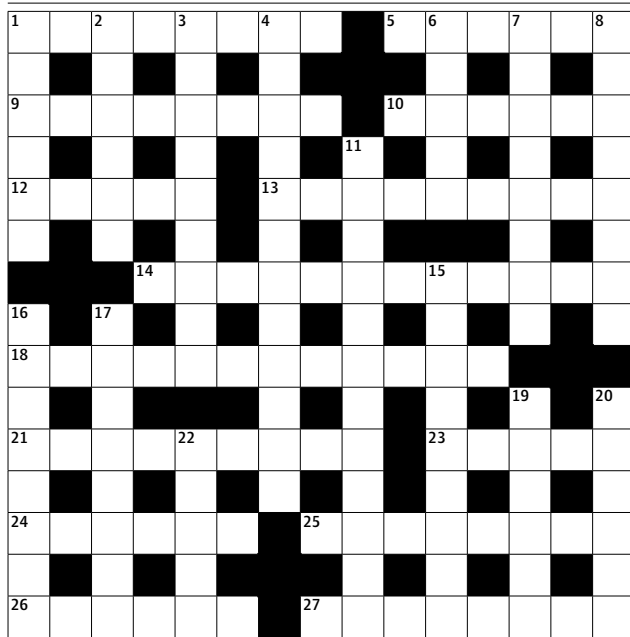


# Guardian cryptic crossword



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### Across

- 1 What about street in foreign capital providing special accommodation? (4,4)
- 5 In geographical circle what's discussed includes river (6)
- 9 Nun curtailed disturbance in crowd (8)
- 10 One of 4 I learn about (6)
- 12 Greeting anything that brings soothing (5)
- 13 Enamelware endlessly looked at containing various oils (9)
- 14 So to slip cage is a possibility for him? (12)
- 18 Unmistakable narratives may be seen in large American churches? (12)
- 21 Like some fiction I start to read in French – no good (9)
- 23 Shrewd troublemaker skirting copper (5)
- 24 Group of nine men, one mad – not a leader among them (6)
- 25 Information's the thing I have in case (8)
- 26 Old Persian king with bone half bent back (6)
- 27 Contributes forcibly to argument – makes audible entrances (6,2)

### Down

- 1 About to have something like macaroni? Not a meal! (6)

- 2 One of 4 offering protection (6)
- 3 One may be working near horses wanting nothing to drop off (9)
- 4 Noted schoolteachers? (5,7)
- 6 Ways Cecil articulated (5)
- 7 Cloakroom fixture securing one black foreign gown (8)
- 8 Spanish explorer stopping short – check inside vessel (8)
- 11 Navy may be involved in this plan (6,6)
- 15 Where you might see aileron move? That can be frightening (9)
- 16 Get off eating cold scrap that the butcher may supply (5-3)
- 17 German vessel sunk by block of ice almost (8)
- 19 One of 4 loveless relations (6)
- 20 This person being embraced by cleric brings disgrace (6)
- 22 One of 4 given secure university (5)

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