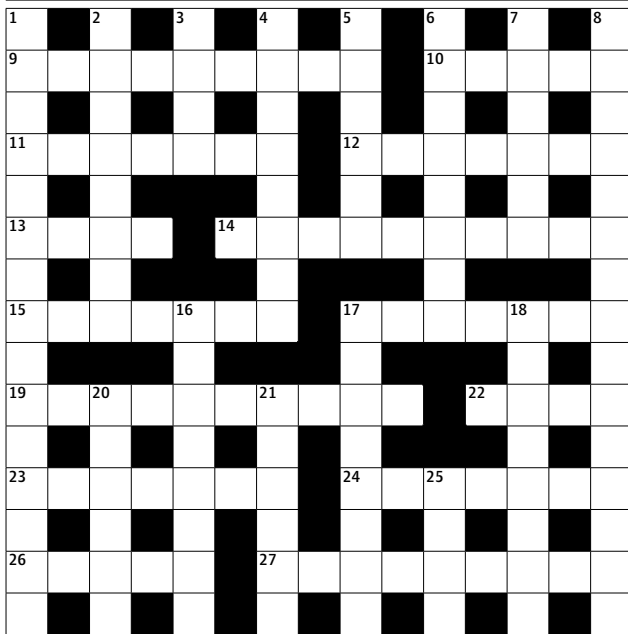


# Guardian cryptic crossword



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## Across

- 9** Uncomfortable wear, deerskin, for Irish vagrant (4,5)  
**10** House with sound of activity that's boring (2-3)  
**11,1** He had no rest, a w-watcher at play (3,4,4,5,1,5)  
**12** Fit man, a model one, without handicap (7)  
**13** The wrong way to be (4)  
**14** Homes for Chinese in Yellow Pages (10)  
**15** Answer to where engineers keep fish? (7)  
**17** One demonstrating to get number on sign in English (7)  
**19** Entry to a ball holding hand (10)  
**22** Rebuff turned up (4)  
**23** German decapitated by neighbour (7)  
**24** Risk of empire losing article (7)  
**26,27,6,7** Original question that led model couple of men to Pole, for example with repeated letters (5,4,5,3,3,2,3,3)

## Down

- 1** See 11  
**2** Composer's brother, another with no daughter (8)  
**3** Uneasy lies Britain, perhaps (4)  
**4** Stopped wild deer chasing mate (8)  
**5** Fix one to race with a companion (6)  
**6** See 26  
**7** See 26  
**8** Vast your skill, reportedly being beyond our reckoning (15)  
**16** Umpire's finger correctly raised? Absolutely (8)  
**17** Characteristic of tough guy, son of his doctor? (8)  
**18** As a volunteer and not in white? (8)  
**20** Sufi, say, suffers setter's endless criticism (6)  
**21** Herbal remedy of Carian origin (6)  
**25** Advertisement for half steam train (4)

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