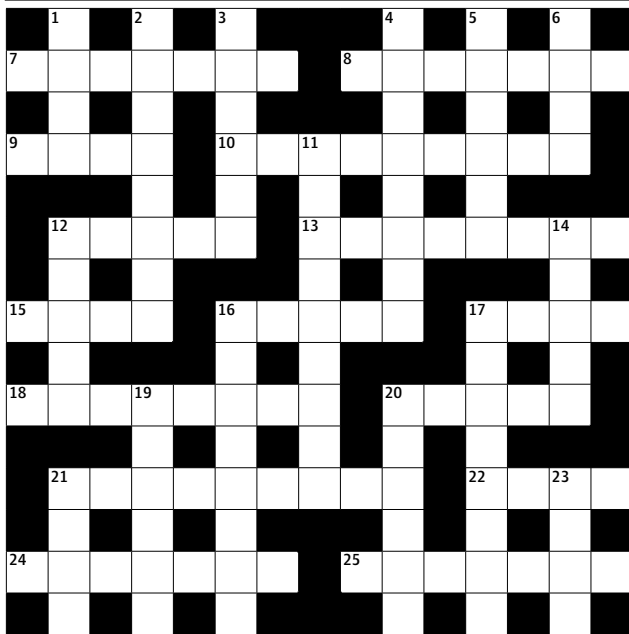


# Guardian cryptic crossword



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## Across

- 7 O.J. once trained with small Spanish balls (7)
- 8 Ultimately extract revenge, executed cruelly? (3,4)
- 9 File name lacking appeal for poetry (4)
- 10 Seed new grape – 80% Pinot (6,3)
- 12 Book mostly 14 ab ovo (5)
- 13 Birds' standard recipe – pig out with seconds (8)
- 15 Play a 24 clip back where lots are online? (4)
- 16 Butler maybe ordering her Times (5)
- 17 Note start of chart success (4)
- 18 Where flowers are put next to wine for Max? (8)
- 20 Bohemian poet O'Reilly knew but regularly ignored (5)
- 21 Soldiers entertained by Spice Girl? Ring doctor – one may go into shock (5,4)
- 22 Music primarily suggesting one setter's no old man (4)
- 24 Attend LSE, masquerading as producers of featured works (7)
- 25 Clashing belt and tie? Don't change a thing (3,2,2)

## Down

- 1 See 12

- 2 Brother or sister left some flowers outside, perhaps (8)
- 3 Mend one's ways, as the 24 never did (6)
- 4 Serviceman agrees about not losing heart (8)
- 5 Art of jazz? It could be green, red or yellow (6)
- 6 Take supporting role in film (4)
- 11 "Dreadful waster" son has as name (7,2)
- 12,1 London landmark in 15 board game (5,4)
- 14 Ball the West Indies' opener hit for six (5)
- 16 Eg "Top Gun" (8)
- 17 A little bit of fine silk can set off leather (8)
- 19 Turn from pet? A tortoise doing somersault! (6)
- 20 A sport informally allowing change of centre pairing for series of games (6)
- 21 "Come Together"? That's fitting (4)
- 23 I'm not sure what the pong might be, boss! (4)

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