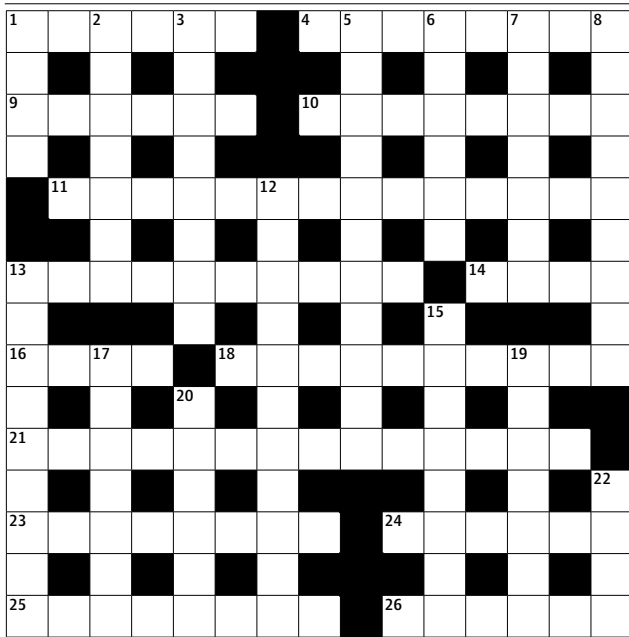


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,084 set by Rufus

## Across

- 1 Cut it and keep quiet (6)
- 4 Am taken aback, unhappy about the flag's position (8)
- 9 Companion of an American star? (6)
- 10 Getting out stupidly in Test is a learning experience (8)
- 11 Tower of Pisa, say, is of architectural interest (6,8)
- 13 Lecture can produce averse reaction (10)
- 14 One upper-class twit (4)
- 16 Amy's cooked the vegetables (4)
- 18 Dispatches produce merriment on board (10)
- 21 Film boxing champion? (4,2,3,5)
- 23 Suffering from a lack of balance? (2,3,3)
- 24 Come out East and join up (6)
- 25 Insisted order must be a good order (8)
- 26 Enemy Zulu leader going round causing ferment (6)

## Down

- 1 Players – or the pitch (4)
- 2 Friendly drink? (7)
- 3 Drawer of Cupid's bow? (8)

- 5 Remedial needlework (11)
- 6 Stroll round to see the cave-dwellers (6)
- 7 No one has time to set up the paper (7)
- 8 Agents get sealed orders (9)
- 12 Such correspondence is uncalled for (4,7)
- 13 Normality restored in moneymaking organisation (5,4)
- 15 Yet he enjoys some standing at meetings (8)
- 17 Just working tired me (7)
- 19 For example, rising in the morning with enthusiasm (7)
- 20 New style navy (6)
- 22 Present the woman's beginning to expect (4)

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