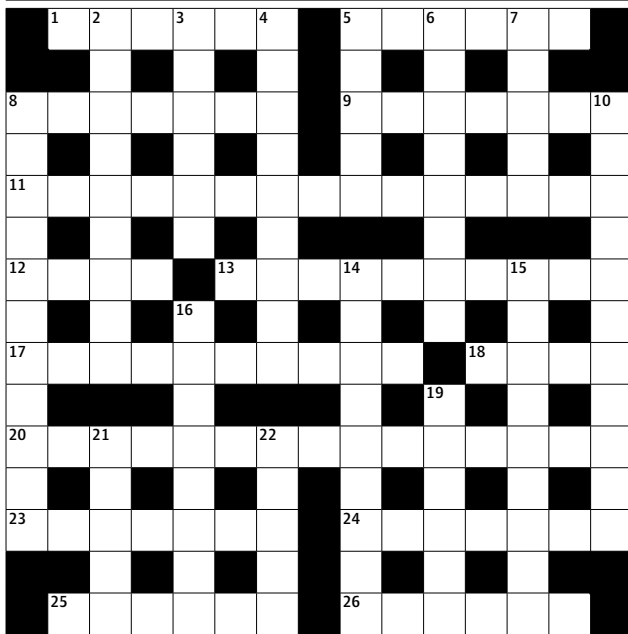


# Guardian cryptic crossword



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## Across

- 1 Message from sovereign on currency (6)
- 5 Letters go to the French and bingo! (6)
- 8 Indication of extended writing about my return with cat (7)
- 9 Management of sport in contest? (7)
- 11 Public servant drunk Foster's in small gallery (8,2,5)
- 12 Antelope with no end vigorous style (4)
- 13 Needed support of the "ass of the bridge" unfinished in France (6,4)
- 17 Fight duel stupidly with student that's very nice (10)
- 18 Gilbertian with 17 26 and great 15s, chiefly 9 on 5 across 1s for his 11s (4)
- 20 Vote 1 – if on car it applied, example of 10? (15)
- 23 Gleam unevenly – keep boiling when drunk? (7)
- 24 Painter on top of stove to pour out the tea? (7)
- 25 See 19
- 26 Jobs of the French with restrictions (6)

## Down

- 2 Limit intended for French novel with everything (5,4)
- 3 Certify being at match (6)
- 4 Mother nested wrongly having done her best (9)
- 5 Broadly inadequate as foil to 5 across (5)
- 6 Destiny travelled east from northeast (8)
- 7 All that's unusual in a girl's name (5)
- 8 Where someone lives, say, with lighter garment (6,5)
- 10 Fruit, not good and bad, in the business of saving the planet? (5,6)
- 14 Fed and fed, eating original first (9)
- 15 Right to take one sixth part of course in physical education (9)
- 16 Sandglass, say, with tiger worried about start of meal (3,5)
- 19,25 Much of 11 on two Scots rivers points to set of tunnels (6,6)
- 21 Musical note on sequel to 12 left out (5)
- 22 Ran a mile from Khan? (5)



## Solution No. 25,178

