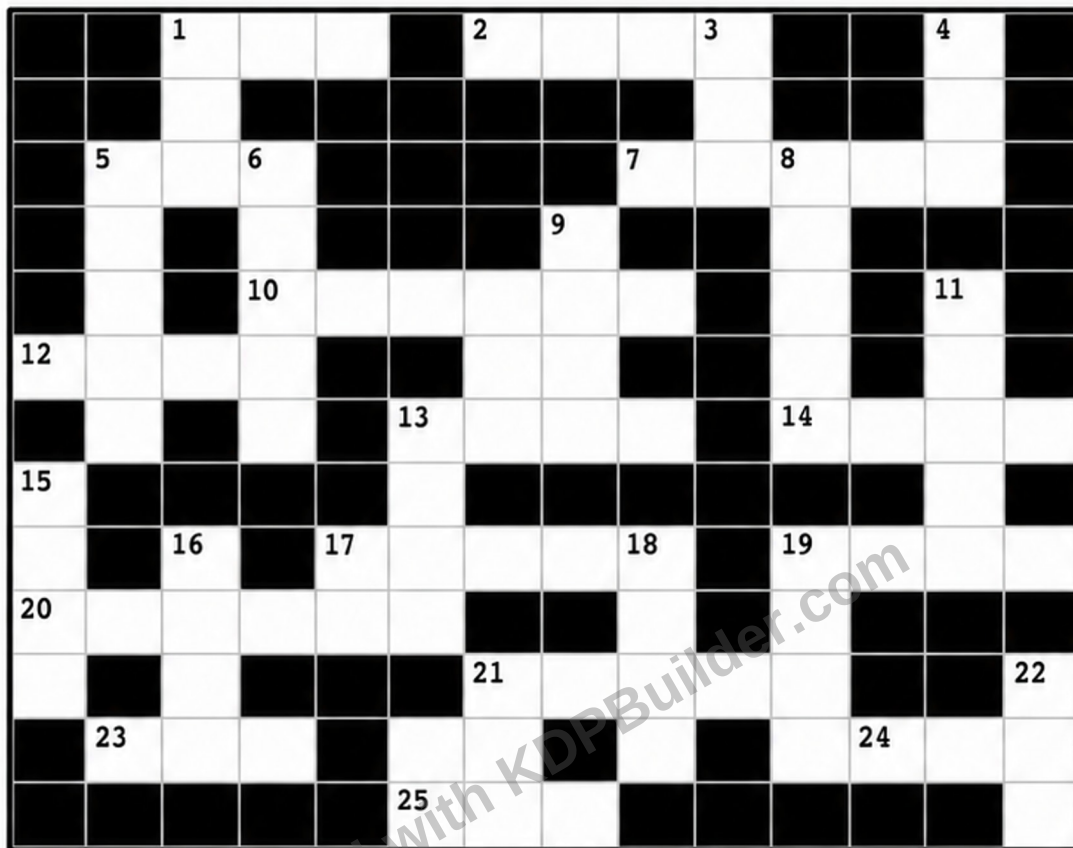
4. Free fitting
6. Painting or sculpture
8. Monarch
9. Difficult
11. At that time
13. Scenic view
14. Chair
15. Hot ____
17. Run fast
18. Hide
20. Sleep
21. Tie the knot
22. Orient
23. Couple
24. Agreement sign
25. Tilt

DOWN

1. Journey
2. Fewer
3. Bird house
5. After eight
7. Bell sound
9. Possess
10. History
11. Follow closely
12. Fish catcher
16. Skeleton part
18. Severe in manner
19. No way
20. Lasso
21. Signal

