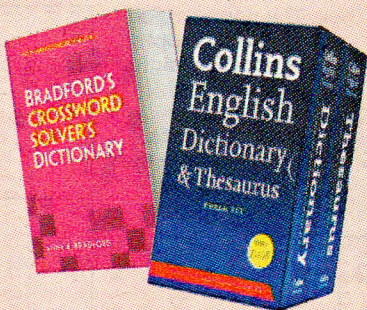
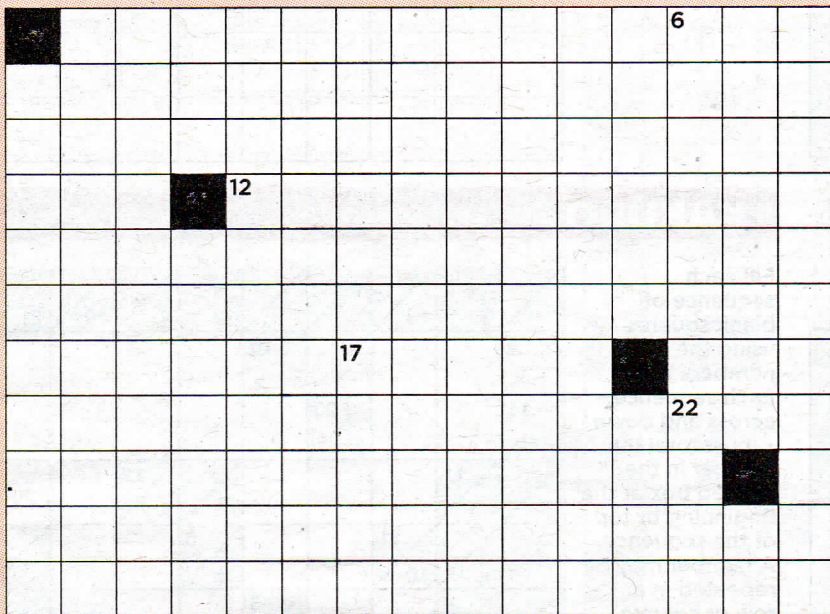


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Across

- 7 Mad, having no right making a cake
- 8 Bereft child performing on harp
- 11 The elephant swallowed a fish
- 12 Crack bad habit after credit note
- 13 Previously used in poetry
- 14 Reportedly bound to change in sea level
- 15 Contribute to large conclusion
- 20 Fellow left union a complaint

- 21 Form of sugar designed to scale
- 22 Revealed a woman inside
- 23 Draw everyone to Yorkshire river
- 24 An affection has confused start in recess

Down

- 1 Regularly drink to a betting system (Two words)
- 2 Tree used as punishment
- 3 Say the others lose small bird

- 4 Film has little time to compete
- 5 Noticed I raced round
- 6 Willing to book wildlife park (Two words)
- 9 Correct about following in wrong city
- 10 Dire sea travel requires money
- 16 Strike shows influence
- 17 Almost hide mass of small stones
- 18 Good Frenchman has spoken
- 19 Instruct every team leader to go first

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