

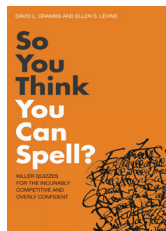
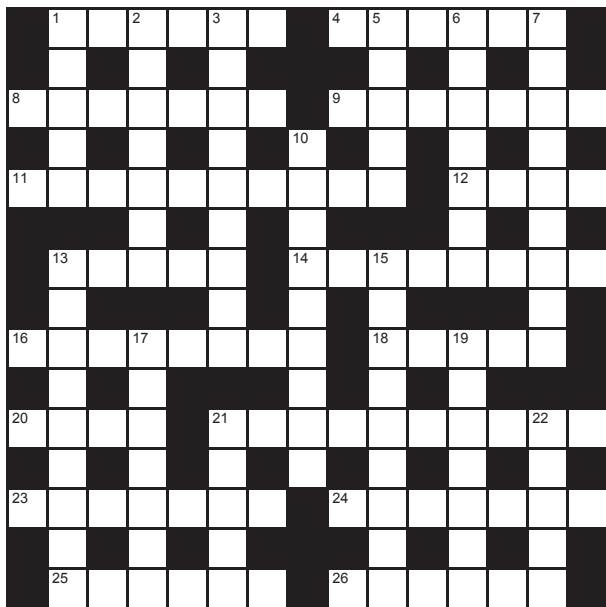
# Crossword 14,233 Set by Mudd

## ACROSS

- 1 Garrulous cricketer's opening like a bowler, might you say? (6)
- 4 Very tiny bit of potato, microwaved (6)
- 8 Extractor fan's back in test I'd carried out (7)
- 9 Look to carry too much – that's difficult (7)
- 11 One selling the other soft Swiss food mummy has eaten, only the starter (10)
- 12 Some ship in port (4)
- 13 Dog in wild, as wild dog (5)
- 14 The hiring of a secretary by the child-minders (8)
- 16 Enzyme clearly missing guts, at last mutating (8)
- 18 Might this be dramatic – or metallic? (5)
- 20 Stupid attorney joins us (4)
- 21 May emerald, say, make the Britons corrupt? (10)
- 23 Country runner taking drink back (7)
- 24 Endurance enlivens, returning without energy (7)
- 25 But "hard" describes "hard" (6)
- 26 Joiner behind primitive comment, leading a nation (6)

## DOWN

- 1 Fine king shouldering a ton (5)
- 2 Craftsman taking up pose, wearing sweater (7)
- 3 I'm working through irritable statement (9)
- 5 Tax man subordinate to common bird (5)
- 6 Tailless flightless bird entering show behind pond bird (7)
- 7 A dose of medicine injected into Grant – passing through this? (9)
- 10 A couple of jerks get going on a cold morning (4-5)
- 13 Rising Cornish river is placed in outskirts of Dorset for Pinter, say (9)
- 15 Chairs get shifted in government building (9)
- 17 Old style, month into new rota (3,4)
- 19 Extreme nation in empire (7)
- 21 Black swimmer's shiny jewellery (5)
- 22 Some hitman in Japan? (5)

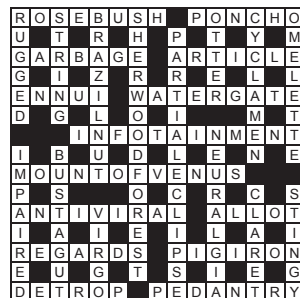


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### Solution 14,232



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