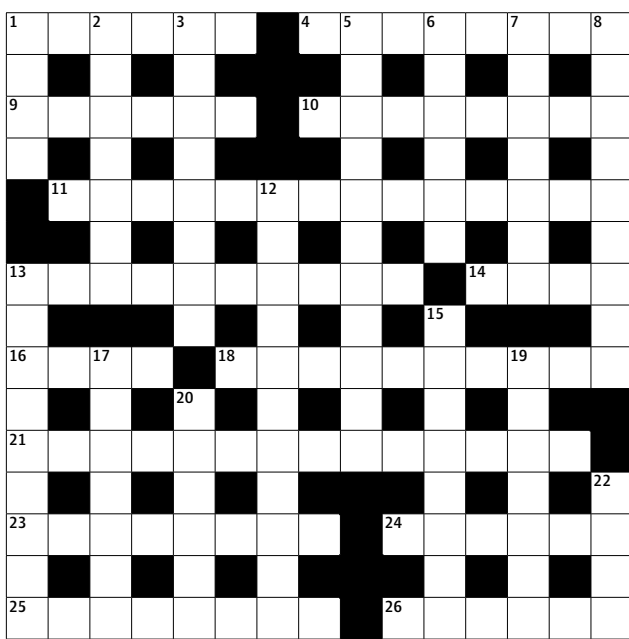


## Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,491 set by Orlando

### Across

- 1 Get away from test centre with carbon copy (6)
- 4 I holler out loud for something to eat in parlour (3,5)
- 9 Turning without due care to capture American soldier (6)
- 10 Conversing quietly in a helicopter (8)
- 11 Prickliest ground with that side? (7,7)
- 13 Toed line by yielding thus? (10)
- 14 Expensive honey (4)
- 16 They serve older boys cigarettes (4)
- 18 Seeing how far one can go in fitting room? (6,2,2)
- 21 Salt that may be extracted from china clay? (6,8)
- 23 A very English mass – with song and prayer (3,5)
- 24 Pay no attention to rocky region (6)
- 25 First signs of Eurasian nuthatch in evergreen (8)
- 26 Silver paper finally swallowed by spy (6)

### Down

- 1 Authentic quartet from Liechtenstein (4)
- 2 Newspaper boss sent up after conspirator falls (7)
- 3 Insect burrowing into straight banana (8)
- 5 Senator's first to abandon a gun in cool part of Washington (7,4)

- 6 Fur is for mammals (6)
- 7 Letter left in European skiing area (7)
- 8 Married woman accepts grand new short wave generator (9)
- 12 Tory pamphlet – one about Labour movement (11)
- 13 Obscure cafe – but so original (9)
- 15 Gelatinous substance from a fish that's been cloned (4-4)
- 17 Welcome event not expected in Götterdämmerung? (7)
- 19 Young swimmer needing little support (7)
- 20 Home help for a posh couple? (2,4)
- 22 Introductions to major essayists: Addison, Thoreau, Bacon and Lamb? (4)

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