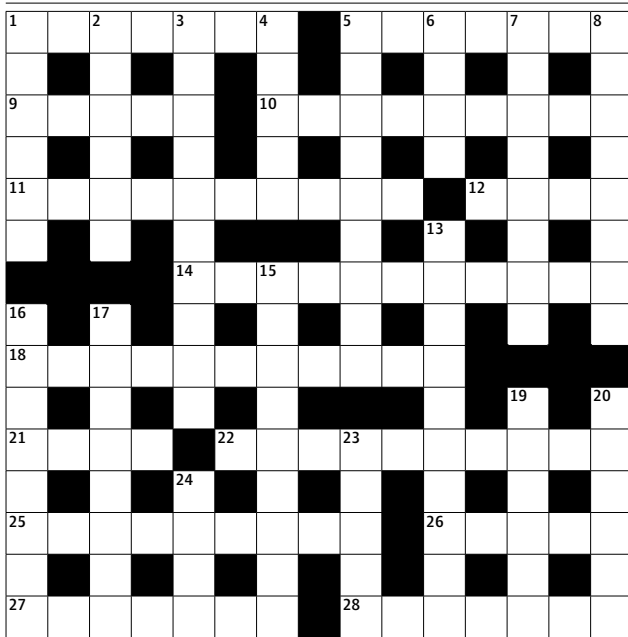


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,810 set by Pasquale

## Across

- 1 Affair makes the woman explode (7)
- 5 Derby? Somewhat limited as a place in which to live (7)
- 9 Expert in a small part of the organisation (5)
- 10 Fairies cope – such may help little folk to have a vision (9)
- 11 Came across a fish with useless bones (10)
- 12 Slight indication of inebriation? (4)
- 14 Provisions for picnic? Spooner's didn't include spicy drink (6,5)
- 18 Remorselessness shown by pet with nine mice being destroyed (11)
- 21 Command man with a bow (4)
- 22 Careerist working to escape finally from desk (10)
- 25 To a dunce I may seem inappropriate (9)
- 26 Cricketer offering a few words at the dinner? (5)
- 27 Pony that is taken on by sanctuary without hesitation (7)
- 28 Job was clear – Pasquale gets stuck in (7)

## Down

- 1 Small host putting everyone off, being obsequious (6)
- 2 Bits chucked out from back of the plane keeping maximum speed over top of Alps (6)
- 3 Expecting awful panic stations, sending out SOS (10)
- 4 Some gaga person who has their mouth wide open? (5)

- 5 The fellow managed to include ridiculous clue, fiendishly difficult (9)
- 6 Mistake is nonsense – rub out (4)
- 7 Left in south London district, going here and there (8)
- 8 Divine government offered by those people roguish inside (8)
- 13 Time to have water carried up, lights out all around? Now do this! (5,5)
- 15 That woman in castle, finally, after cruel act? (9)
- 16 Regret the absence of embracing very French inamorata (8)
- 17 Drama half way through – a break gives space for this? (8)
- 19 Guide said he decided to go with the crowd (6)
- 20 Be unable to bear endless study prior to exam? (6)
- 23 Approach game with attempt at humour taken the wrong way (3-2)
- 24 Estonian composer demonstrates piano technique (4)

Solution No. 25,809

