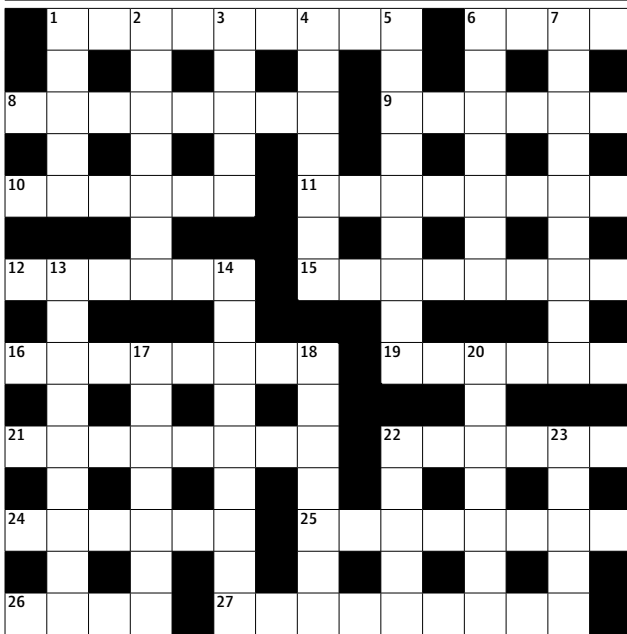


# Guardian cryptic crossword



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## Across

- 1 It's used in an engine, dispersed into drops (6,3)
- 6 Filmed drunk outside hotel (4)
- 8 Museum loses millions in bequest (8)
- 9 Many in panic found wanting (6)
- 10 Heathen dropping one's grub (6)
- 11 I defame a Dominican, for example (8)
- 12 Caught old queen dead drunk (6)
- 15 Letter put in fireplace reduces to carbon (8)
- 16 Ascetics go round clubs for spirits (8)
- 19 Deceive parent wickedly (6)
- 21 Riding or playing football (8)
- 22 Complain to French joiner getting reprimand (6)
- 24 Clandestine faction assimilates scripture (6)
- 25 A pass in the French game (8)
- 26 Support postponement (4)
- 27 Cancelled leaflet in a rush (9)

## Down

- 1 Drill gets girl upset (5)

- 2 Lad keeps list of cheese (7)
- 3 Fancy losing new address! (5)
- 4 Swimmer put in clink is groggy (7)
- 5 Upset Poet Laureate during illness (9)
- 6 Nash cut out to be faithful (7)
- 7 Trunk kept in old car by amateur players (9)
- 13 Baron bets foolishly when imbibing (9)
- 14 Artisan is last month's speaker (9)
- 17 Old tree lay hollowed out (7)
- 18 Underwear makes one tense (7)
- 20 Assembly sees solicitor grasping vessel (7)
- 22 Drink starts to compromise our command over assistants (5)
- 23 Let student off, relieved (5)

Solution No. 25,680

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