

All of the Across answers contain a mystery letter exactly once, **and are not defined**. Each Across clue defines another word which, when the mystery letter is added, provides the answer. For example, suppose the mystery letter is M (which it is not!). Then 'Fishing (7+1)' would give MANGLING, 'Invent (6+1)' would give CREMATE. Down clues are normal.

## April 2026 Slot 1 by Crowsman

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### Across

- 1 Good enough to be sold (8+1)
- 6 Invasion (4+1)
- 9 Took a dip (4+1)
- 10 Blankets (8+1)
- 11 Speaks (6+1)
- 12 Tying up (6+1)
- 13 Moneylenders (7+1)
- 15 Drags heavily (4+1)
- 18 Defacement (4+1)
- 20 Ground (7+1)
- 24 Timber (6+1)
- 25 Second or more recent (6+1)
- 27 Removal (8+1)
- 28 Mode of transport (4+1)
- 29 Mends clothing (4+1)
- 30 Most poorly (8+1)
- 3 Insincere involvement in 'speed' pills on the rise (3-4)
- 4 They scan right inside refuelling providers (8)
- 5 Old and mostly hollow excuse (6)
- 6 Italian artist raised standard with Jacob's wife turning up (7)
- 7 Naughty youngster going around dropping eggs (7,2)
- 8 Undertake wise amount of medicine (6)
- 14 Remove wrinkles from buttock in relative (9)
- 16 Press 1, re-establishing answer (8)
- 17 Enter converted cannabis storehouse (8)
- 19 They remove mistakes from series of tennis matches (7)
- 21 Responded to rush outside law (7)
- 22 Digs emphatically if in these (6)
- 23 Supports getting hold of inside intelligence (6)
- 26 Angry rant, but without one deal (5)

### Down

- 1 King of Corinth, his spy unsettled us (8)
- 2 Definite blackmail! (5)