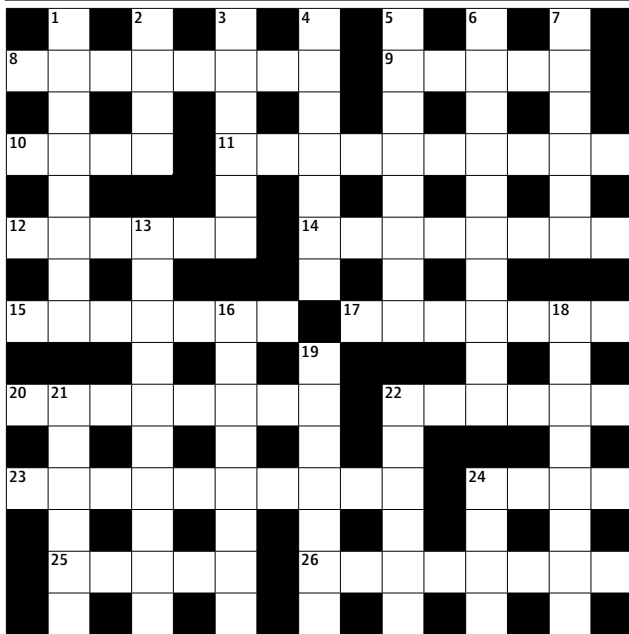


# Guardian cryptic crossword



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## Across

- 8 Rover has complaint about a fish (8)
- 9 Depend on Mercury to keep in with sweet-heart (5)
- 10 Player left when Chifonie dropped cone (2-2)
- 11 Submit first crossword – Taupi sadly deceased (10)
- 12 Tin containing weak pollen producer (6)
- 14 Near to tee, friend regularly had a chat (8)
- 15 Meat Hazard placed in trap (7)
- 17 Rufus broadcast film, “The Entertainer” (7)
- 20 Paul came clean: “I’m to blame!” (8)
- 22 In America, Boatman provides flag (6)
- 23 Solve Enigmatist by guesswork (10)
- 24 Araucaria’s gold Roller going for a song (4)
- 25 “Beat it!” – Hectence takes charge (5)
- 26 Mine might be unlocked by Shed (8)

## Down

- 1 Cooler? Warmer? (8)
- 2 Monkey given drink (4)

- 3 Bird flying out to vessel (6)
- 4 Pay raise – it’s Pasquale’s premier objective (7)
- 5 Lady golfer embraces feminist model in smart dress (5,3)
- 6 Changes shapes (10)
- 7 Beale includes time for Harrison, say (6)
- 13 Scots Amish splinter group getting pleasure from pain (10)
- 16 Dicky certain to be unlucky (3-5)
- 18 Most heated inert gas mixture (8)
- 19 Pan supports crushed tail on palm (7)
- 21 Bogus monarch faces oral examinations (6)
- 22 Young bird, say – permit one to be held (6)
- 24 Original Jaguar model falls off bridge (4)

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