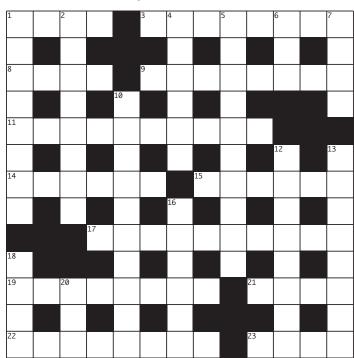
# **Easy Crossword 1**



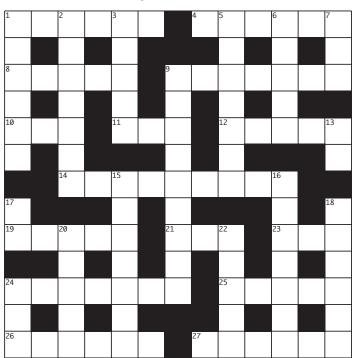
# **ACROSS**

- 1 Japan's tallest mountain (4)
- 3 Southern African mammal; the first animal in the dictionary (8)
- 8 Norway's capital (4)
- The tallest building in the UK (3,5)
- 11 An area of tropical wetlands at the southern tip of Florida (10)
- 14 Cuban drums (sound like eels?) (6)
- 15 Common Middle Eastern nut (6)
- 17 Crew members of a Soviet or Russian spacecraft (10)
- 19 Solar pub (anag) climate in the far north of Canada and Russia (3-5)
- 21 Wind instrument (4)
- 22 Three-wheeled passenger cart from Asia (8)
- 23 Wildebeest (4)

#### **DOWN**

- 1 Italian city and birthplace of the Renaissance (8)
- 2 Nile June (anag) vegetables 'French cut' into short thin strips (8)
- 4 Marsha (anag) Hindu religious retreat (6)
- 5 Large Californian theme park (10)
- 6 US motoring organisation (abbr) (3)
- 7 You might take these to 5 down (4)
- 10 Undo Saigon (anag) pointythumbed dinosaurs from Europe (10)
- 12 Burn anon (anag) rural (3-5)
- 13 Long journeys, such as an ancient Greek might take (8)
- 16 East African antelope (6)
- 18 Former imperial ruler of Russia (4)
- 20 The world's best-selling pen (3)

# **Easy Crossword 2**



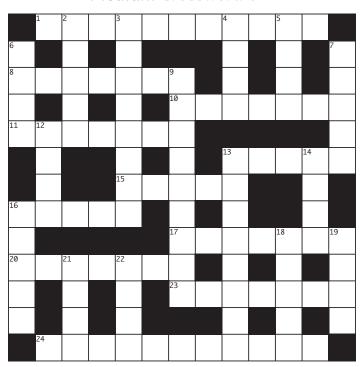
### **ACROSS**

- 1 Large Parisian art museum; home of the *Mona Lisa* (6)
- 4 African country; capital Kampala (6)
- 8 Mountainous Asian country (5)
- 9 European country; capital Zagreb (7)
- 10 What you use to row a boat (3)
- 11 Edible tuber used in Nigerian cuisine (3)
- 12 Soviet forced-labour camp (5)
- 14 Karma sand (anag) Uzbekistani city; former stop on the Silk Road (9)
- 19 Canadian territory bordering Alaska (5)
- 21 US landmark; the Hoover '\_ \_ \_ ' (3)
- 23 Expected to arrive (3)
- 24 Ace take (anag) currant bun (7)
- 25 Grandmasters' board game (5)
- 26 Chewy, nutty confectionery (6)
- 27 Winding (6)

# DOWN

- 1 Beatles singer; Liverpool airport (6)
- 2 Officials in charge of tennis matches (7)
- 3 Long car race, such as Paris-Dakar (5)
- 5 US state; there's a midnight train (7)
- 6 South African region; relating to birth (5)
- 7 Norwegian band of the 1980s (1-2)
- 9 Major English university city (9)
- 13 What you must pass to collect regular income in Monopoly (2)
- 15 Ann atom (anag) US state
- 16 Los Angeles baseball team (7)
- 17 The Big Apple (abbr) (2)
- 18 Channel Island and knitted garment (6)
- **20** First name of the Canadian star of *The Matrix* (5)
- 22 Long-tailed South American parrot (5)
- 24 Go darker in the Sun (3)

