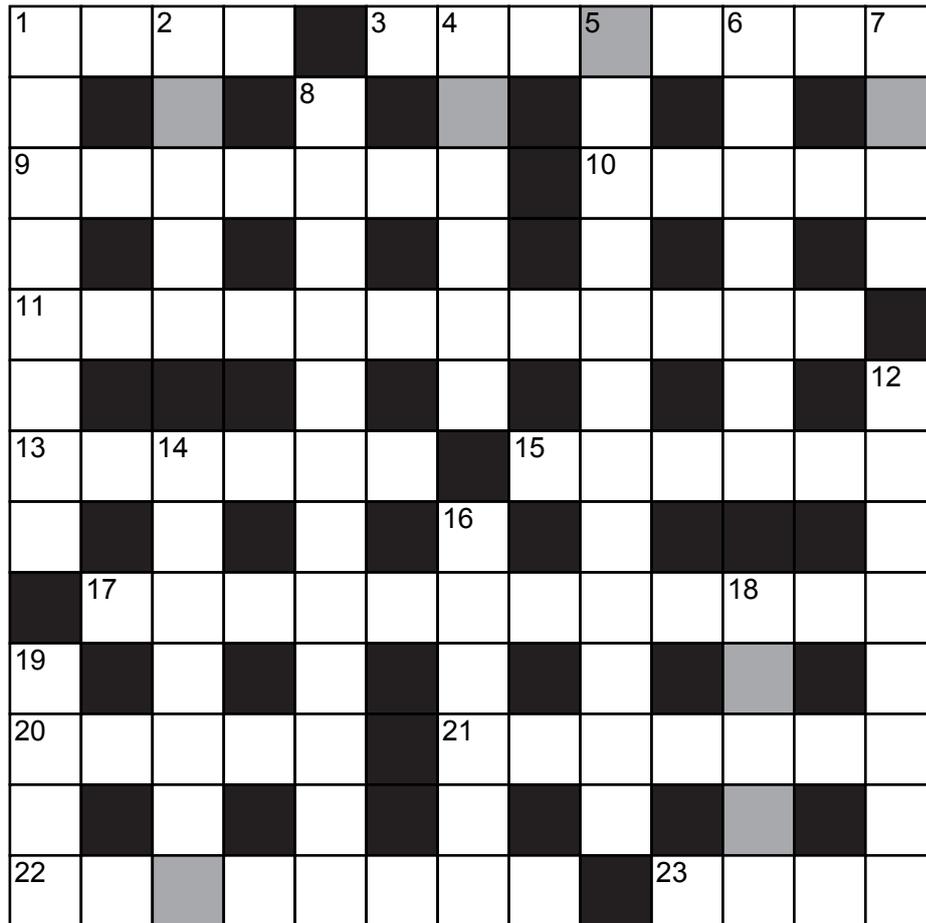


Quick Crossword 23



Across

- 1 Arrived (4)
- 3 Yellowish edible seed (8)
- 9 Unfasten (7)
- 10 Customary practice (5)
- 11 Reticent and secretive (12)
- 13 Encrypt (6)
- 15 Sum of money demanded to release a captive (6)
- 17 Strengthen; confirm (12)
- 20 Imitative of the past (5)
- 21 Anxious and afraid (7)
- 22 Evilly (8)
- 23 Chopped (4)

Down

- 1 Sticks used as supports (8)
- 2 Very masculine (5)
- 4 Type of music (3-3)
- 5 Military judicial body (5,7)
- 6 Game participants (7)
- 7 Mocks (4)
- 8 Children's toy (12)
- 12 Driven to action (8)
- 14 Harsh; corrosive (7)
- 16 Loud blast of sound (6)
- 18 Attach (5)
- 19 Increased in size (4)

Unscramble the letters in the shaded squares to reveal a themed word:

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