Loose Change

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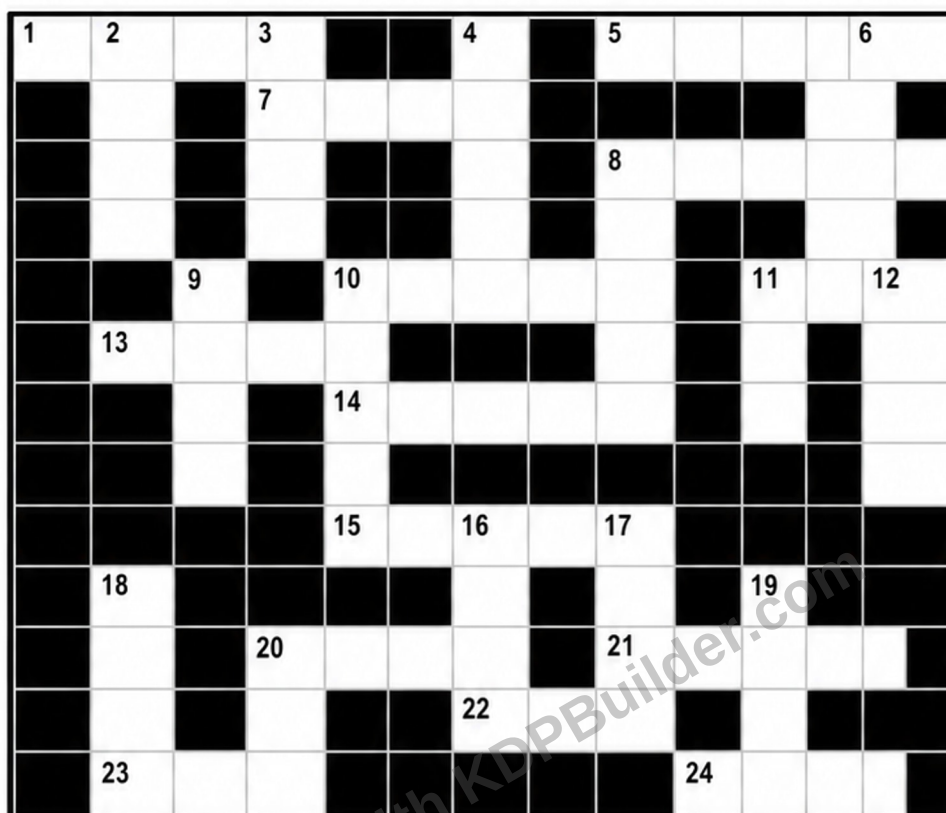
1. Earl Grey
2. This moment
5. Beat walker
7. Cereal kernel
10. Small hut
12. Living
13. Literary work
14. Animal appendage
17. Restrain
19. Contain
20. Not asleep
21. Large estate
23. Poultry
24. Journey
25. Grow older

DOWN

1. As well
3. Combat
4. Heavy weight
5. Linked series
6. Speed
8. Secret operative
9. Merlot or Pinot
11. Circular motion
13. Clean
15. Actual
16. Build
18. After eight
19. Injure
21. Face
22. Undercover

The Front Porch Hour

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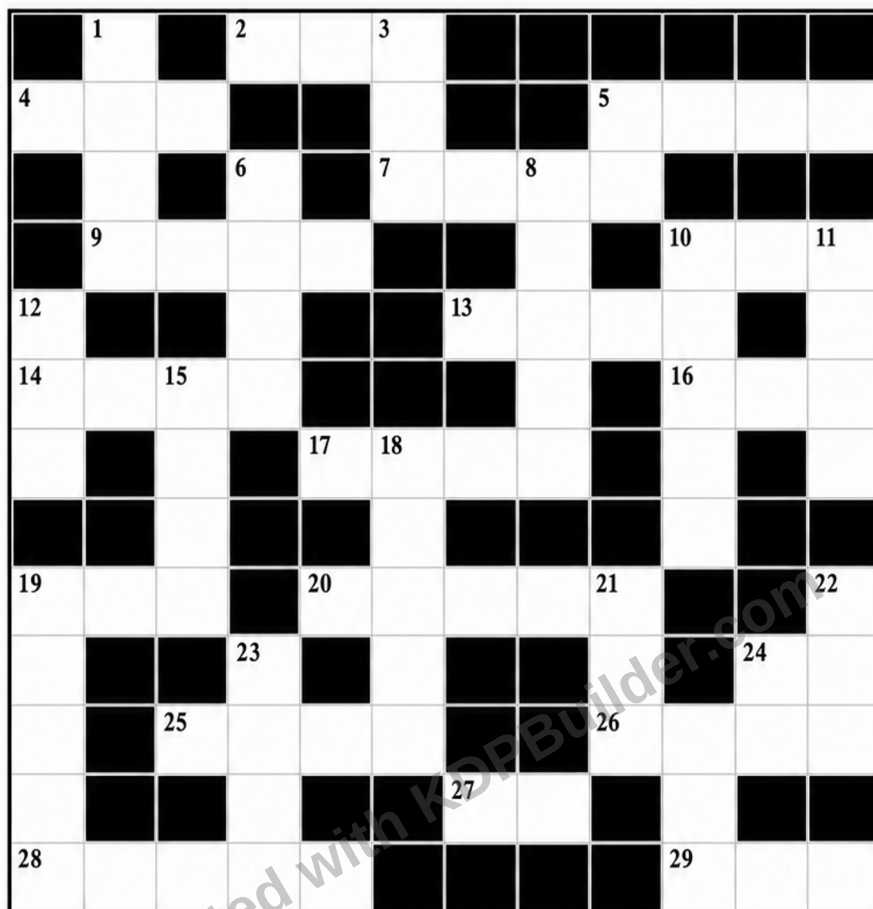
1. Upcoming
5. Move slowly
7. Ascend
8. Loud complaint
10. Additional
11. Cozy room
13. Back
14. By oneself
15. Simple mistake
20. Place to sit
21. Boat fabric
22. Female sheep
23. Charged atom
24. Finish

