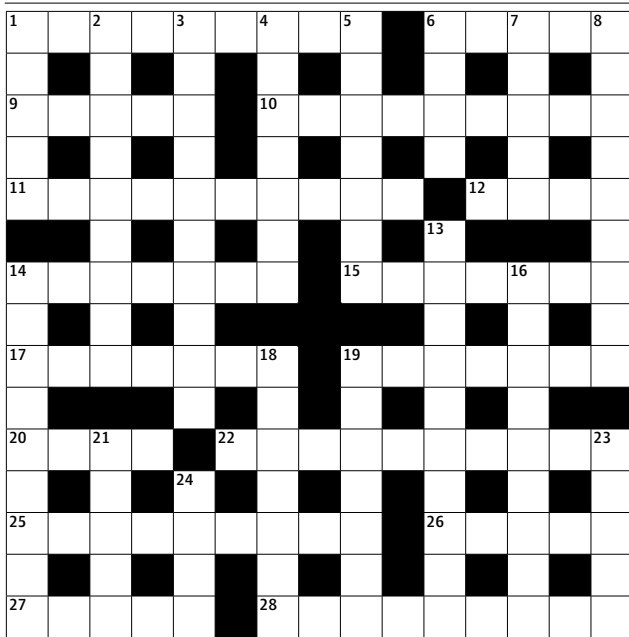


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,285 set by Puck

## Across

- 1 Broken zip not that unknown – fasten with another fastener (6,3)
- 6 Relaxed about a bit of bad language (5)
- 9 Topless look that is weird (5)
- 10 It left USA and nearing Ireland all starts going wrong (9)
- 11 Hull builders on Tyneside, one searching for a pen? (4,6)
- 12 11's first and 17's last 24 now (4)
- 14 Excellent measure included in newspaper (7)
- 15 Wreck lower-class party after 24 drunk (7)
- 17 Very big, otherwise can double it (7)
- 19 The good bilingual soldier's back in base (7)
- 20 In seas unkind, as were the 10 and 17 – by 15 and 19 down (4)
- 22 Former name for 12's gay community? (10)
- 25 Swear word alien to sailor, as mine is (9)
- 26 How one may get taken in black cab, after having a turn (5)
- 27 King cobra's no horse – it's a snake (5)
- 28 Lack of bend in river? Design is faulty (9)

## Down

- 1 What builders get from designer glasses (5)
- 2 Sky decided on the last word at end of broadcast (9)

- 3 Female setter in mood to conform (3,3,4)
- 4 Heading for 24, liner's lost in the drink (7)
- 5 Most inquisitive regarding lack of short nap? (7)
- 6 Censor part of Tosca, repeatedly (4)
- 7 Game where you have to discard key ring (5)
- 8 Detestable motel has ordered nothing in (9)
- 13 Magnificent support for long-running TV show (10)
- 14 Note time bone reaches highest point, as it were (2,2,5)
- 16 Apply lotion to injured toe with care, after ringing doctor (9)
- 18 One taking messages for newspaper (7)
- 19 Diver caught one coming up for something to eat (7)
- 21 Leather from goatskin, apparently (5)
- 23 20 at sea, split in two by English bombs (5)
- 24 What's left as alternatives for Parliament's most extreme character (4)

Solution No. 25,284

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