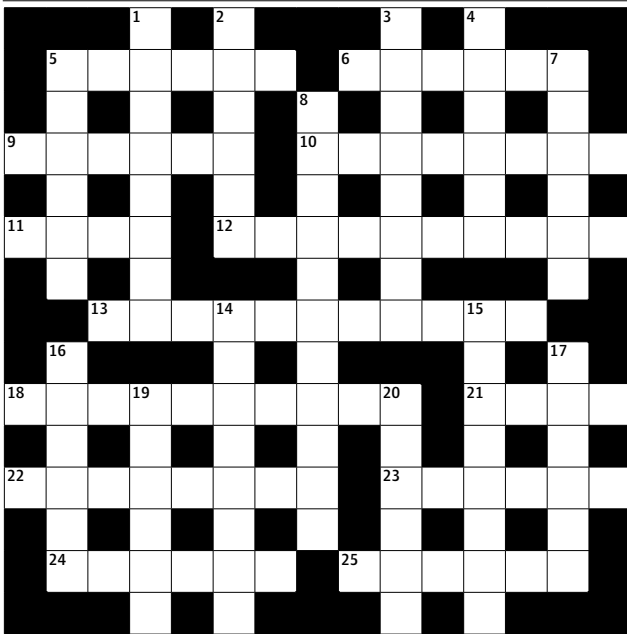


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,485 set by Rufus

## Across

- 5 Stop and fire (3,3)
- 6 Concerning inside information going to Eastern writer (6)
- 9 Nation embraces popular foreign dramatist (6)
- 10 They examine the pupils (8)
- 11 Not the gardener's favourite little number (4)
- 12 Correction as part of learning (10)
- 13 Well organised part of the barracks (7,4)
- 18 To borrow money then move away is risky (5-3-2)
- 21 Metal press (4)
- 22 Group of men in pursuit of a mate (5,3)
- 23 Organised raid in backstreet exposes Chinese criminals (6)
- 24 Spanish gooseberry (6)
- 25 Frenchwoman forced to take in a French man (6)
- 4 Account that is allowed to run on to attract interest? (6)
- 5 Packed and ready to go off (6)
- 7 No more wine – that's the limit (6)
- 8 Sit and canoodle, form bond together (11)
- 14 Passing of time in pleasing fashion (8)
- 15 The prototype of a girl in love, perhaps (8)
- 16 Used a club building provided by the company (6)
- 17 A way to cook eggs – divine in cabbage (6)
- 19 Baby lettuce gets planted (6)
- 20 What one spends won't be in deposit (6)

Winners of prize puzzle 25,478

## Down

- 1 Solid block of cars (8)
- 2 A venue for a match away from home (6)
- 3 One providing a deal for the better (8)