DOWN

2. Modify text
3. Serving plate
4. Grand banquet
6. Brief burst
8. Blinding brightness
9. Vend
10. Delete completely
11. Opposite of night
12. High sun
16. Speed
17. Red bloom
18. Yellow car
19. King of beasts
20. Boy

Evening Wind-Down

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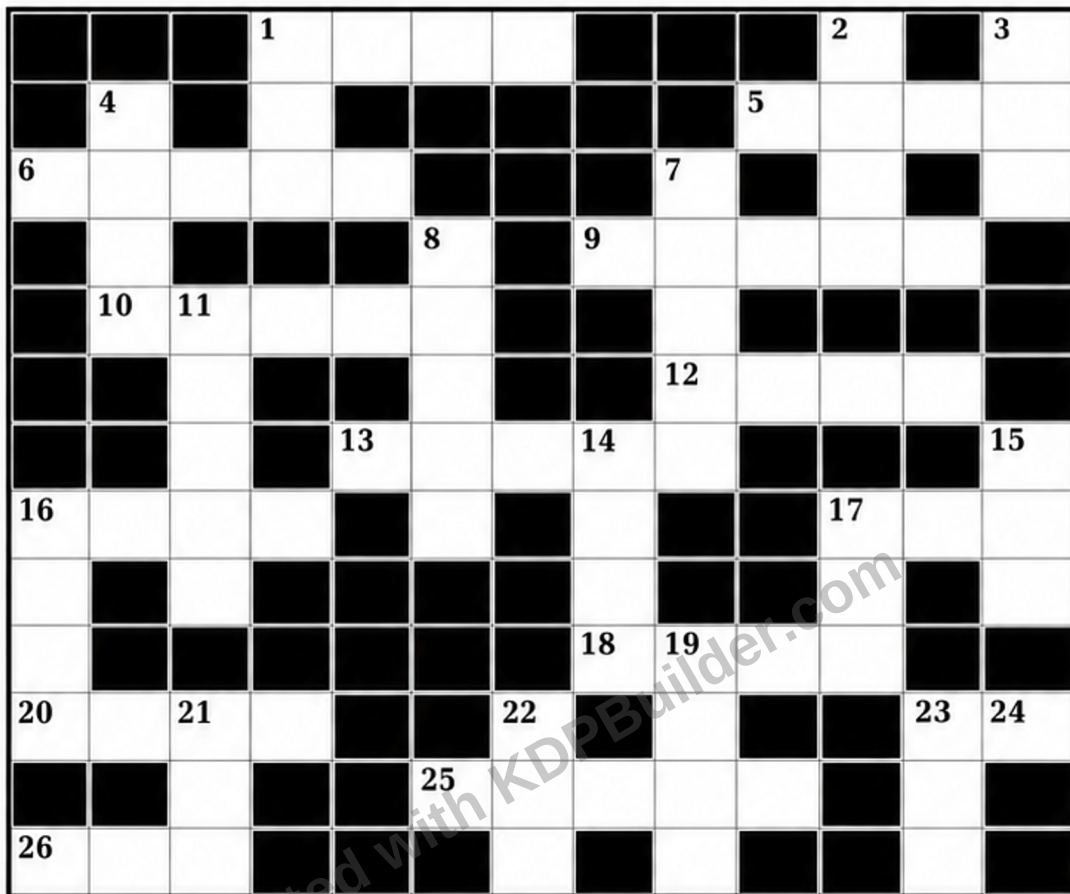
- 2. Canvas cover
- 4. Summit
- 5. Thin layer
- 7. Yank
- 9. Cease
- 10. Deserve
- 13. Lawn
- 14. Ballot
- 16. Bovine
- 17. Bend
- 19. Healthy
- 20. Sharp pain
- 25. Possessive
- 26. Creamy white
- 27. Daylight source
- 28. Adult duck
- 29. Departed

DOWN

- 1. Forest ground cover
- 3. Louse egg
- 5. Give food to
- 6. Cipher
- 8. Watch over
- 11. Report
- 12. Adam's partner
- 15. Exam
- 16. Preserve
- 18. More external
- 19. Cultivated land
- 21. Big smile
- 22. Sauté
- 23. Traditional
- 24. Residence

The Silver Screen Cipher

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ACROSS

1. 12 PM
5. Animal enclosure
6. Enclosed stand
9. Hold tightly
10. Honest statement
12. Obligation
13. Flat dish
16. Hand center
17. Pan ___
18. Small city
20. Injury
23. 24 hours
25. Lockup
26. Cry hard

