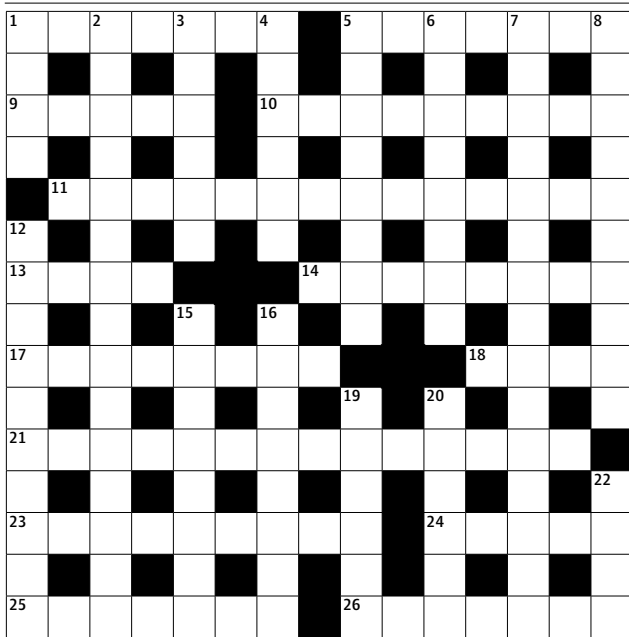


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1 Insubstantial number at university accommodation centre (7)
- 5 Chap's blundering gun hero (7)
- 9 Bird, a favourite round the West Indies (5)
- 10 Confined by sickness, commanded English doctor to come in (9)
- 11 Produce wrong net result? (5,2,3,4)
- 13 Catches in cricket practice (4)
- 14 Covers place with flowers (8)
- 17 In sight, for instance, after a fashion (2,1,5)
- 18 Swagger after losing face – it's a pain (4)
- 21 One possibly giving advice from the US in Oldie piece (5,9)
- 23 Run to earth with the lines set in place? (5,4)
- 24 The pick of the literary circle (5)
- 25 Snag with lid broken in cargoes (7)
- 26 It's seen in the canteen (7)

Down

- 1 Kind person of a particular sort (4)
- 2 Yarn we'd spread around the country is centre of investigations (3,8,4)

3 "Dismissed" call – could be a protest! (6)

4 Public transport on the rise – method is for one to go Underground (6)

5 Studies, say, the votes seen to be up in the air (8)

6 One is on NUT organisation (8)

7 Hotel information: "Nice day!" maybe – it could be a gas! (8,7)

8 Perplexed – and apparently not put on (10)

12 By chance incorporated tin and lead in alloy (10)

15 Family below supports what may be in top in the army (8)

16 Sort ions out with these scientific devices? (8)

19 A medical preparation for the relief of stress? (6)

20 Like perfume, say? OK! (6)

22 Not a race to have confidence in (4)

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