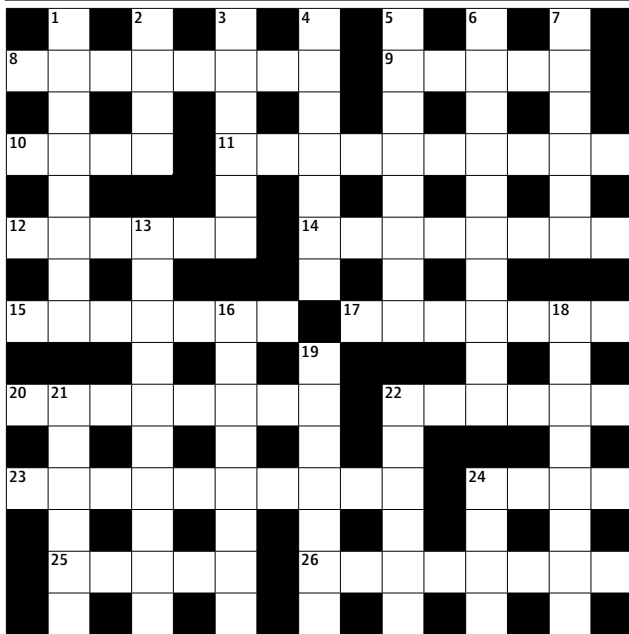


# Guardian cryptic crossword



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## Across

- 8 Make a friend through the proper channels (8)
- 9 Happen in the Guardian's cricket club (5)
- 10 Brown's ferner rubbish? (4)
- 11 Warning to speculators on gravy train? (4,3,3)
- 12 Reciprocal expression of wonder in flower (3-3)
- 14 Spreading archaeological search over classic culture (8)
- 15 German worker, not English judge (7)
- 17 Scale of clean break by fliers ... (7)
- 20 ... particular mince pie scale (8)
- 22 How a ship moves with players on board (6)
- 23 Free trade – comic like popular rule (10)
- 24 Description of fashion model – just a bit of nothing (4)
- 25 Claim no right to advantage (5)
- 26 Gunned in anarchy with no conclusion (8)

## Down

- 1 Steal up to boatman, who's in debt (8)

- 2 Forget to order half of an item? (4)
- 3 Calm? Not exactly my condition, which is sticky (6)
- 4 It's dangerous – to start with, you can die from it ... (7)
- 5 ... but it's wrong to get sick over a pancake (8)
- 6 Emphasise smart goddess with brogue (10)
- 7 Arrange programme with Norway radio (6)
- 13 Who's there? I possibly, at the pub (5,5)
- 16 Go abroad to live – it's good in an Arab country (8)
- 18 Bloomers made leading side lose heart (8)
- 19 Erase fate in fight (4,3)
- 21 Spot spotted in playground (6)
- 22 So Livingstone might be disgusted (6)
- 24 Festival is bound to be reported (4)

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