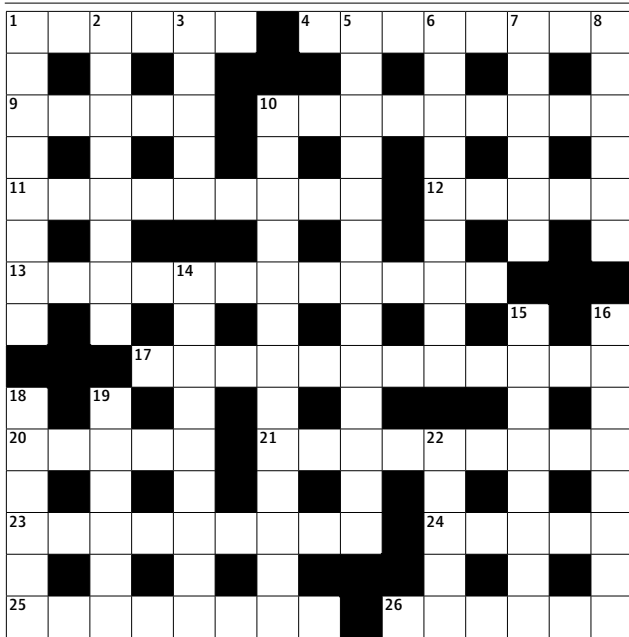


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,290 set by Brendan

## Across

- 1 Strikes for money (6)
- 4 Finish off Animal Farm, the novel for holiday (4-4)
- 9 As result of couple's act, love follows (3,2)
- 10 Poet includes appeal backing fighter for independence (4-5)
- 11 Part of test and its possible location for top men (9)
- 12 British people giving support (5)
- 13,17 Achieve economic goals – 8 or 20, 12 or 15, using 23 or 14 1 across (4,3,5,4,3,5)
- 20 Desolate area in Wild West (5)
- 21 Power in a current missile that could bring plane down (3,6)
- 23 Game one plays that's strange to Israeli (9)
- 24 New money invested in neuroscience (5)
- 25 Poet's always in coach, cheapest form of travel (8)
- 26 Scientist, like Newton, considered noteworthy? (6)

## Down

- 1 Tread warily on weeds in fields (8)
- 2 Without regularity, oddly? (8)
- 3 Democrat joining revolutionary movement – that's odd (5)

- 5 Released after confession without any charge (9,4)
- 6 Warns in advance about bloke imprisoned by enemy (9)
- 7 Caused by wind making one ail dreadfully (6)
- 8 Upset some wine and spirit? Hell! (6)
- 10 Having a problem, in a sense? Doctor had for trial (4,2,7)
- 14 Cut down damaged trees in quarter (9)
- 15 Prepare to shoot some Native Americans when sun comes up (8)
- 16 Throw out of aircraft, one of which is not turning up outside (8)
- 18 Silly types, swallowing small mixed drinks (6)
- 19 Tragic heroine that is betrayed in the middle (6)
- 22 Piano used in old-time musical entertainment (5)

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