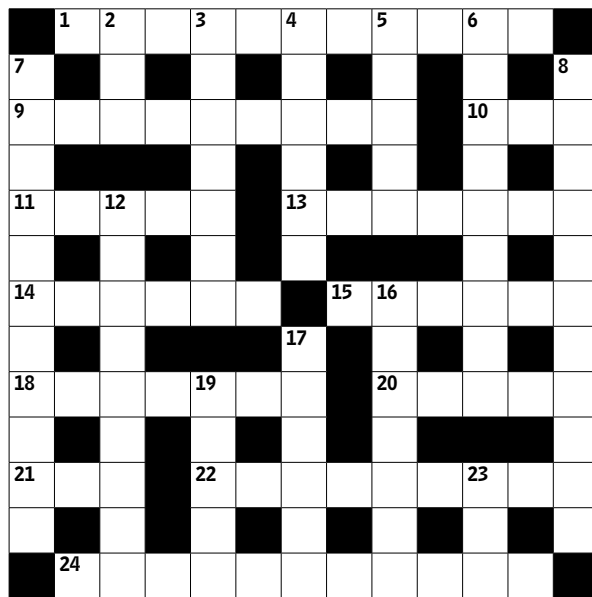
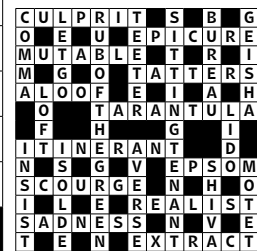


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### ACROSS

- 1 Melodious (11)
- 9 Female writer (9)
- 10 Afternoon meal (3)
- 11 Porcelain (5)
- 13 Occasionally (2,5)
- 14 Full time at rugby (2-4)
- 15 Put paid to (6)
- 18 Land preparation (7)
- 20 Discharge soldiers (abbr.) (5)
- 21 Religious sister (3)
- 22 Delusional (9)
- 24 Sensible (5-6)

### DOWN

- 2 Ingest (3)
- 3 One-piece exercise garment (7)
- 4 Relating to unborn child (6)
- 5 Overturn; distress (5)
- 6 Uncompromising demand (9)
- 7 Bewitching (11)
- 8 Disclaim responsibility (4,3,4)
- 12 Cheek, irreverence (9)
- 16 Final elaborate, showy solo in concerto etc. (7)
- 17 Explore (6)
- 19 Abundant (5)
- 23 Anger (3)