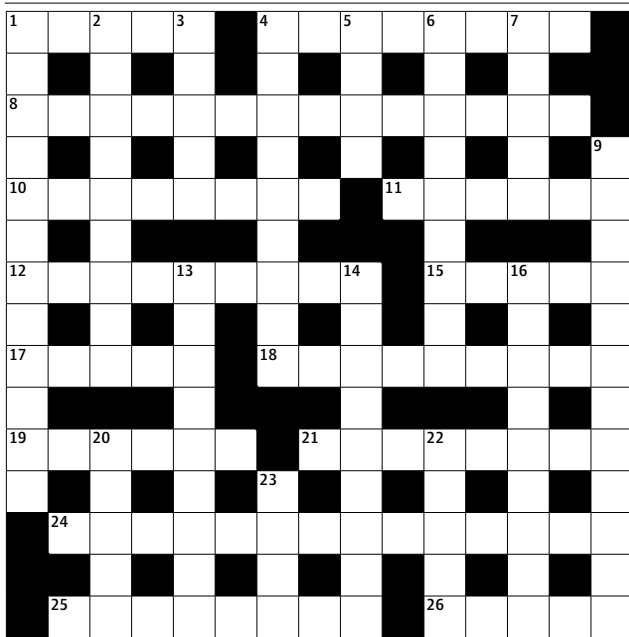


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 24,950 set by Arachne

## Across

- 1 Spiteful Tommy? (5)
- 4 Jack perhaps has a medium korma, oddly missing an ingredient (8)
- 8 Possibly an orange pin? (8,6)
- 10 Quickest way to start infiltrating nuclear base (4,4)
- 11 Beds retired floozy in it (6)
- 12 One for whom zen ethics are ridiculous (9)
- 15 Award received by Domenico Scarlatti (5)
- 17 Detailed untrue deposition causing complete change of plan (1-4)
- 18 If several are swimming she'll make sure they're safe (9)
- 19 Get tight in Athens TX (6)
- 21 Egg-laying mammals had since evolved (8)
- 24 Conservative dons return to classical models in preliminary research (14)
- 25 Policemen liking to provoke antipathy (8)
- 26 Comforts kids after beheading (5)

## Down

- 1 Fat Teutonic soprano initially performing in musical drama (4,3,5)
- 2 Beginning to tailor French writer's wedding clothes (9)
- 3 Burden borne by apprentice countryman (5)
- 4 Orthodox geometrical adjective describing a cardinal point (9)
- 5 Vessel, towards stern, is under moving water (4)
- 6 When Usain Bolt runs they make sure he's "clean" (9)
- 7 1 down, for example, has no quiet period (5)
- 9 People using shears and driers (12)
- 13 Belted one of kids, caught comatose and drugged up (6,3)
- 14 Swear shock treatment Arachne's undergoing is working (9)
- 16 Wants to hold granny bonds (9)
- 20 Statute rigorously restricting temporary children's homes (5)
- 22 Publish material without introduction (5)
- 23 Burden borne by you and me? (4)



Solution No. 24,949