# **Medium Crossword 64**



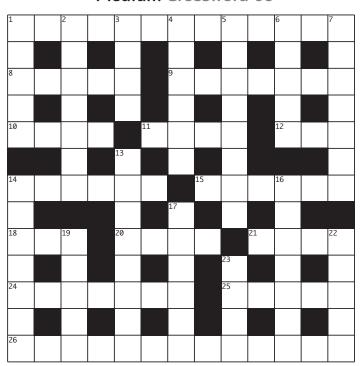
# **ACROSS**

- 1 Travel review website founded in 2000 (4,7)
- 8 Italian for 'hotel' (7)
- 10 Dig near (anag) large town and music festival in the south of England (7)
- 11 Caribbean island, capital St John's (7)
- 13 The ancient Greek underworld (5)
- 15 Relating to England or the English (5)
- 16 Spicy Indian dish (5)
- 17 What you wear when it's cold, or birds use to rise up in the air (7)
- 20 Greece's currency before the Euro (7)
- 23 Long thin strands of dough used widely in Asian cuisine (7)
- 24 Californian coastal city; end of Route 66 (5,6)

#### DOWN

- 2 The capital of Morocco (5)
- 3 South American country (8)
- 4 Sweden's biggest furniture store (4)
- 5 All and every (prefix) (4)
- 6 Maori ceremonial war dance (4)
- 7 Nigeria's largest city (5)
- 9 Great ape native to Borneo (9)
- 12 Japanese restaurant (and chef) (4)
- 13 Where someone is from (4,4)
- 14 Sicilian volcano (4)
- **16** Spanish port city (5)
- 18 Claim (anag) type of acid found in apples (5)
- 19 What you compile when packing (4)
- 21 Sweden's biggest musical export (4)
- 22 Miami's basketball team (4)

# **Medium Crossword 65**



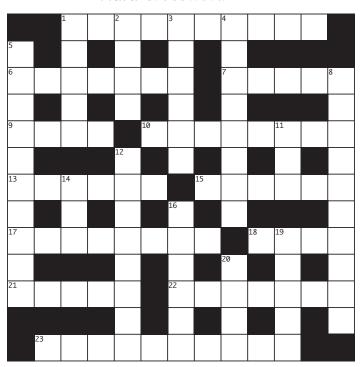
### **ACROSS**

- 1 British royal residence (7,6)
- 8 Team sport and British school (5)
- 9 An arrangement in which people take turns driving each other to work (3,4)
- 10 Someone from Istanbul or Ankara (4)
- 11 Area in both London and New York (4)
- 12 Leave this after a restaurant meal (3)
- 14 Occasionally found in clams (6)
- 15 Central Asian grassy expanse (6)
- 18 Strong pulling current (3)
- 20 Wild mountain goat of the Alps (4)
- 21 Dutch Cheese (4)
- 24 Italian folded pizza (7)
- 25 Tiny sap-sucking insect; greenfly; curse of gardeners everywhere (5)
- **26** See displays of this at the Spanish Riding School, Vienna, Austria (13)

#### DOWN

- 1 German sausages; they're the '\_\_\_\_' (5)
- 2 Africa's largest country by population (7)
- 3 Island off Scotland's west coast (4)
- 4 Count; consider (6)
- 5 Where planes fly to (and from) (8)
- 6 Type of freshwater fish (5)
- 7 The moon blocking out the Sun (7)
- 13 The 'Prairie State' (8)
- 14 German luxury car manufacturer (7)
- 16 Southeast Asian noodle dish (3,4)
- 17 Flying space rock (6)
- 19 Spicy Indian rice (5)
- 22 Device for connecting a computer to the internet (5)
- 23 Spanish clothing chain (4)

# **Hard Crossword 127**



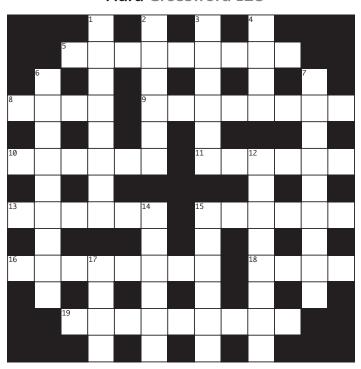
# **ACROSS**

- 1 Country in the Caucasus (10)
- 6 Country to which the Galapagos Islands belong (7)
- 7 Fertile spot in the desert (5)
- 9 Country more widely known as Persia prior to 1935 (4)
- 10 African country; capital Harare (8)
- 13 Canada's fourth largest city (6)
- 15 European country (6)
- 17 System of political beliefs (8)
- 18 Thin stretch of sand jutting out from the land (4)
- 21 Coarse crude person, as described in Jonathan Swift's *Gulliver's Travels* (5)
- 22 Small, high-pitched sound, as a bird or insect might make (7)
- 23 Koalas and wombats (10)

