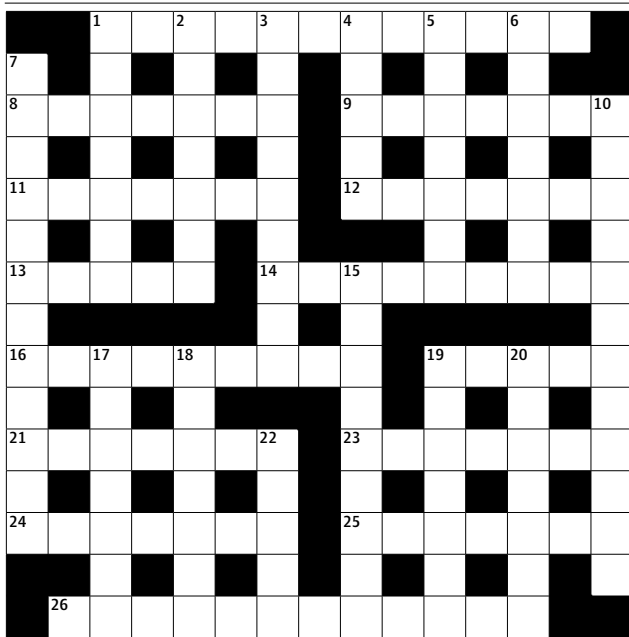


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1 Facts not sure, but might possibly be found in comestibles (6,2,4)
- 8 Siren broke 4 over European article (7)
- 9 Create an impression? (7)
- 11 Promotion less heated but more costly (7)
- 12 Observer finds nothing right in a bumpkin (7)
- 13 Colour-blending chore (5)
- 14 Head at hand keeping the same (9)
- 16 Jaguar follows supreme original model (9)
- 19 Point where stupor grips many? (5)
- 21 Setter's volume includes right to show publisher's identity (7)
- 23 Sneeze said to be in dispute? (2,5)
- 24 Sergeant major of marines after his share of the grub? (7)
- 25 English capital in danger at a certain point (7)
- 26 Dependent on charity, it makes Moseley yearn to be free (12)

Down

- 1 Lake is hot with discolouration (7)
- 2 Endless metallic sculpture, ever since the big bang (3-4)

- 3 Happy Geri upset to see the writing on the wall (9)
- 4 Alternative that's given to a student in college (5)
- 5 Shish type, one keeping affected manner in foreign capital (7)
- 6 Meal got up to be a bloomer (3,4)
- 7 Companies endlessly talk about a menace in stores (12)
- 10 Their signs may be seen where eastern country has a loo (6,6)
- 15 Gentle lay, rendered with style (9)
- 17 One starts a sentence – sentence ended here (7)
- 18 Old record – one volume gives a typical example (7)
- 19 Fancy having accord with soldiers! (7)
- 20 Control of teacher variable? (7)
- 22 Rate of return for work with police (5)

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