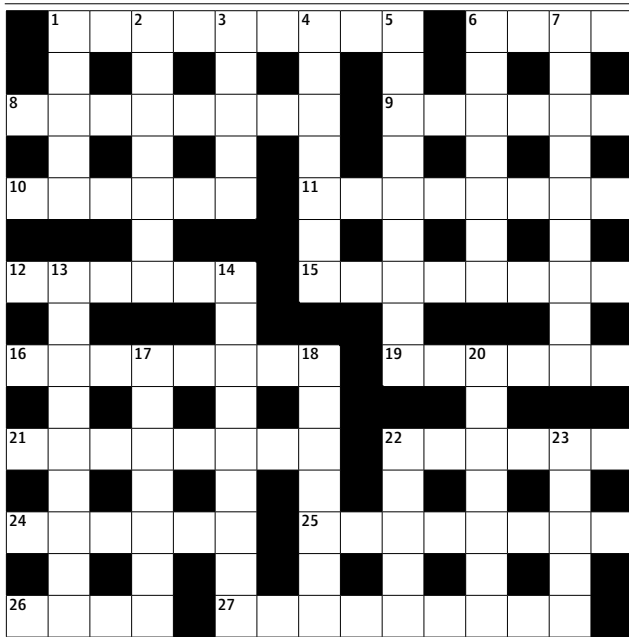


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,635 set by Rufus

Across

- 1 Put out fire (9)
- 6 Entrance for spectators (4)
- 8 First love, with a girl in torment (8)
- 9 European may be French (6)
- 10 Bunk with a woman! (6)
- 11 Leave out one note in introductory piece (8)
- 12 Free-for-all sort of arrangement (6)
- 15 Widespread, half in verse (8)
- 16 Inducts into office when answer is correct (6,2)
- 19 Attacked and bombed at random (6)
- 21 Struggles to maintain faith in the past (8)
- 22 Agree it's of small account and acquiesce (6)
- 24 He's learned to park a vehicle in the street (6)
- 25 Intent on rendering two notes on an instrument (8)
- 26 I object to an average standard (4)
- 27 Hoist sail to break loose from personal unpleasantness (9)

Down

- 1 The strain of mourning (5)
- 2 Reg is involved with this trial shot (7)

- 3 Layer on article turned to shade of red (5)
- 4 Not a change for the better (7)
- 5 Left for dead, for example (9)
- 6 It's an Israeli region I allege, wrongly (7)
- 7 Straight hit in international cricket – going for a run (4,5)
- 13 Inferior position he's in, not I (5,4)
- 14 Where to make a final stand in trench warfare? (4,5)
- 17 Refuse to vote, putting Jack on the spot (7)
- 18 It joins another for a breather (7)
- 20 Secures damages (7)
- 22 Advantage point in a number of games (5)
- 23 Takes a girl out fruit (5)

Winners of prize puzzle 25,628

