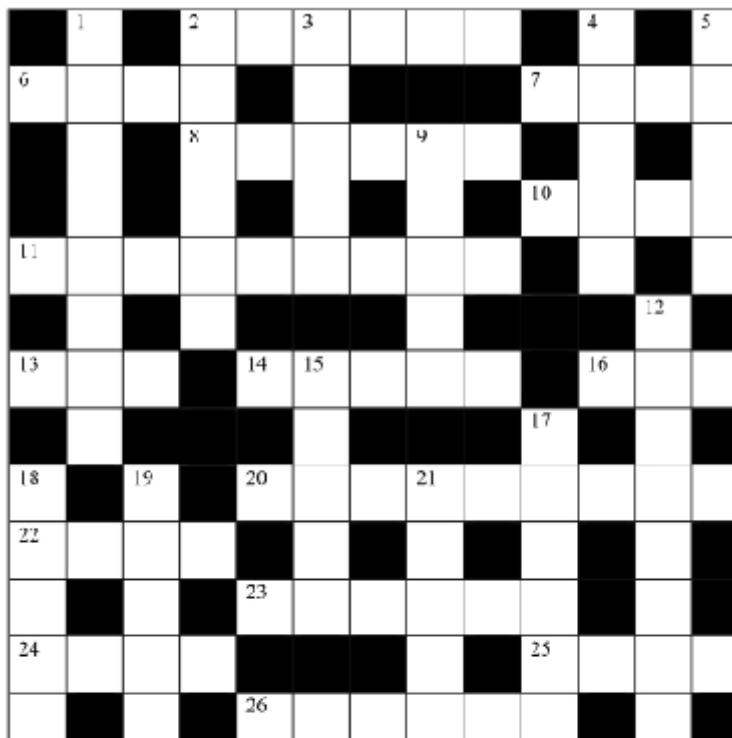


French-themed crossword

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Note all answers are words or names associated with France

ACROSS

- 2** Petit cahier pour des notes (6)
- 6** Nutritious food produced by les abeilles (4)
- 7** Case for un oreiller (4)
- 8** Qui a une idée fixe (6)
- 10** Soft dairy product nicknamed 'the Queen of Cheeses' (4)
- 11** Edible weed growing in salt marshes and on beaches (9)
- 13** Good time for a holiday *au bord de la mer* – possibly a few months hence! (3)
- 14** Léger brouillard (5)
- 16** Abbreviation for special label designating a protected food name (3)
- 20** Un homme est bien fort quand il savoure sa _____ – Balzac (9)
- 22** Étang de _____, largest of the lagoons along the Languedoc coast (4)
- 23** Multi-César-winning actress Isabelle _____ (6)
- 24** Pièce de tissu pour un lit (4)
- 25** Flawed heroine in Flaubert's *Madame Bovary* (4)
- 26** Nip or pinch (6)

DOWN

- 1** Tati (pictured) was one, so too was Truffaut (8)
- 2** First king of what eventually became France (6)
- 3** 'Informal' restaurant (5)
- 4** Romantic composer, organist, pianist and teacher, now best known for his Requiem (5)
- 5** La _____ – useful to know in case a *parraphe* is needed (5)
- 9** Toile de tissu for jeans – so called after the capital of the Gard department (5)
- 12** Bouillon de boeuf ou de volaille (8)
- 15** Louis _____, best remembered for 'inventing' the bikini in 1946 (5)
- 17** First sign of the Zodiac (6)
- 18** Arena for sports such as football or rugby (5)
- 19** Tobacco products sold here (5)
- 21** So not noir! (5)



Across: **2** carnet, **6** miel, **7** taie, **8** obsédé,

10 brie, **11** salicorne, **13** été, **14** brume, **16** AOP, **20** faiblesse, **22** thau, **23** Adjani, **24** drap, **25** Emma, **26** pincer.

Down: **1** cinéaste, **2** Clovis, **3** resto, **4** Fauré, **5** météo, **9** denim, **12** consommé, **15** Réard, **17** Bélier, **18** stade, **19** tabac, **21** blanc.