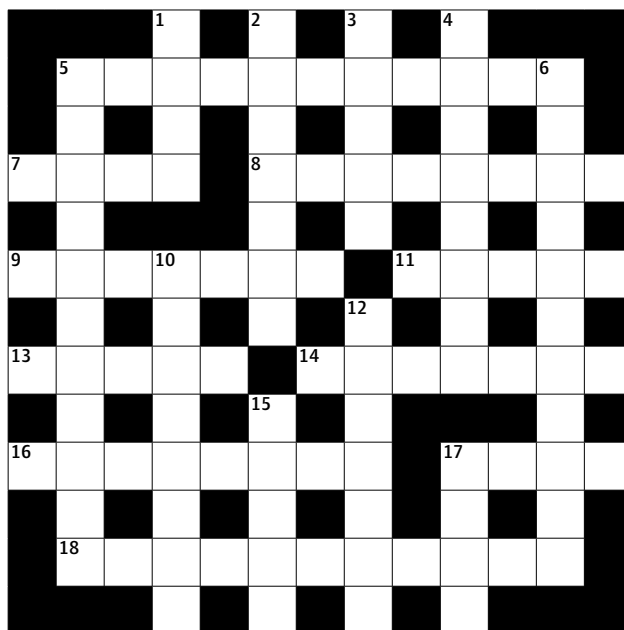


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Across

- 5 (For members of the armed forces) the other world! (5,6)
 7 Honest – frank (4)
 8 Indian Ocean country, capital Malé (8)
 9 Functioning as a choir? (7)
 11 Shiny, tough and flexible material used for floor coverings (5)
 13 Finnish steam bath (5)
 14 Bewilder (7)
 16 Slender thread – conducting wire (8)
 17 Intensive publicity (4)
 18 British comedian and magician, d. 1984 (5,6)

10 French copper (8)

12 Over-eater (7)

15 English civil servant and diarist, d. 1703 (5)

17 Feeling of expectation or desire (4)

Down

- 1 Consistent (4)
 2 US state, capital Cheyenne (7)
 3 European country (5)
 4 Temporary state of mental confusion (8)
 5 One of the last two unbeaten teams in a knockout competition (3,8)
 6 Young girl, a dedicated follower of fashion and pop (5-6)

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A	D	V	I	C	E	G	O	O	G	L	E
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