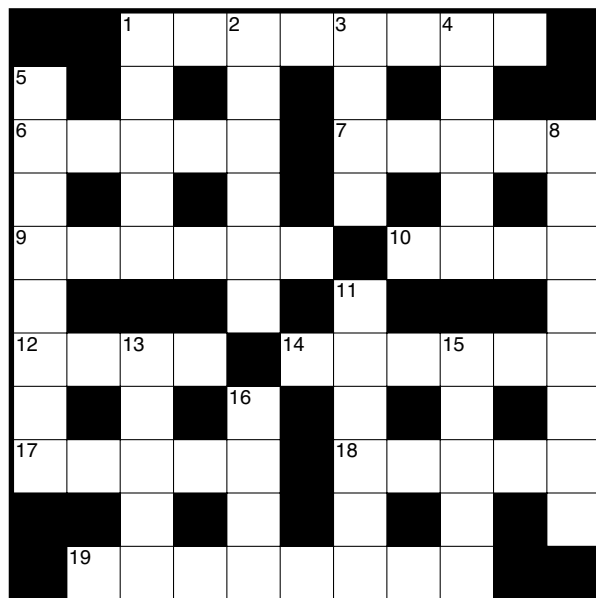


# BLANKETY BLANKETY BLANK

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Each clue is missing one word; these words form a set, though not in the proper order.



## ACROSS

- 1 Somehow, I console \_\_\_ states at one time (8)
- 6 \_\_\_ prostitutes start to assimilate Bantu language (5)
- 7 Sports audience included in group of \_\_\_ for a reporter (5)
- 9 Very reflective Tennessee poem with \_\_\_ lines (6)
- 10 \_\_\_-sided figure mostly captivates large organization (4)
- 12 Essentially, \_\_\_ born close to a Mediterranean island (4)
- 14 Product \_\_\_, for example, appearing regularly in discussion (6)
- 17 Something \_\_\_ can do: sunbathe and travel (5)
- 18 Employ former lover and \_\_\_ from Italy in recession (5)
- 19 \_\_\_ jockeys going around the speed of light, virtually (2 6)

## DOWN

- 1 Sing "Blackbird" and "\_\_\_" without finales (5)
- 2 Get a rise out of \_\_\_ after the premiere, reportedly (6)
- 3 Cold-blooded sort inverted 2/3 of \_\_\_ (4)
- 4 Screen writing is unconvincing, back around part \_\_\_ of series (1-4)
- 5 \_\_\_ deviates ultimately felt alive (8)
- 8 Hiss "seeress" before \_\_\_ in audition (8)
- 11 \_\_\_ largely dealing with grave (6)
- 13 Country bishop uplifted \_\_\_ (5)
- 15 \_\_\_ providing special occasion (5)
- 16 When it comes up, aggressively promote game with \_\_\_ holes (4)