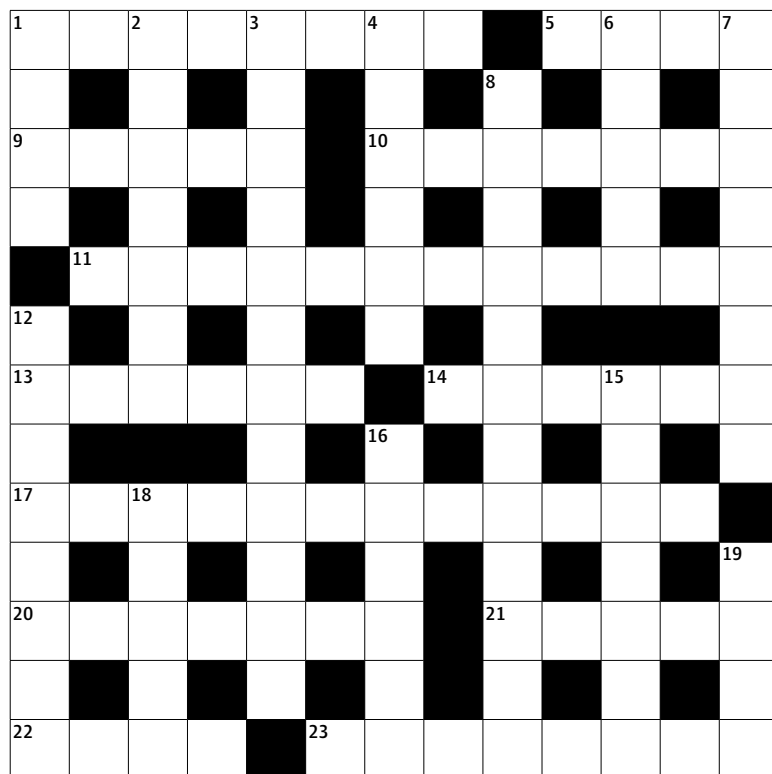


Quick crossword no 17,624



Across

- 1** Attach firmly - agree on (4,4)
5 Masticate (4)
9 Branch, green or oil (5)
10 Insolently bold (7)
11 Like a certain shark or bat - not the sharpest tool in the box? (12)
13 Bauble - wee gag (anag) (6)
14 Harmonize, reconcile (6)
17 Toys - tuneful containers? (7,5)
20 __ slopes, for novice skiers (7)
21 Bouquet __ (herbs) (5)
22 Seaweed, eg (4)
23 Note, value two quavers (8)

- 12** Obsessive intense love for oneself (8)
15 Dig up (7)
16 Actor or musician (6)
18 Baby or young child (informal) (5)
19 Aid, token or horse (4)

Down

- 1** Beginner, in modern slang (4)
2 Copy (7)
3 Decorative sleep protector - created charm (anag) (12)
4 Eg sandpipers and oystercatchers (6)
6 Store in excess (5)
7 Took out (8)
8 PS (12)

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