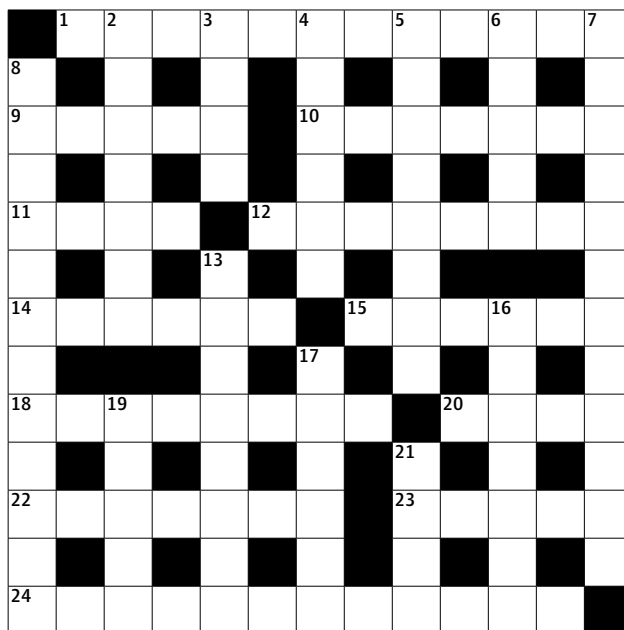


## Quick crossword no 12,461



### Across

- 1** Works for small instrumentalist groups (7,5)  
**9** Part of stage, boxing ring or airport terminal (5)  
**10** To a great extent (3,4)  
**11** Enthusiastic (4)  
**12** Hero (with labours) (8)  
**14** Stinging plant (6)  
**15** Meeting of party leaders (6)  
**18** Person (or boat for) catching small crustaceans (8)  
**20** Sound of happy cat (4)  
**22** Real pap (anag) – clothing (7)  
**23** Awry (5)  
**24** Infant school (12)

### Down

- 2** Ingathering of crops (7)  
**3** Animal with valued fur (4)  
**4** Badge (6)  
**5** Conjuror (8)  
**6** Dexterity (5)  
**7** Nibbles (6,6)  
**8** Large unthreatening fish (7,5)  
**13** Pert mule (anag) (4,4)  
**16** Laugh (7)

- 17** Effect of long distance journey (3,3)  
**19** Get ready for 2 (5)  
**21** Just (4)

### Solution no 12,460

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