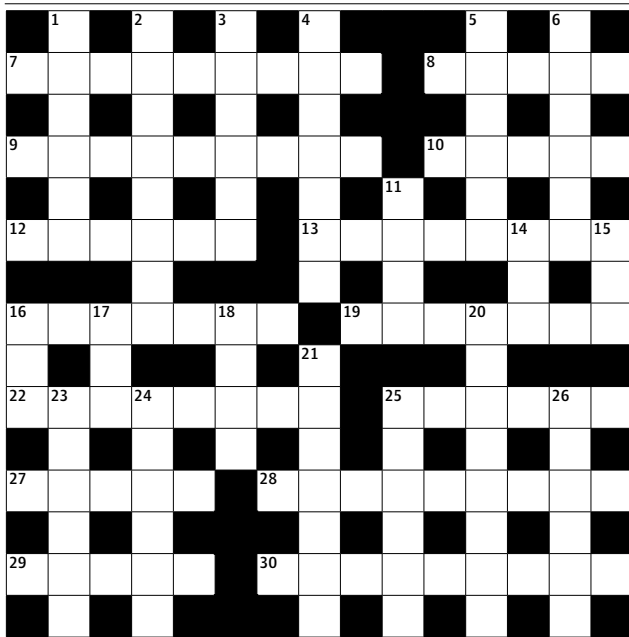


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 24,958 set by Rufus

## Across

- 7 Injured hip not long ago in a pursuit (9)
- 8 Dead slow? Quite the contrary! (5)
- 9 Back seat (9)
- 10 Got down to making a proposal? (5)
- 12 Foreign capital recalled in my reminiscences (6)
- 13 Pop back to extol value (8)
- 16 Division has FBI agents placed outside (7)
- 19 Attractive girl often pulled at parties (7)
- 22 Union gets everybody a nice settlement (8)
- 25 Emphasise need for second lock (6)
- 27 Quickly gets into one's underwear (5)
- 28 Taken on and taken off without reason (9)
- 29 Settle in court (5)
- 30 Soldier mixes general a drink (6,3)
- 14 For writers the thing about it is intellectual effort (3)
- 15 Organ repairs regularly required (3)
- 16 Spring in southern US state (3)
- 17 It's lawful, but not with the French girl! (3)
- 18 Woman in evening dress that's figure revealing (4)
- 20 Possibly carry on taking oxygen in heart attack (8)
- 21 A spider possibly saved Bruce from it (7)
- 23 They're purely symbolic (6)
- 24 One member to take part in strike (6)
- 25 Doctor goes to help of comedian (6)
- 26 Missiles produce inferno in ship (6)

Winners of prize puzzle 24,951

## Down

- 1 Take out a hundred socks with a hole in (6)
- 2 Sole policy (8)
- 3 Part of house for rent in outskirts of Shrewsbury (6)
- 4 Out of place competitor (4-3)
- 5 Governess expected girl to stand up (6)
- 6 Climbs and balances (6)
- 11 Fight possibly rigged (4)

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