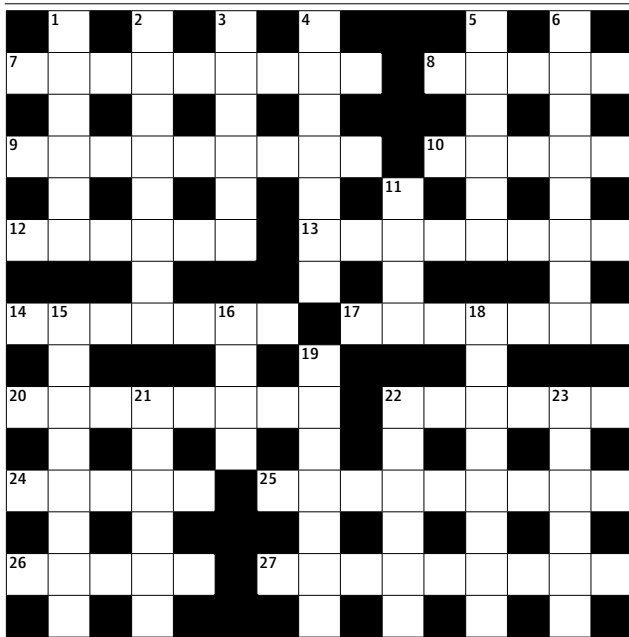


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,036 set by Rufus

Across

- 7 Unrestricted state of incapacitated kangaroo? (9)
- 8 The best stuff available around the East (5)
- 9 Positions assumed by a duettist? (9)
- 10 Agent loses fine performer (5)
- 12 Headquarters of the French vessels (6)
- 13 Engaged, that's the outcome about me and a girl (8)
- 14 Neckline that may bring forth a whistle (7)
- 17 Mandatory work for a bookmaker (7)
- 20 Mother joins other females making complaints (8)
- 22 Many a shipwreck could be bad luck (6)
- 24 Not stormy, but quite changeable (5)
- 25 A dog trial produces a champion (9)
- 26 House gets speech from one of the parties (5)
- 27 Looking for scraps? (9)

Down

- 1 Courage to go to the bank when cleaned out? (6)
- 2 One metal fused into many (8)
- 3 Patches cuffs (6)

- 4 Nothing new about her being shown out (7)
- 5 Summary of the former USSR? (6)
- 6 17th-century girl astride a horse (8)
- 11 Self-righteous declaration made by black militants (4)
- 15 Probably time to tuck into sausage pie (2,1,5)
- 16 I shall enter race and end up a wreck! (4)
- 18 I'd take up position some way away (8)
- 19 A seaman's got in by the book (7)
- 21 A note to finish a list of things to be done (6)
- 22 Short study course for university student in form (6)
- 23 Encourage a king to go on the river (6)

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