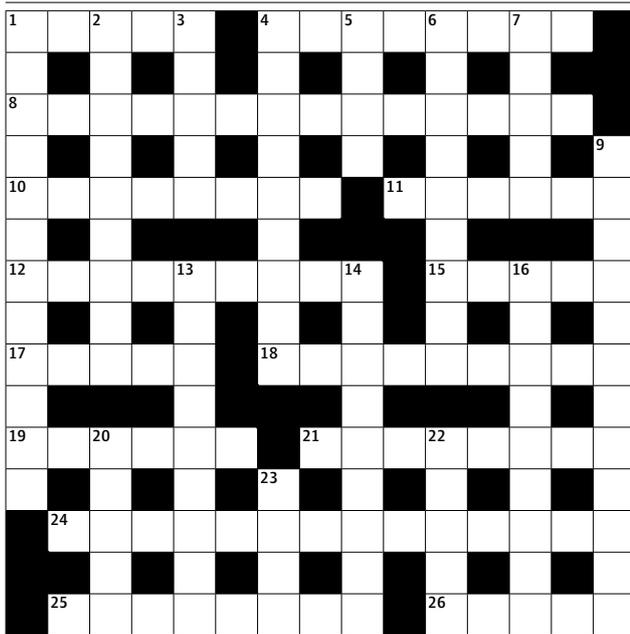


# Guardian cryptic crossword



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## Across

- 1 Musicians providing accompaniment to muck? (5)
- 4 See 10
- 8 Artist adopting mongrel pup or green bird (7,7)
- 10,4 Furious or thirsty as a result of 24? (8,8)
- 11 On your bike with a tungsten stiletto, maybe? (6)
- 12 Trace second woman smuggling one part of Bible (9)
- 15 Hat put on head of Canadian subject (5)
- 17 Called on electronic spectrum (5)
- 18 Season to compete with leader coming last in Q&A session (9)
- 19 Light reading facilitator (6)
- 21 Game keeping female paragon neither up nor down (4,4)
- 24 Glum economist (post-8) reconstructing trade union home (4,2,3,5)
- 25 Happened to be killed in battle (8)
- 26 Dull but costly recipe included (5)

## Down

- 1 Event proves Spooner's anxious and penniless? (12)
- 2 Topless African securing watering hole for newt, perhaps (9)
- 3 Seaman's afterthought about mackerel-catcher? (5)
- 4 Remote 2 introducing female to male singer? Not exactly (9)
- 5 Help to get a flutter? (4)
- 6 Outweigh hot art's turning point (4,5)
- 7 Erect or flatten, reportedly (5)
- 9 Unenthusiastic worker, one nabbing philosopher reversing direction (12)
- 13 Writer's material impounded by consort returning to camp (9)
- 14 Air Force's target – Eastern ruler's lambskin? (9)
- 16 Peculiarly peculiar time for origami, say (9)
- 20 Lachrymose character getting gong first in return (5)
- 22 Celebrated like Beethoven upholding Mozart's first (5)
- 23 Kind of blue, having got a very low score (4)

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