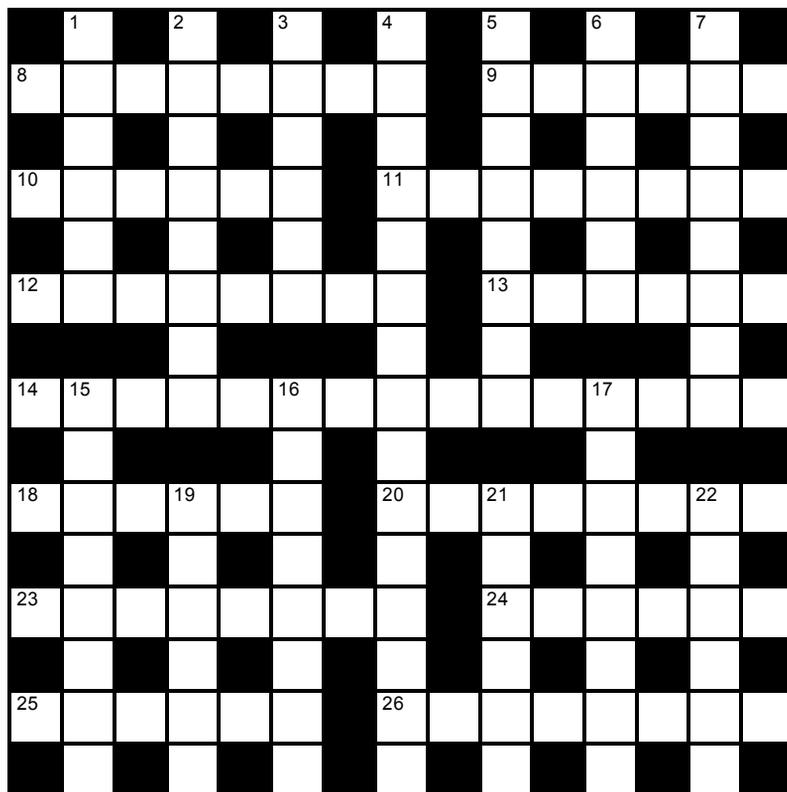


## Cryptic Crossword #51

12 clues have solutions that are related. These clues are partial and contain no definition.

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### Across

- 8** American friend's a nuisance (8)  
**9** The answer's all around (6)  
**10** Soft, quiet key? Let's rock! (6)  
**11** Spooner's pulled horse? (4,4)  
**12** Bob taught in a tense way (8)  
**13** Cerumen's 'ere with hits on the radio (6)  
**14** International body joins state partner wholeheartedly (15)  
**18** Settles down properly on edge of sofa (6)  
**20** Takes medicines to stifle fit (8)  
**23** Initially horrified, priest covers up sin by king (8)  
**24** Earthquake's direction? (6)  
**25** Every other itchy European scratches head and neck (6)  
**26** Presents former girlfriend his boxing part (8)

### Down

- 1** Line of people to hold back, say (6)  
**2** Father Christmas takes one turn (8)  
**3** Top of bin liner is rubbish! (6)  
**4** Security men's mineral find in Cornish town (5,10)  
**5** Clove jar asking to be shown up (8)  
**6** With their flagellating, become more pure? (6)  
**7** Drink unlikely to be served in Hades? (8)  
**15** I led, when cycling (3,5)  
**16** "Divorce" or "untied" is to break apart (8)  
**17** Bishop begins interment after a holy man drops dead (3,5)  
**19** Ferocious animal swallows small boy (6)  
**21** Uneven surface of Pacific capsizes yacht (6)  
**22** Performs stick up on gutless tourists (6)