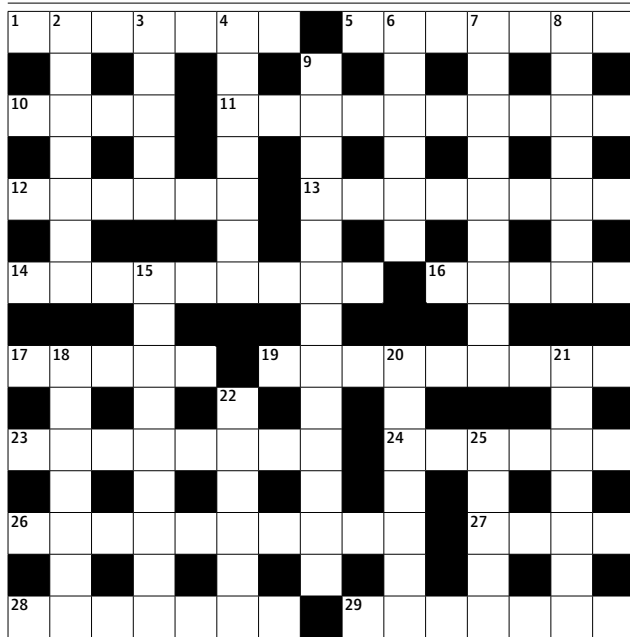


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,576 set by Qaas

## Across

- 1 Material I'll recite in hol-  
low performance (7)
- 5 Big chef: "Crumble reg-  
ularly found in freezer"  
(3,4)
- 10 Finished 1 down before?  
(4)
- 11 Putting fear in these  
endlessly leads to  
extreme depression (3,7)
- 12 Lose my sail at sea (6)
- 13 Judgement of TV pre-  
senter, one heartless  
Cowell (8)
- 14 Subject bruised ego to  
plot the end of vanity  
(9)
- 16 Planet's hot and wet  
area (5)
- 17 Try to avoid flippin'  
strike lines! (5)
- 19 City to be right by water  
(9)
- 23 Ebony man draws in  
loose belt (3,5)
- 24 Bad atmosphere per-  
vades Mamma Mia's  
mansion (6)
- 26 This solar eruption over  
my head leads to violent  
weather (10)
- 27 16 plant's shoot (4)
- 28 Meat cooked in ovens  
(7)
- 29 Former leader Dalglish  
saves the Reds' soul (7)

## Down

- 2 Suffer for ages in tor-  
ment without oxygen  
(7)
- 3 Allow leading serf to  
rise up over English or  
Scottish baron (5)
- 4 The YMCA treated skin  
disease (7)
- 6 Position beginning to  
cramp side and that  
hurts! (6)
- 7 Programme with poor  
graphics and no ani-  
mated CGI? What a con!  
(4,5)
- 8 Digs holes (7)
- 9 Psychiatrists? They're  
all savages (13)
- 15 Cooper cried out loud  
over one biscuit (9)
- 18 In time Lynn becomes  
mean (7)
- 20 As a group foolish men  
fool with ecstasy (2,5)
- 21 Mixing some sodium  
half caused diffusion (7)
- 22 Drumbeat that's not  
hard to love (6)
- 25 Father's upset and right  
on the edge (5)

Solution No. 25,575

