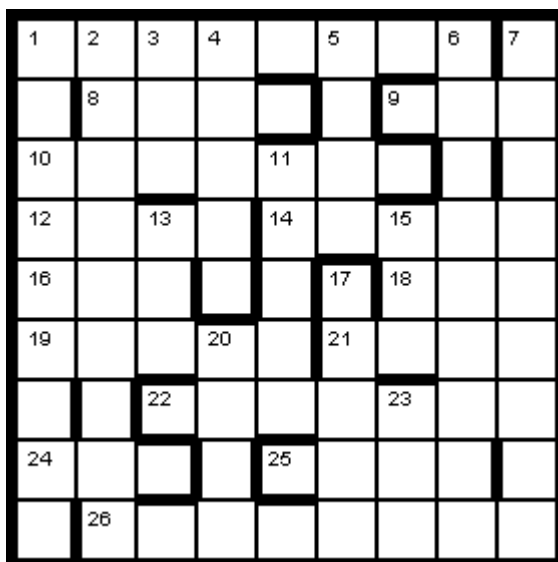


Don't Hit Me

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Each column contains a square where the Across and Down entries conflict; the conflicting letters, read from left to right, form two words that are synonyms of each other. In three other places in the grid, squares contain words that conflict; taken together, the two words in those squares represent the synonyms.



Across

- 1 Certain servers stop, interrupting trades
- 8 Brings home fishermen's equipment
- 9 Spanish adult resort
- 10 Notably, Omar Khayyam met Ken, Art, Dotty
- 12 Monthly payment is torn
- 14 Erica's stirring words of sympathy (2 wds)
- 16 You mentioned sheep
- 18 View bishopric
- 19 Beg in Low Church
- 21 Relative cooked tuna
- 22 Cut short sharp criticism, per Rev. Spooner's plan (2 wds)
- 24 Originally called some telephone extension
- 25 Watches for favorable votes, we hear
- 26 Shattering broadcast put things right

Down

- 1 Yeomen react badly to Japanese rite (2 wds)
- 2 Impala, perhaps, runs after Chip
- 3 Run into limitless drama
- 4 Plastic pet ate carelessly partly thrown up
- 5 Former English Conservative's suit
- 6 Son cut top of chestnut tree for extra money (2 wds)
- 7 Caramel kept melting in bazaar
- 11 Actress Campbell-Martin hits a drunk
- 13 One unusual role in "The Matrix"
- 15 Academic institution in Honshu ignoring the odds
- 17 Mecca traveler fooled Jim, for the most part
- 20 Ron comes up with one dark film
- 23 Actress Ryan's jewelry returned