

## ACROSS

- 1 Irritate, vex (6)
- 5 Layout (6)
- 8 Request for a reply (inits) (4)
- 9 Welcoming (8)
- 10 Countermand (6)
- 11 Near and ready for use (2,4)
- 12 Slippery fishes (4)
- 14 Assist, help (3)
- 15 Frog-like creature (4)
- 16 Robber of ships at sea (6)
- 18 Private (6)
- 20 Fellow employee (8)
- 22 Mate (4)
- 23 Rice Krispies, eg (6)
- 24 Frames for windows (6)

## DOWN

- 2 Follow as a result (5)
- 3 Morning dress hats (7)
- 4 Peel off in layers (9)
- 5 US crime agency (inits) (3)
- 6 Large cattle farm (5)
- 7 Capital of Georgia, USA (7)
- 11 Long-serving members of staff (3-6)
- 13 Instalment of a TV serial (7)
- 15 Strikes forcefully (7)
- 17 Foot joint (5)
- 19 Excite (5)
- 21 Every single one (3)

