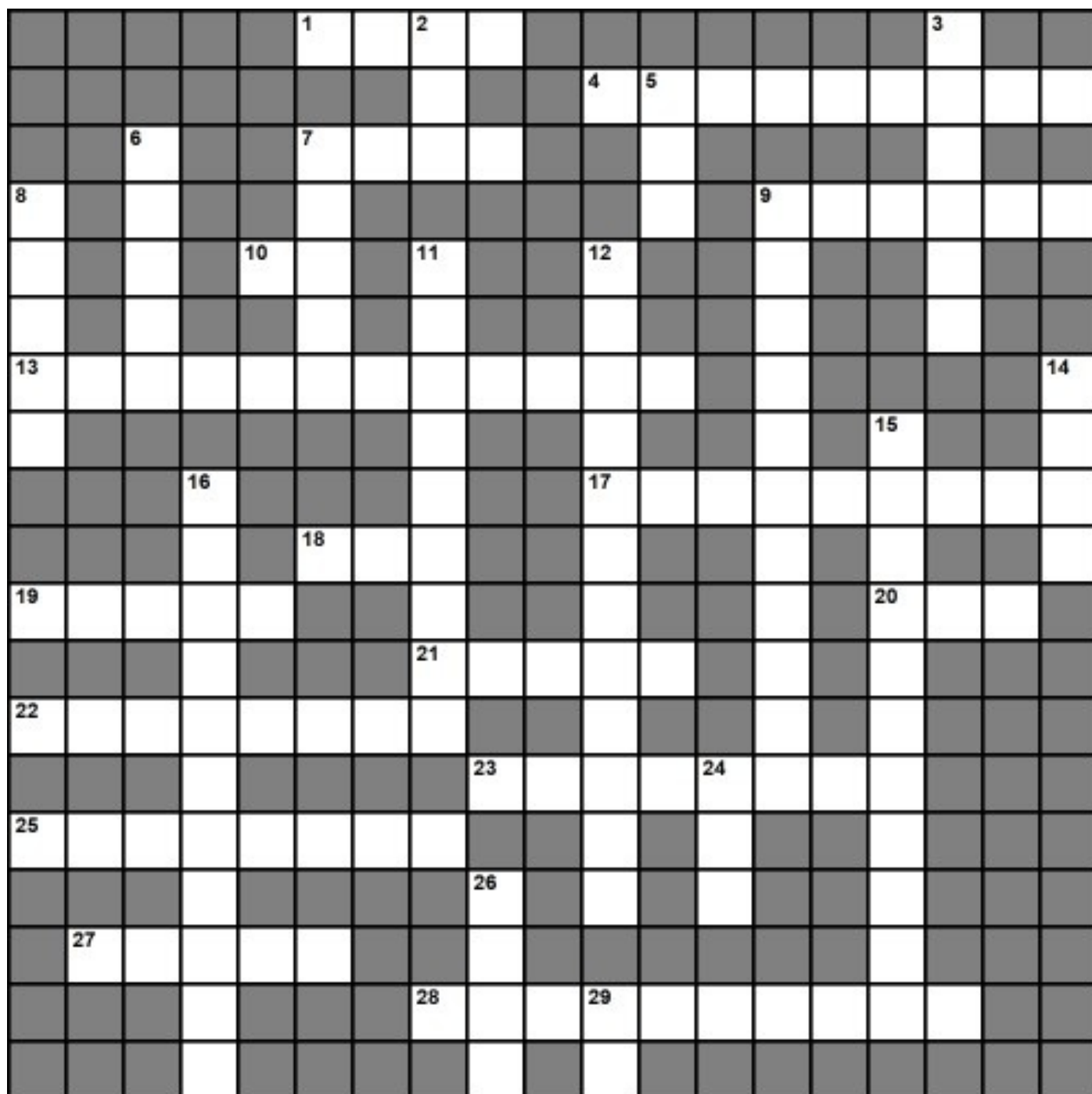


# A Whimsical Crossword Puzzle of Riddles



## ACROSS

1. "This thing all things devours;  
Birds, beasts, trees, flowers;  
Gnaws iron, bites steel;  
Grinds hard stones to meal;  
Slays king, ruins town,  
And beats mountain down."  
– *The Hobbit*, by J.R.R. Tolkien
4. Where is the house in 7 Down?
7. "Voiceless it cries,  
Wingless flutters,  
Toothless bites,  
Mouthless mutters."  
– *The Hobbit*, by J.R.R. Tolkien
9. "First think of the person who lives in disguise,  
Who deals in secrets and tells naught but lies,  
Next tell me what's always the last thing to mend,  
The middle of middle and end of the end?  
And finally give me the sound often heard,  
During the search for a hard-to-find word.  
Now string them together, and answer me this,  
Which creature would you be unwilling to kiss?"  
– *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*, by J.K. Rowling
10. If mom becomes wow when you turn it upside down, what do you get when you spell it backwards?
13. As he was dying, a man told his two daughters that, after his death, they should race to a distant city. He declared that the daughter whose horse arrived second would inherit his wealth. The next morning, the women mounted their horses and began the race. At noon, they had reached a market, only one kilometer from their mansion. While they were eating, an old woman who had heard their story, gave them two words of advice. The women immediately jumped on the horses which began running as fast as possible. What did the old woman say?
17. What happens if you throw a clock out of the window? (*two words*)
18. If you throw a white hat with a blue ribbon into the Red Sea what does it become?
19. What do you call an elephant in a phone booth?
20. What do you call a fish with no eyes?
21. What has many keys but can open no door?
22. What do you call fights between celebrities? (*two words*)
23. What goes up when rain comes down?
25. What word begins and ends with an e but only has one letter?

27. If you have only one match and you enter a room with an oil lamp, a gas heater, and a wood stove, what do you light first?
28. What is white when it is dirty and black when it is clean?

## DOWN

2. What animal walks on four legs in the morning, two legs at midday, and three legs in the evening?
3. What do you get if you cross Lassie with a jalapeno pepper?
5. "As I was going to St. Ives,  
I met a man with seven wives,  
Each wife had seven sacks,  
Each sack had seven cats,  
Each cat had seven kits:  
Kits, cats, sacks, and wives,  
How many were there going to St. Ives?"  
– 18th Century England
6. What would you call a restaurant which has no menu, but where you get what you deserve:?
7. If a man built a house with all four sides facing south and a bear walked along, what color would the bear be?
8. What instrument can you hear but never see?
9. What so you call a smelly fairy?
11. The more you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?
12. What word contains all the vowels, including y?
14. What do you call a tiger at the north pole?
15. What do you call an exciting novel about Mount Everest?
16. What word is always pronounced incorrectly?
24. I walked through a field of wheat,  
I picked up something good to eat,  
It was white and had no bone,  
In twenty-one days it walked alone.  
What did I pick up?
26. What do you call a fly with no wings?
29. How do you spell candy with only two letters?  
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