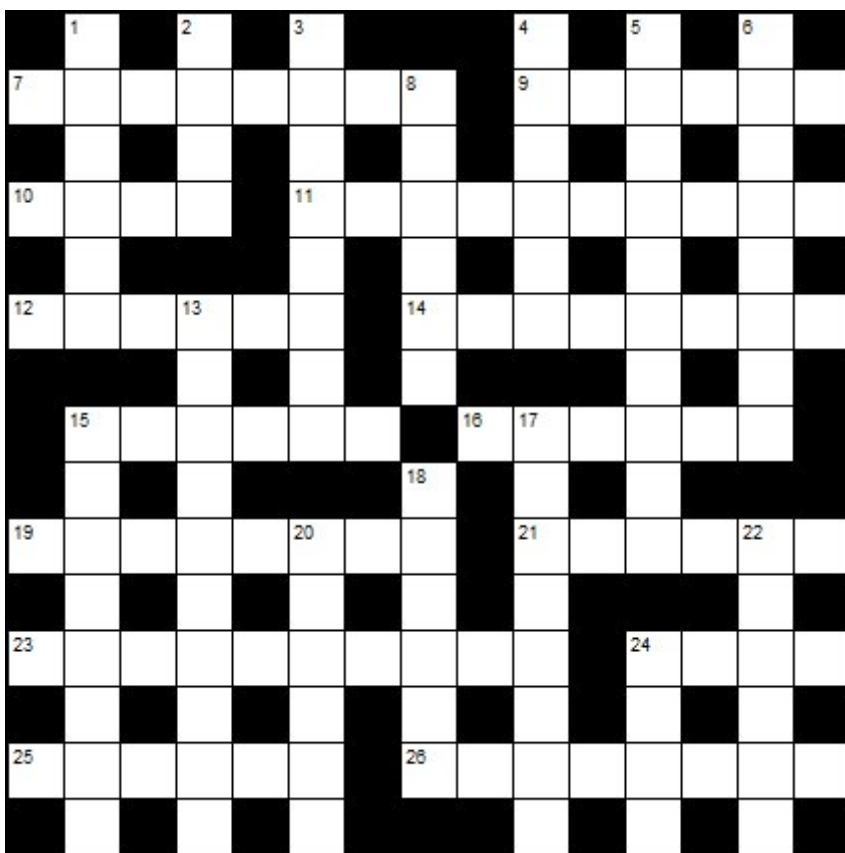


# It's Not All about You by Vigo

When Vigo sent this puzzle, she told me she'd only started solving – let alone setting – crosswords four years ago. To be honest, I'd have suspected that this was the work of an experienced setter posing as a relative novice for some reason, had she not also referred to some setters and solvers I know who helped her get started! Yes, it's that good. The completed grid explains the title. Favourite clue: 6 down.



## ACROSS

- 7 Motivate British holding crowd back for attack (8)
- 9 Injured by holding edges of machete in firm grip (6)
- 10 Porridge is first class after a spot of juice with a dash of lemon (4)
- 11 Former Bond retaining sex appeal arouses passion (10)
- 12 Askew tiara on Queen of Arabian State (6)
- 14 Killjoys avoid going around lake (8)
- 15 Current issue returned promptly (2,4)
- 16 Ooze around American returning to make contacts (1-5)
- 19 Repeat claims of fear being spread by company (8)
- 21 Slicer destroyed souvenirs (6)
- 23 Selfish concierge wrongly retaining tip from tourist (10)
- 24 Send haul in planes initially? (4)
- 25 One in vehicle taking very, very short time to reach hilltop markers (6)
- 26 Tiny tree develops forever (8)

## DOWN

- 1 Rogue captured by American Intelligence bug (6)
- 2 Flesh that's regularly viewable (4)
- 3 Displaying camisole's not accepted – it's a faux pas (8)
- 4 Cricket outfit triumph in three corners of the globe (6)
- 5 Proper men telephone first (10)
- 6 Snakes owned by royal couple (according to him) (8)
- 8 Grow into suit (6)
- 13 Mechanics engineered a terrific section (10)
- 15 Symbolic character from island roamed erratically about Greek capital (8)
- 17 Motoring organisation involved in long distance acts defying belief (8)
- 18 European Union missing ultimate issue (6)
- 20 Inside station I secure charge (6)
- 22 Glossed over material about husband number one's time in New Zealand (6)
- 24 Conceal cesspool (4)