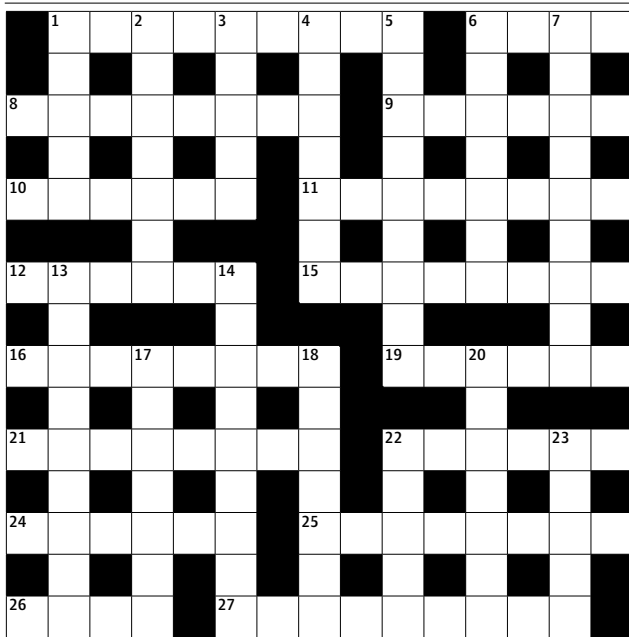


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 24,959 set by Paul

## Across

- 1 German composer's rear needs to discharge explosive gas (9)
- 6 Sand, not English composer (4)
- 8 In Africa it flows down meandering line (4,4)
- 9 Composer: unit of his work given to most important piece (6)
- 10 Red coppers once added to shilling, but no change here (6)
- 11 Countermeasure, one mark placed in before (8)
- 12 Composer's pledge to protect name (6)
- 15 Inn evidently fully booked? On the contrary, atmosphere charming (8)
- 16 Aircraft where work routine switched and translated (8)
- 19 Guy, perhaps, has to resist, missing starter to eat fruit (6)
- 21 Poison whipped into pear (8)
- 22 Composer half under the table? (6)
- 24 Composer's short and wrinkly, as composer (6)
- 25 Sloth a zookeeper's beginning to put in chains, attached to pole (8)
- 26 Composer's rotten, by royal proclamation (4)
- 27 Letters shifted, those fifth and fourth moved elsewhere (9)

## Down

- 1 Composer's time off, with time on (5)
- 2 Composer partial to Rossini, else Nono (7)
- 3 Set out to press 11 leaves (5)
- 4 Composer's place of fury? (7)
- 5 Hospital not entirely competent, though far from derelict (9)
- 6 Composer giving unwelcome bouquet to artist (7)
- 7 Embrace, hugging king in passionate laughter (9)
- 13 One's business affairs? (9)
- 14 Witty response: different one drier, Jack maintained (9)
- 17 Scientist, in evaporating, keeping base to release gas (4,3)
- 18 Rossini's man claiming right is to provide supporting framework (7)
- 20 Sweet talk given to the cleaner (7)
- 22 Composer refitting central part of washing appliance (5)
- 23 America off the coast of Barcelona, say, was deep in thought (5)

## Solution No. 24,958

