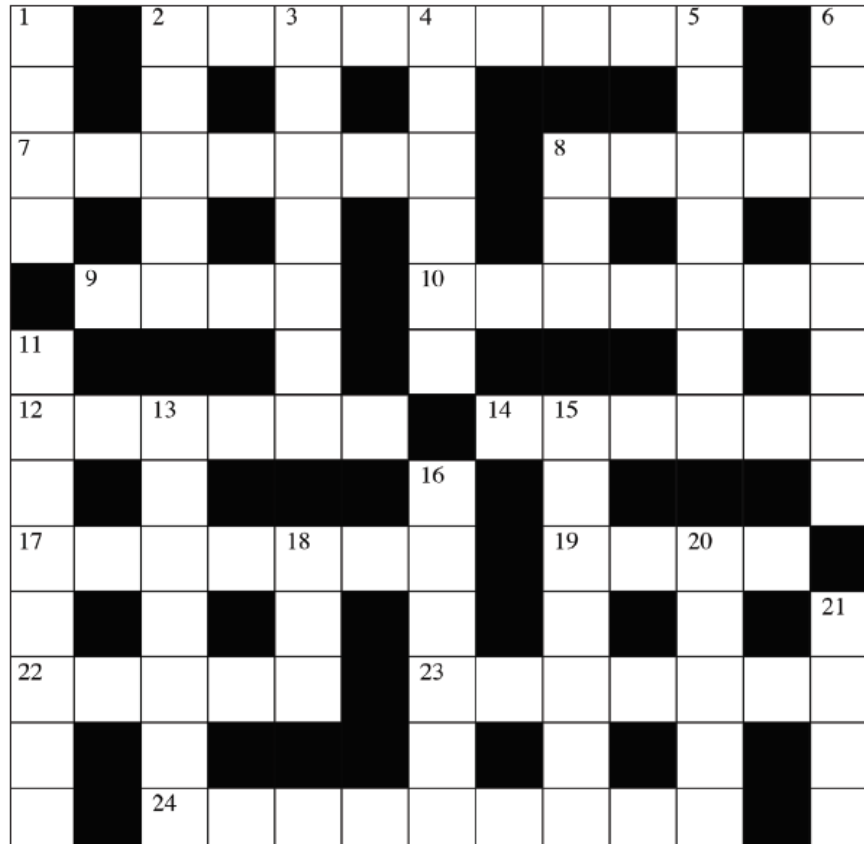


French-themed crossword

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Note all answers are words or names associated with France

Across

- 2 Joint winner of the Mot de l'Année at the 2018 Festival du Mot at La Charité-sur-Loire was this word for 'inter-racial breeding' (9)
- 7 Petite marmite or casserole dish (7)
- 8 Winner of the 1959 Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film: Jacques Tati's *Mon _____* (5)
- 9 Meat from a young *vache* (4)
- 10 Tisane made from an infusion of the flowers of the lime or linden tree (7)
- 12 Not what it means in English, this French adverb is used to indicate the continuity or persistence of an action (6)
- 14 *Gaz que se dégage de l'eau bouillante* (6)
- 17 Factory farming - _____ *en batterie* (7)
- 19 Flawed heroine in Flaubert's *Madame Bovary* (4)
- 22 Fixed basin with one or more taps in a kitchen (5)
- 23 Created in 1790 from parts of the former provinces of Gascony and Guyenne, this department in Nouvelle-Aquitaine is the largest in metropolitan France (7)
- 24 Proust described this feeling as '*un acte de foi*', Alfred de Vigny as '*la plus grande de nos folies*' - while Hugo wrote: '*Car dans l'homme jamais l'_____ n'est vaine*' (9)

Down

- 1 Beer glass for 25cl (4)
- 2 *Pain rond* - relatively large in France, but smaller in Belgium (5)
- 3 Mark the body with an indelible design by puncturing the skin with pigment (7)
- 4 Afternoon rest - especially one taken during the hottest hours of the day (6)
- 5 *Offre supérieure en prix* - for instance, on eBay (7)
- 6 Codename for the Allied operation launched on 6 June 1944 for the invasion of German-occupied Western Europe (8)
- 8 Abbreviation for one who specialises in ear, nose and throat problems (1,1,1)
- 11 Item of clothing, such as the answer in the next clue (8)
- 13 Work up a sweat - *mouiller la _____* (7)
- 15 Department in the Occitanie region and the centre of a triangle formed by the cities of Toulouse, Clermont-Ferrand and Montpellier (7)
- 16 In sheepherding either the person or the dog (6)
- 18 Gaseous substance surrounding Earth (3)
- 20 Thin or slender (5)
- 21 Exclamation of incomprehension - eh? (4)

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 Across: 2 mētissāge, 7 cocotte, 8 oncle, 9 veau,
 10 tilleul, 12 encore, 14 vapeur, 17 élevage,
 19 Emma, 22 évier, 23 Gironda, 24 espérance.
 Down: 1 bœck, 2 miches, 3 tatouage, 4 seste,
 5 enherbe, 6 O verlord, 8 ORL, 11 vêtement,
 13 chemise, 15 Aveyron, 16 beurrer, 18 air,
 20 mince, 21 hein.