

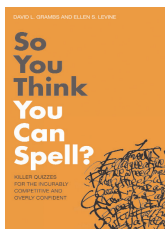
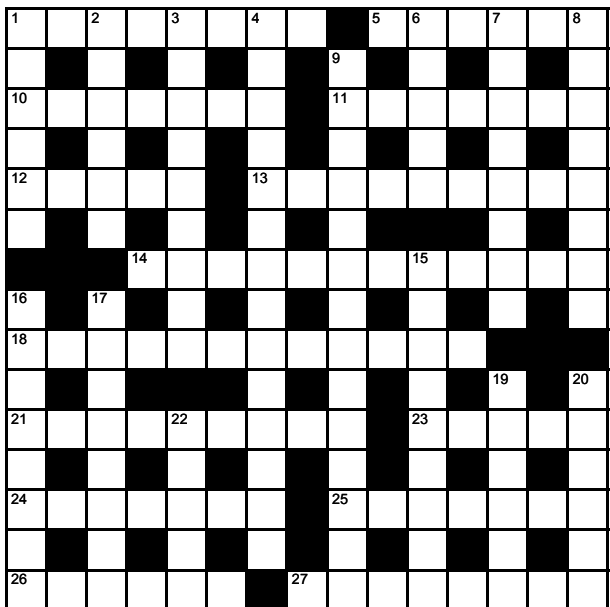
Crossword 13,687 Set by Mudd

ACROSS

- 1 Stage production in a state (8)
- 5 Error students backed up (4-2)
- 10 Country's silly men unable to see? (7)
- 11 Last of salt, perhaps? (7)
- 12 Titan finally cut short (5)
- 13 Libertine offering a smile, and crooked (6,3)
- 14 Social problem in crack, new pill to exploit (7,5)
- 18 Take horseman off? That's too difficult! (3,2,7)
- 21 Only one in suit with vest on (9)
- 23 Time when work came across from the east (5)
- 24 Worker and my employer supplied energy with a drink (4,3)
- 25 Imitate bird, gone to meet its maker (7)
- 26 Old drink to sell abroad (6)
- 27 A grand ship returning to a volcanic island (8)

DOWN

- 1 Trial or agreement (6)
- 2 Artist keeps on being isolated (6)
- 3 One's death written about – here? (9)
- 4 New man to leave work, seeing hippy slogan (4,4,3,3)
- 6 Desert holiday (5)
- 7 Lover finding a force in stream (8)
- 8 Think about mother as a fragrant thing (8)
- 9 Bond character stuffing old note well inside rip (10,4)
- 15 A quarter fight to be overcome by wonder (9)
- 16 OK to see singer turning up in white (8)
- 17 Superficial sort involved in leak (4-4)
- 19 Devil with the skill to communicate (6)
- 20 One must be dedicated to fill rubbish bag in Spanish shop (6)
- 22 Not for now, chocolate responsibly saved (5)



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Solution 13,686

Solution 13,675

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