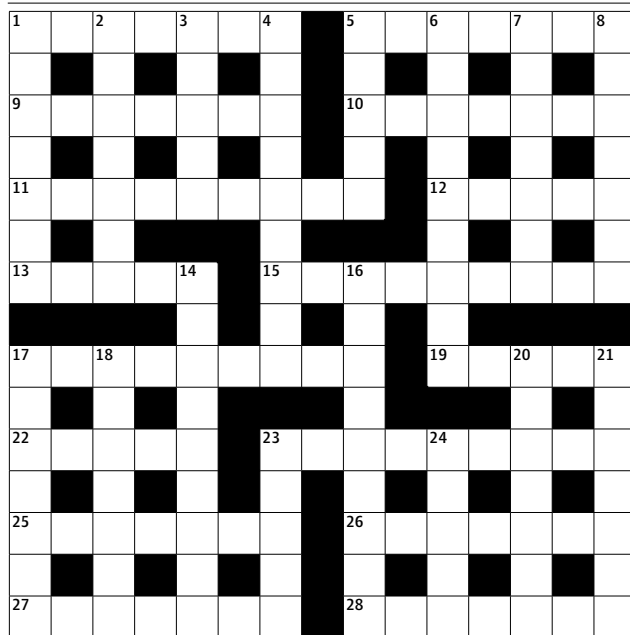


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1 Quality controller eats duck found in the kitchen (7)
- 5 Setter's established proofreader's charged (7)
- 9 Vulnerable former model died (7)
- 10 Primate caught in deception set back defence (7)
- 11 Post about a break in the cloud (5,4)
- 12 Material produces anger after a short time (5)
- 13 Stir a large watercourse (5)
- 15 Madam favouring kippers has seconds (9)
- 17 Philosopher tries a lot when in trouble (9)
- 19 Bugs devouring American's appetisers (5)
- 22 Medicine containing sulphur is a disaster (5)
- 23 Charlie's urged on to be contrite (9)
- 25 Rascal learning to appeal (7)
- 26 Six-footer keeps quiet in survey (7)
- 27 Saw note about piece of cake (2,5)
- 28 Girl blustered: "That's OK" (7)

Down

- 1 The marine in charge of heat (7)
- 2 Cravin' a drug (7)

- 3 Team leader requests work (5)
- 4 Revolutionary vehicle cherished for bearing stars (3,6)
- 5 Instigate wicked lie about politician (5)
- 6 Cardinal's mean on the whole (9)
- 7 Cut kills fish (7)
- 8 Red hits out and wavers (7)
- 14 Flexible article like this splits fruit (9)
- 16 On choosing to conceal age (9)
- 17 Conflict about acceptable type of sale (7)
- 18 Breaks in damaged stirrup (7)
- 20 Hanging gives writer depression (7)
- 21 Bridge players went out together under the influence (7)
- 23 Climber initially has a break below the summit (5)
- 24 Opera almost in proportion (5)

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