#### **DOWN**

- 1 Dutch island in the Caribbean Sea (5)
- 2 Circular current of water (4)
- 3 City once divided by a wall (6)
- 4 Ink arbor (anag) type of Australian eucalyptus known for its metallically hard wood (4.4)
- 5 Highest North American capital (6,4)
- 8 Widely held but often mistaken belief about a nation or culture (10)
- 11 Bumble, honey or carpenter, for example (3)
- 12 Small, fast-flying birds with long tail streamers (8)
- 14 Where a golf hole begins (3)
- 16 Breakfast container (6)
- 19 City on the River Seine (5)
- 20 South American capital city (4)

# Hard Crossword 128



#### **ACROSS**

- 5 Insect-eating African mammals also known as 'ant bears' (9)
- 8 Soccer's international governing body (abbr) (4)
- 9 What you might do on a tropical beach (8)
- 10 Swiss city (6)
- 11 How you might greet someone in Jerusalem or Tel Aviv (6)
- 13 On land (where Michael rowed his boat in an American spiritual?) (6)
- 15 Syrian city (6)
- 16 Capital of South Australia (8)
- 18 Currency of Vietnam (4)
- 19 Mountain range in Northeast Italy named after a mineral (9)

#### DOWN

- 1 Balkan capital city on the Miljacka River (8)
- 2 Black Sea resort (6)
- 3 French resort and film festival (6)
- 4 Predatory sea bird of the polar regions (4)
- 6 Area next to a water course (where you might lay down your sword and shield according to an American spiritual?) (9)
- 7 Cambodia's capital city (5,4)
- 12 Scotland's third largest city (8)
- 14 Person in charge of a newspaper or magazine (6)
- **15** Paris-set movie of 2001 (6)
- 17 France's third largest city (4)

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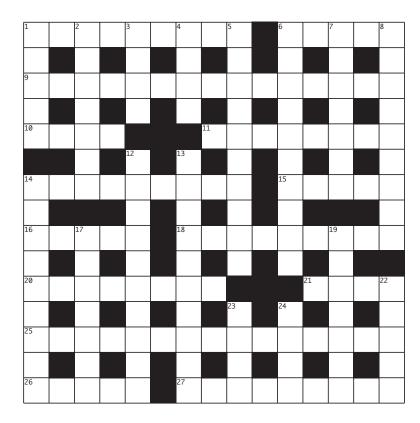
# **Cryptic Crossword 190**

## **ACROSS**

- 1 Crab, alone lost in Spanish city (9)
- 6 Fur? The South can do (5)
- 9 O Draconian Devil... what an artist! (8,2,5)
- 10 Behind you in the middle of US car race (4)
- 11 Phew! It's a hot one! (8)
- 14 I lift arch that takes me up the mountain (9)
- 15 I am not in, rein it in about staying still (5)
- 16 Picture puzzle about public transport (5)
- 18 Grand line twisted in Russian city (9)
- 20 Domestic study (8)
- 21 Fruit without gravity right for our ancestors (4)
- 25 A holy person dies away knocking back food in another Russian city (5,10)
- 26 Composer of *The Planet Suite* gets aerated about deadly sin (5)
- 27 Sid is back to the East? Get lost (9)

# DOWN

- Stirring lithium tab creates curry (5)
- 2 Scrambling Japanese car with road from the valleys (7)
- 3 Meandering lane with style (4)
- 4 What are the chances? (4)
- 5 6 Down are stepping down (10)
- 6 Sons grieve over royal gold coins (10)
- 7 'Block her with energy', she wails (7)
- 8 Record company got on one's nerves so moved to another country (9)
- 12 Time on your hands? Nearly (10)
- 13 Partner is a life grind, right? (10)
- 14 Half circle sister round Greek letter, causing liver disease (9)
- 17 Bimbo, an addled Italian child (7)
- 19 Ecstasy caused by Rupert A (7)
- 22 It's easy to see with this (5)
- 23 Push the fridge back to find iewels (4)
- 24 Rats everywhere! He's the boss of Russia (4)



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