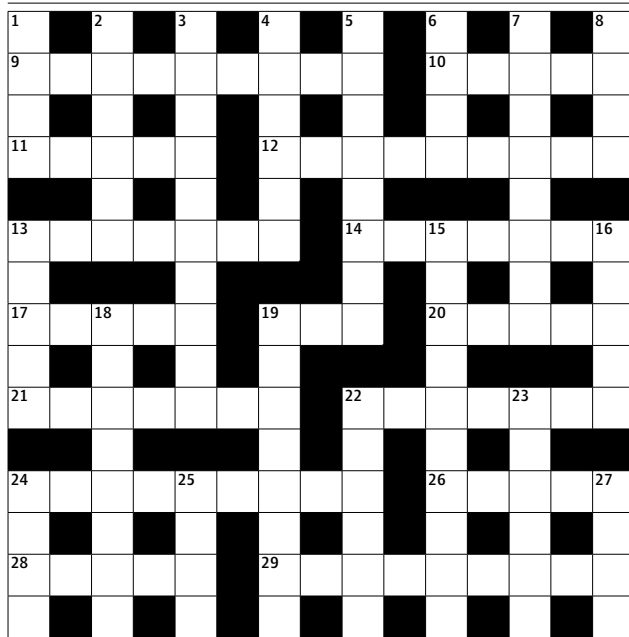


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The entries for 1, 4 and 26 can be deduced from the following: according to the 14 10, two ingredients of 4 1 and two of 4 26 are the solutions to four other clues.

Across

- 9 Getting the better of times after flying officer's interrupted trip (9)
- 10 How Frost might be said to show poetic device (5)
- 11 Heads of schools undecided generally about results produced by cane? (5)
- 12 Dotty insisted on securing medium quality of chicken (9)
- 13 Well advanced range of rocks (3,4)
- 14 Growing concern about reruns on telly, ultimately (7)
- 17 Maybe that of satellite ring needs reverse particle (5)
- 19,8 They've been found by experienced sailors, say, in waterproofs? (3,4)
- 20 Man possibly after large thread (5)
- 21 Clears out line of white of the eye (7)
- 22 "Tennis player bottom" – potential for show of bloomers (7)
- 24 Hear radio broadcast runs (9)
- 26 (See special instructions) (5)
- 28 To jazz up monster tales, switch start and finish (5)
- 29 Second-rate, in the manner of French space dog's instrument (9)

Down

- 1 (See special instructions) (4)

- 2 Time to get in wiser old hand (6)
- 3 "Redeploying" of troupers, a fancy version of the sack? (4-6)
- 4 (See special instructions) (6)
- 5 Amin's complaint? "Amin's disrespected in East Indian state" (8)
- 6 Energy-deficient oil is gloop (4)
- 7 Cremation material observed up mountains (8)
- 8 See 19 across
- 13 Sword-holders out for at least \$2,000 (5)
- 15 Turned good and mature – which is only superficially noble (6,4)
- 16 Give back garland in short measure (5)
- 18 Like some vinegar from wood, Mike? (8)
- 19 Cheshire town secures groom for Devon resort (8)
- 22 Slow movers, having sharp thing wedged in "smalls" (6)
- 23 Rail links with South American city's Spanish quarter (6)
- 24 See 27
- 25 Bar: right price, but going up (4)
- 27,24 Deserters raised, on dry earth, Carmichael's standard (8)

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