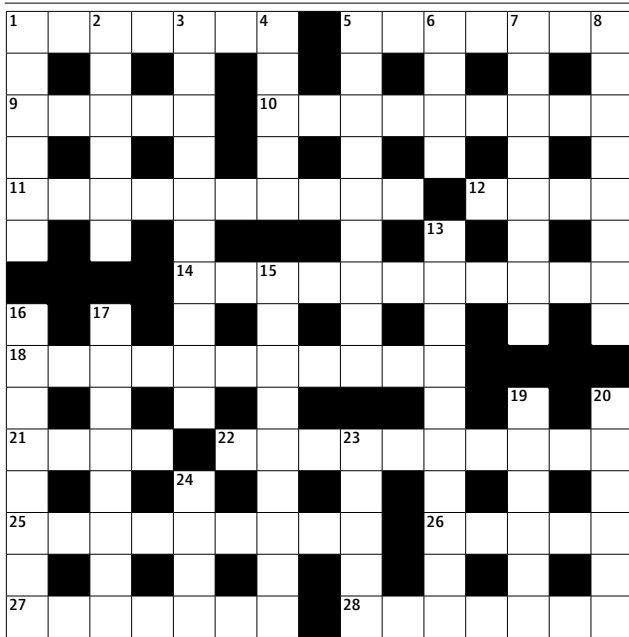


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,360 set by Paul

## Across

- 1,9** Prison walls aren't of the same dimensions (5,2,5)  
**5** Marking on baize, plenty of casual designs (7)  
**9** See 1  
**10** Hear the hotel ghost – one checking out? (9)  
**11** Conflict right – let me explain: wife interfering with estate, possibly? (7,3)  
**12** See 27  
**14** Black bovine with vertigo, say – what's so exciting? (11)  
**18** Function at night filling nappy, jam apart, yukky! (6,5)  
**21** Island one's promoting to a higher power, might you say? (4)  
**22** Bruises too appalling, as unruly (10)  
**25** Female muse suspicious about artist in class-conscious system (9)  
**26** Once screened this brave clip of Luton Town (5)  
**27,12** Six-footer attending dance, hard bouncer (7,4)  
**28** Expert paintings here in compound (7)
- 5** Volts run through Saudi for wrongfully showing hostility (9)  
**6** See 24  
**7** Romeo's fate that's boundless where Christ stands tall (8)  
**8** Religious vestment certain to maintain line in image (8)  
**13** Heart of the metropolis, is it? (4,6)  
**15** One's clients are unaware this particular leader Tony can't be trusted (9)  
**16** Small ocean, second to change, to be precise (8)  
**17** African country having boom, blossoming in endless decline (8)  
**19** Bit of a looker – worse puns are so pronounced (6)  
**20** A mule, say, carrying king on the beach (6)  
**23** Kingsley's written up about book, The Lion King (5)  
**24,6** Hesitate claiming Lennox's first boxing victory as an easy win (8)

## Down

- 1** Not sweet to cut segment – divide in two (6)  
**2** Type listed, one I smothered in powder (6)  
**3** Soviet forces: they're mad, revolutionary, about Russian leader (3,3,4)  
**4** Orbiting around Jupiter, perhaps, new vegetable (5)

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