

All Down answers contain the same part-word. Their clues have a definition, but the wordplay omits this part-word which must be added to match the answer. Across clues are normal.

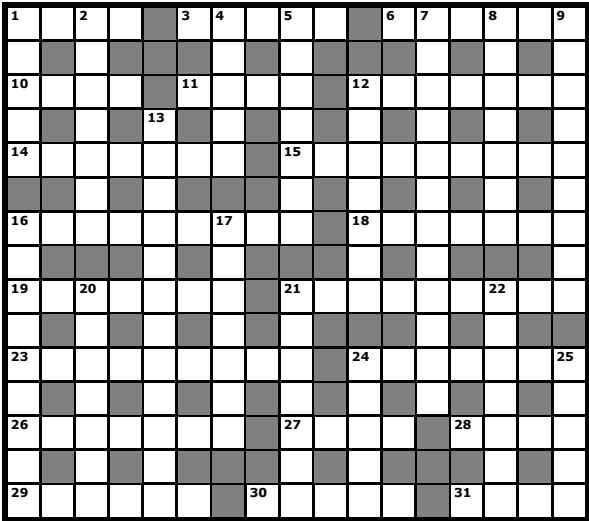
October 2025 Slot 7 by Crowsman

Across

- 1 Cattle lacking water? (4)
- 3 Chambers fell over front of sofa (5)
- 6 500 call in here, simultaneously returning (6)
- 10 Scottish island at Sunday service? (4)
- 11 Dumps hawk on reflection (4)
- 12 Old bad current supplying light source (3,4)
- 14 Incident is penned into poem (7)
- 15 Organ has one indicative try-out amongst several (9)
- 16 Hurry back and forth way out there (4,5)
- 18 Countryman is backing one mad old king (7)
- 19 Polish female jazz legend making rash complaint (7)
- 21 View lacking in Luxembourg amidst air pilot performance (9)
- 23 Gallant very famous boxer surrounded by applause (9)
- 24 How stallion serviced mares, bay and chestnut (7)
- 26 Colour with a rainbow effect is involved in one merry-go-round experience (7)
- 27 28 returned flower (4)
- 28 Digital assistant brought 27 back (4)
- 29 Mentioned little key getting little hole (6)
- 30 Male and female kiss in pictures (5)
- 31 Used to be showered, but not with shoes on (4)

Down

- 1 Bring up an innocent (5)
- 2 Record store's vault (7)
- 4 Oil abandoned by Italy? Hardly! (5)



- 5 Heavy service (7)
- 7 New trial involving long sample (12)
- 8 Not straightforward, except when written up (7)
- 9 Fair lease erases old four-letter word (9)
- 12 Last longer than aggressive person, but left fallen down (7)
- 13 Helping agent with shabby clothes (12)
- 16 Straightforward law (9)
- 17 Central character in romance possibly felt affectionate (7)
- 20 Busy individual with hot hairstyle! (7)
- 21 Last turning up of malware has excluded opening of internet (7)
- 22 Scoundrels' handwriting (7)
- 24 Type of butter from Switzerland (5)
- 25 Danger ends road trip (5)