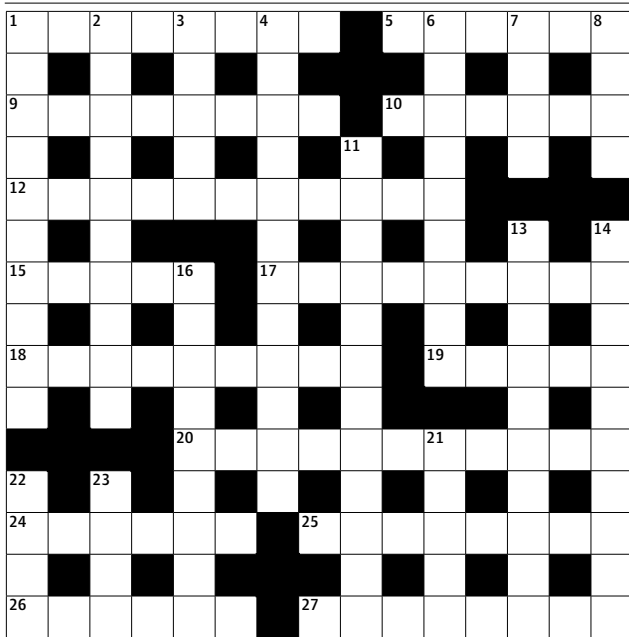


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1 House where thousands help for nothing in Japan (8)
- 5 Protest by spouse of brave king (6)
- 9 Cub on return to base has brief spell of fun (8)
- 10 Article on songs heard (6)
- 12 Section of river by a lost field, new or second-hand? (5-2-4)
- 15 Correct relationship to go down noisily (5)
- 17 Waste time playing with 19 10 keeping his 19 cut (4,5)
- 18 Refusal to answer number – how French! (2,7)
- 19 Person privy to celebration (5)
- 20 Skill at bringing up flagship, perhaps (11)
- 24 Ploughed fields can, without a bit of earth (6)
- 25 Spades at card game or reversed hat (8)
- 26 Look into spare cover for footwear (6)
- 27 The Guardian's after a rest in a way (2,2,4)

Down

- 1 Novel conclusion of 19 10 (7,3)
- 2 19 10, losing heart, confines pupil to Scots earldom in Scots town (10)

- 3 Everyone expressed satisfaction with God (5)
- 4 An odd tea chef makes for a macabre affair (5,2,5)
- 6 Mother of nest – no black Catholic on throne then? (5,4)
- 7 Problem for a 19 10 initially (4)
- 8 Enterprise 10 at church (4)
- 11 Making physical education photo soft porn's first bestseller (3,2,3,4)
- 13 "What The Papers Say" features boy swallowing container with drinks (10)
- 14 Support six feet with no head – ecstasy for the unadventurous (4-2-4)
- 16 Witch hazel is to follow meat with (say) lunch (say) (9)
- 21 9 gets it at length (5)
- 22 See 23
- 23,22 Report of 19 10 getting peerage for World War I general (4,4)

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