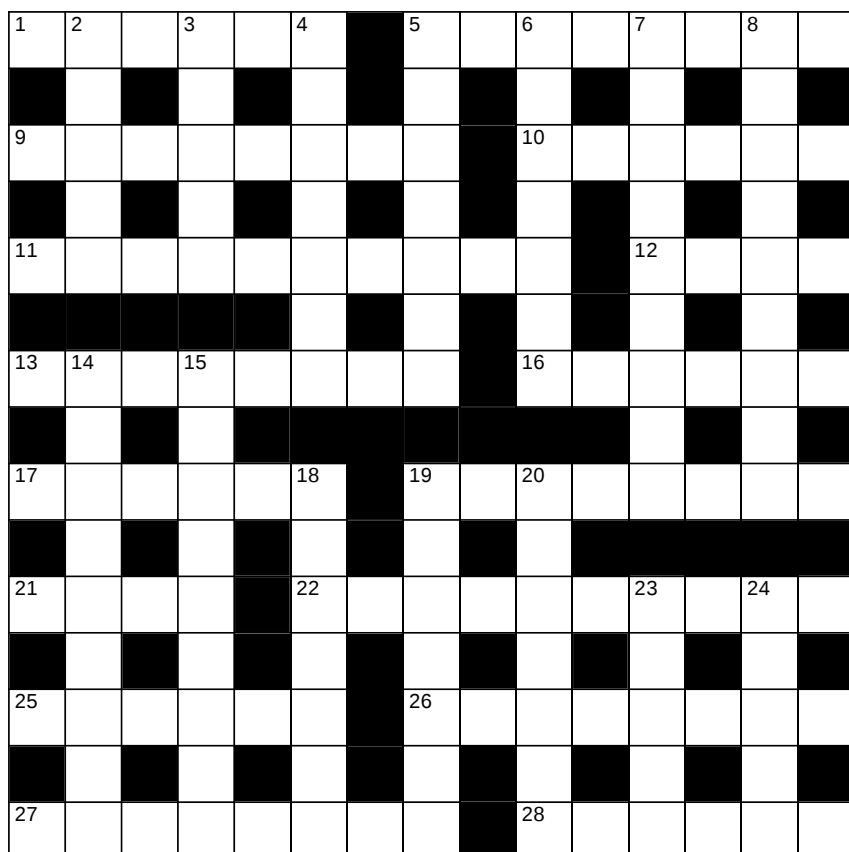




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Six clues lack a common definition.

They are easy to spot

because they are asterisked (*).

This definition – being there for no particular reason (and not related to today's event) – is given by two other clues.

ACROSS

- 1 One producing music online? (6)
- 5 *Vehicle needs petrol (not gas) (8)
- 9 *Low part of Ireland (4,4)
- 10 It's hidden by rodent in hole (6)
- 11 *Apple 'n' pear cocktail (5,5)
- 12 *Some extra information needed (4)
- 13 Very nearly likes to embrace the Almighty, filled with love (2,4,2)
- 16 Remains where, reportedly, dead souls are carried away (6)
- 17 The Mob taking part in vendetta if family's rejected (6)
- 19 *Head of maths constructed triangles with no sides (4,4)
- 21 Former England striker losing credit - that hurts! (4)
- 22 Plaything I suck deliriously wearing condom briefly (6,4)
- 25 ... for example, Times? (6)
- 26 See 24 Down
- 27 Oh dear! Promise kept by car lobby (8)
- 28 South of France good for everyone? It's all about getting the numbers right (6)

DOWN

- 2 Return of a tennis stroke source of enormous complaint (5)
- 3 Man at the door discovered a big cat (5)
- 4 Fallen actor finds way to win Oscar, heading for the top (7)
- 5 Have a close look at oil painting that's apparently dripping (7)
- 6 R-rough Australians, 14? (7)
- 7 Meat Loaf originally the fourth band touring West after East (9)
- 8 Onset of pain in heart after lifting hip, a critical one (9)
- 14 Very entertaining American music mag's written about both rubbish and classy pop stars (6,3)
- 15 Change of heart if BBC4 is this at 6pm (3,3,3)
- 18 Dope and high-quality heroin found in study (7)
- 19 Member of 17 has crustacean's head magnified by a factor of 20 (7)
- 20 Soldiers will secure large deer's put back in chains (7)
- 23 Uncertain beginners in Crosswordland usually let Dalibor explain what the solutions are (5)
- 24/26 *Doctor let Sue Barker out of hospital (5,3,5)

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