DOWN

1. Nit-pick
2. Acquire
3. Flower ___
4. Misplaced
7. Move smoothly
8. Son or daughter
11. Sphere of influence
14. Camping shelter
15. Needle hole
16. Shove
17. Locate
19. Merely
21. Friction
22. Tax acronym
24. Sum up

Answer Key

Solutions for all 85 puzzles

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Crossword Solutions

#1 The Opening Gambit

1	B	O	O	K	2	J											
	A				3	V	O	W	4	E	L						
5	S	K	I	6	P		Y		V		7	H	I	8	G	H	
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		10	V	O	C	A	11	B		N		M		I			
		E		K		L			12	H	E	13	L	P			
14	T	R	Y		15	D	O	W	16	N			I		17	J	
	B			18	F		C		19	O	P	E	N			A	
20	C			21	M	A	R	K		U			22	K	E	Y	
	A			I				24	K	N	I	T		A			
25	L	E		26	A	R	N		N							S	
	M		P				27	S	O	F	A		28	P	E	N	
			29	P	U	N		T									

#2 Proof of Concept

1	P					2	R	E	A	3	D	E	4	R	5	O	
6	R	I	S	K		E			O		7	A	P	P			
	I					D			U		R		E				
	N		8	R		9	V	O	C	A	B		E		N		
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			R		14	B	O	O	K			15	M		I		
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	T			19	G		C			20	K	21	E	Y			
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	N			I				24	G	U	E	S	S				
		25	G	A	R	D	E	N		N		Y					

#3 The Qualifier Round

							1	S	O	F	2	A		3	B		
	4	T	H	I	5	S		6	E				T		R		
	E			L		M		7	T	H	E	M	E				
		N		9	F	O	C	10	S		O				A		
		S			W			N		M				K			
11	V	E	I	L		12	B		13	O	P	E	14	N			
	O				15	F	L	O	W			O					
	C			16	V		A					U					
	A		17	R	E	I	N		18	P	R	I	N	T			
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		I			22	C	L	U	E					C			
23	A	P	P					24	T	I	C	K					

#4 First Principles

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		D		8	F					H		U					
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	K			12	I	D	I	O	M								
13	T	I	P		R		M			14	E	A	S	Y			
	P		16	R			E				L		17	V			
18	J			19	I	N	T	R	O		20	P	A	G	E		
	O			S						21	P		N		R		
22	B	O	O	K				23	W	R	O	N	G		B		
	S									T							

#5 Establishing the Record



#6 The Morning Kettle



#7 Grocery List Chronicles



#8 Rush Hour Reverie



#9 The Linen Closet



#10 Clockwork Habits



#11 Notes on the Fridge



#12 The Corner Caf



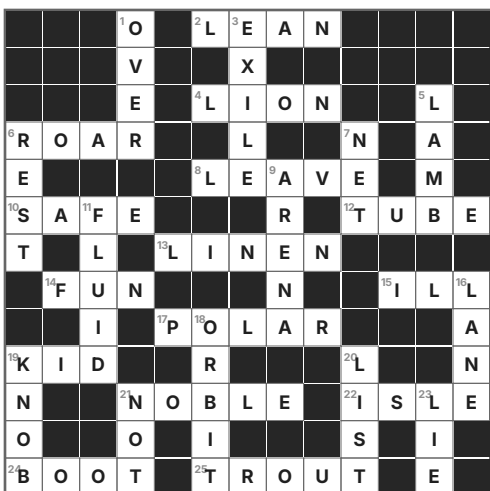
#13 Sunday Paper



#14 Errands in Order



#15 The Kitchen Drawer



#16 Commuter's Almanac



#17 Familiar Faces



#18 The Pantry Index



#19 Small Talk, Big Words



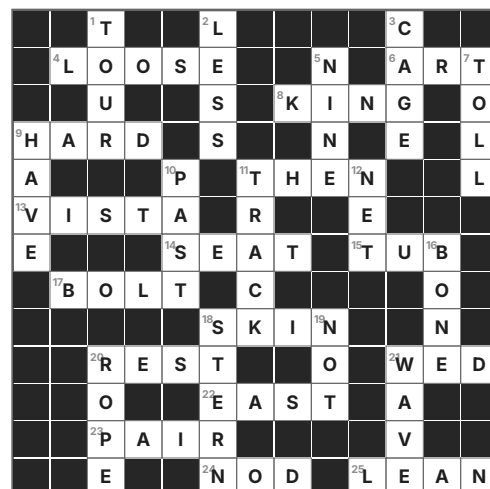
#20 The Neighborhood Watch



#21 Bedside Table



#22 The Weekly Planner



#23 Loose Change



#24 The Front Porch Hour



#25 Evening Wind-Down



#26 The Silver Screen Cipher



#27 Curtain Call



#28 Reel Revelations

