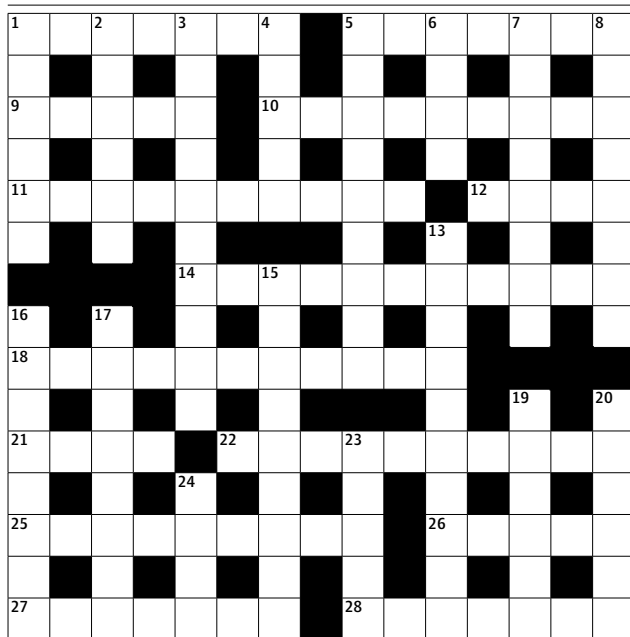


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1 Unoriginal mistake involving account number getting reversed (7)
- 5 Can and must create refuge (7)
- 9 Surpass alfresco party (5)
- 10 Language (Ankara's) if translated (9)
- 11 Bang on about despondent circle's turn to declare (10)
- 12 Bigwig's starburst (4)
- 14 Selfish, albeit inferior, after time (11)
- 18 Comic character from North America cut bloody present back (11)
- 21 Pretty short message curtailed (4)
- 22 Short request, once more, to reference referendum (10)
- 25 Paper hat covering sphincter and tendon (9)
- 26 "Hell hath no ..."? – work it out (5)
- 27 Keep bearing right! Acquire new skills (7)
- 28 Distinctive bit of colour scheme in school (7)
- 5 Plan turnover of exceptionally large pastries (9)
- 6 She represents victory for North American president (4)
- 7 Having tin guts, break wind again, lifting shift? (8)
- 8 Be sceptical of condensation and corrosion (8)
- 13 Remain upright, full stop (10)
- 15 "Dystopian Spring" on air (outside broadcast) (9)
- 16 Fool given expensive French anorak of sorts (8)
- 17 Buzzword – it means "pause" (8)
- 19 Weirdo from US uni devouring one literary genre (6)
- 20 Want termination of Red Planet (6)
- 23 John's dictionary entry is false (5)
- 24 Occasional smoker in Vietnam (4)

Down

- 1 Turbulent, cold, and kind of bitter? (6)
- 2 Backer twisting Dolly's heart (6)
- 3 Flirts gobbling king's snacks (10)
- 4 Distinctive sound within distinctive flavour (5)

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