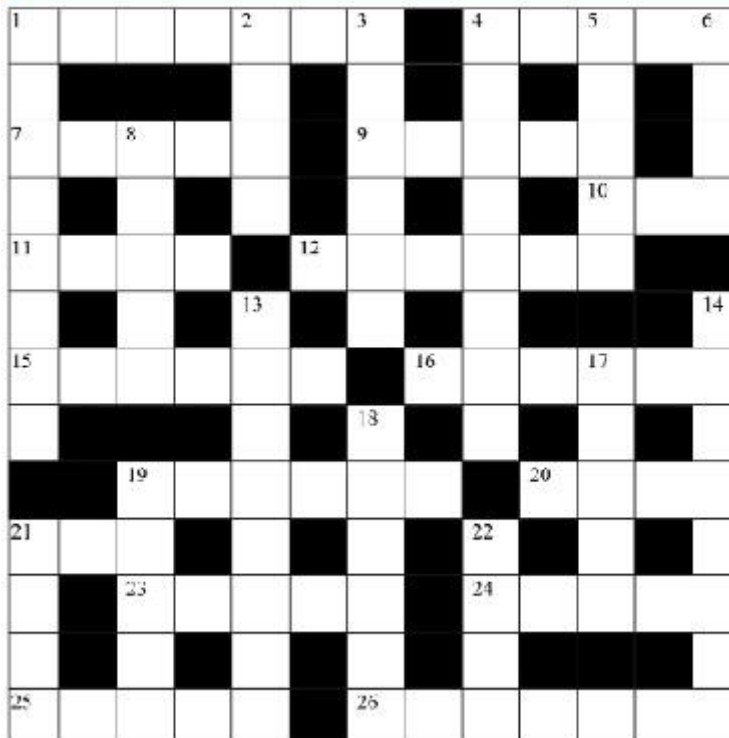


French-themed crossword

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Note all answers are words or names associated with France

Across

- 1 Together with thon a traditional ingredient of a good Niçoise (7)
- 4 *Graine de laquelle on fait le chocolat* (5)
- 7 Traditional province in the Pyrenees - homeland for Dumas' protagonist d'Artagnan (5)
- 9 Toile on a sailing ship (5)
- 10 ___ de Dôme - large lava dome and one of the youngest volcanoes in the Massif Central (3)
- 11 Point of view about something or someone (4)
- 12 Horse-drawn carriage (6)
- 15 'Aucun _____ de fleurs ne conduit à la gloire' - Jean de la Fontaine (6)
- 16 Last stop in the *supermarché* for a shopper (6)
- 19 Semi-hard cheese named after mountains in the Auvergne (6)
- 20 National game with mega rewards (4)
- 21 Abbreviation for express train system connecting centre of Paris with the suburbs (1,1,1)
- 23 Musical study (5)
- 24 Important naval base in Finistère (5)
- 25 Pear variety named after 19th-century *docteur* who introduced a system of 'cane-pruning' of vines for trellises (5)
- 26 Beware not to do this in icy conditions (7)

Down

- 1 *Atmosphère d'un lieu* (8)
- 2 Abbreviation for a UFO (1,1,1,1)
- 3 Department in the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes annexed by France under the Treaty of Turin in 1860 (6)
- 4 Onomatopoeic spare bed (4-4)
- 5 *Galette faite à base de lait, de farine et d'œufs* (5)
- 6 Capital's principal airport prior to opening of Paris-Charles de Gaulle in 1974 (4)
- 8 Mediterranean flowering plant used to flavour *absinthe* and *pastis* (5)
- 13 What to say if you want the meat well done (4,4)
- 14 After-school snack (2,6)
- 17 *Rideau souple* - practical for those too sunny days (5)
- 18 *Poisson de mer* sometimes found 'saur' (6)
- 19 One of the earliest and most important battles of the Hundred Years' War (5)
- 21 *Position dans une échelle de valeur* (4)
- 22 Place giving protection from wind, rain, etc. (4)



Across: 1 anchois, 4 cacao, 7 Béarn, 9 voile, 10 Puy, 11 avis, 12 fiacre, 15 chemin, 16 caisse, 19 cantal, 20 Loto, 21 RER, 23 étude, 24 Brest, 25 guyot, 26 glisser.

Down: 1 ambiance, 2 OVNI, 3 Savoie, 4 clic-clac, 5 crêpe, 6 Orly, 8 anise, 13 bien cuit, 14 le goûter, 17 store, 18 hareng, 19 Crécy, 21 rang, 22 abri.