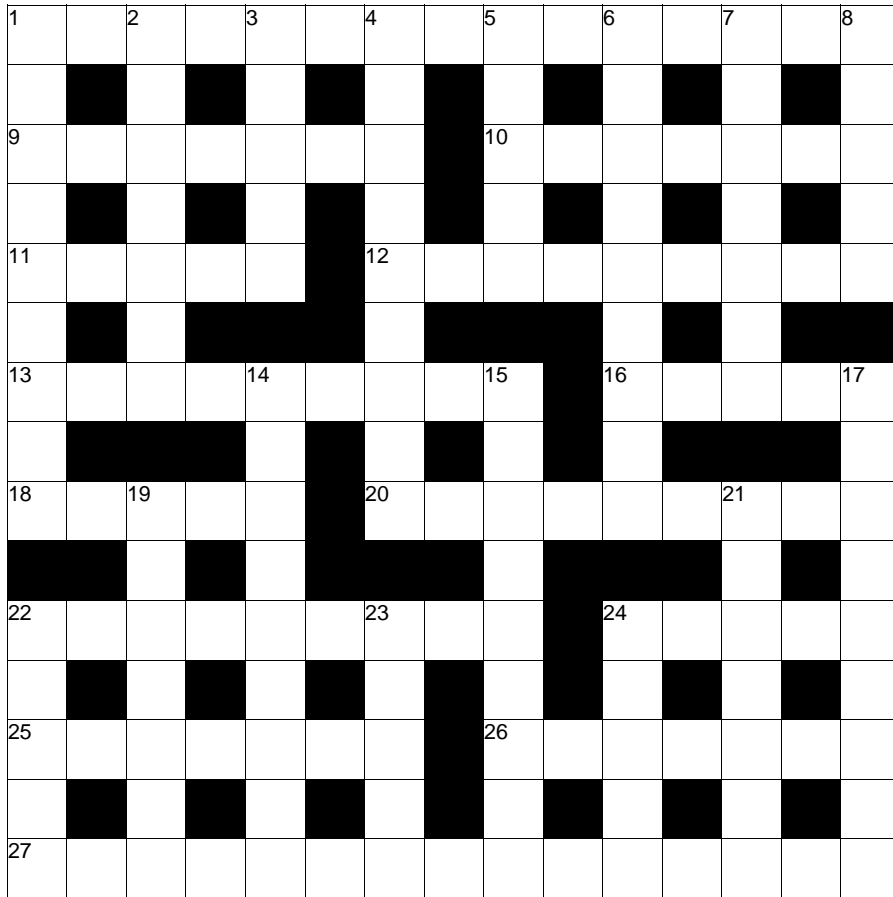


# AIM crossword #12

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## ACROSS

1. Novice lost fight badly - it's the price we have to pay (3,4,2,6)
9. Substitute for every returned shoestring (7)
10. Organ situated behind the drums (7)
11. In muslim areas, mosques' spiritual leaders (5)
12. Parodying dreadfully racist liar endlessly (9)
13. Texan steers pine and brass section (9)
16. Sing the praises of former spouse to student (5)
18. Attention grabbing act to shock Tory leader (5)
20. Dish from lower in the oven (5,4)
22. Ignorant, nameless policemen may be (9)
24. Mobile home owner sent a bill, oddly (5)
25. Tear old fashioned dancewear (7)
26. Scotsman carrying beast of Balliol, perhaps (7)
27. A decade of order (3,12)

3. Gems appeal to mates (5)
4. Financial officer Jim Hawkins, perhaps? (9)
5. Expert in feet produces smooth, flat surface (5)
6. Ends of reject cornice shaped wrong (9)
7. Unlawful piece of plastic I'll impound, on reflection
8. A girl in distress is a much sought after thing (5)
14. Stolen jacket? Pass it on quickly! (3,6)
15. Withdraw from election, being extremely skint and depressed (5,4)
17. Means of escape in the palms of one's hands (9)
19. Mythical beast - a French one with foot problem (7)
21. Dodging tax, perhaps? No, I save up (7)
22. A French bed in the dark (5)
23. She's a brothel-keeper, whichever way you look at it (5)
24. Tempest or maelstrom describes it (5)

## DOWN

1. Mexican food: roast till melted (9)
2. Formerly straightforward made elaborate (7)