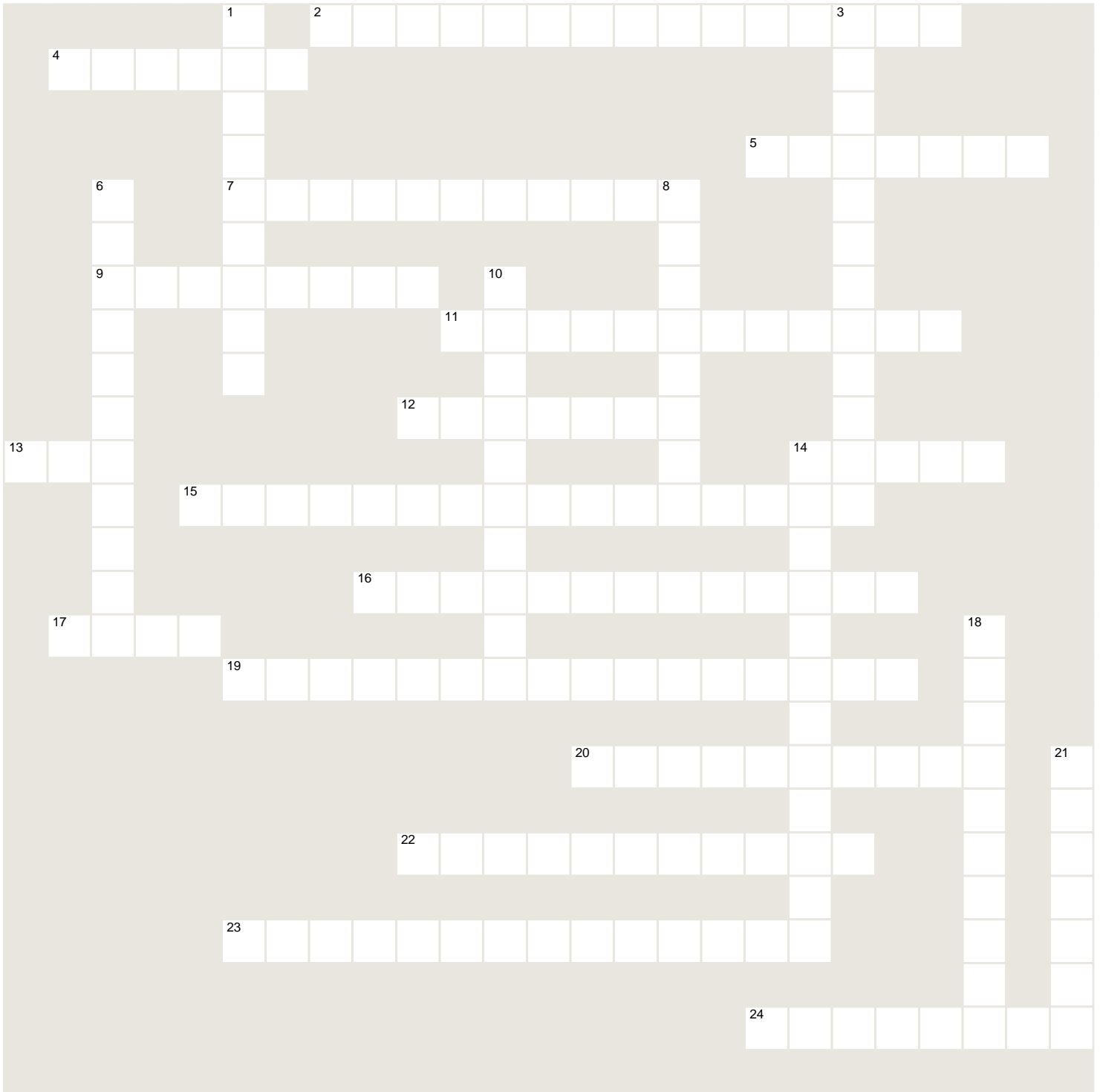


English crossword

Punctuation



Across

2. I'm far too loud for polite company. It's best to only bring me out when things get dramatic. (11,4)
4. I'm really quite disagreeable, but perhaps that's because some have a use for me, and some don't. I really wish people would make up their minds, because I never know where I ought to be.

Down

1. I'm the harbinger of the meaningful pause. I'm longer than a comma, shorter than a full stop, and an ideal choice if you're sick of conjunctions.
3. The full stop mostly appears at the end of a sentence, but it can also be used to signify that I'm appearing in brief.

Across

5. Qantas, Anzac and Unesco are all examples of me.
7. Some writers adore me, even though I'm stealing the semicolon's job. I only exist when two full sentences are joined together with a comma and no conjunction. (5,6)
9. Enough already: I've said all I have to say! (4,4)
11. Did you know that your voice inflects upwards when you end a sentence with me? (8,4)
12. I'm telling you that you have alternatives.
13. Look, I'm not the grammatically incorrect one here! I'm just repeating what she said, word for word.
14. The truth is this: I'm really all about introductions and explanations.
15. Are you going to be direct about it, or shouldn't I ask? (6,7)
16. Always remember to use me at the start of a sentence.(6,6)
17. Though the internet and your keyboard would have you think otherwise, I'm neither hyphen nor underscore. However, in pairs, I impersonate other punctuation marks in a most eye-catching way.
19. When paired commas, parentheses and dashes enclose me, it's their way of reporting that I'm not essential to a sentence. (10,6)
20. Use a comma to separate a series of _____ and adverbs when we are used together in a sentence.
22. I often see commas before me.
23. You'll need to call for us, if you want to know what was said. (9,5)
24. Look I know I'm a bit boring and square, but I'm new here!

Down

6. You don't use me much in Australia, but in some circles I am optionally added before 'and' in a list, especially if it's confusing without me.(6,5)
8. I don't mean to interrupt, but I'm trying to show you that words have been omitted from this quoted passage.
10. I'm a terrific weapon, especially when there's much to be done and you really need to itemise it. (6,4)
14. My mother wouldn't have minded if hers had been abbreviated.
18. I am by far the most contested and confusing punctuation mark in the history of English. Some protect me, some butcher me, and others send me to the wrong place all the time. Don't even get me started on the possessive types!
21. If you use me too often, I will lose all impact. In small doses, though, I really highlight the issue.