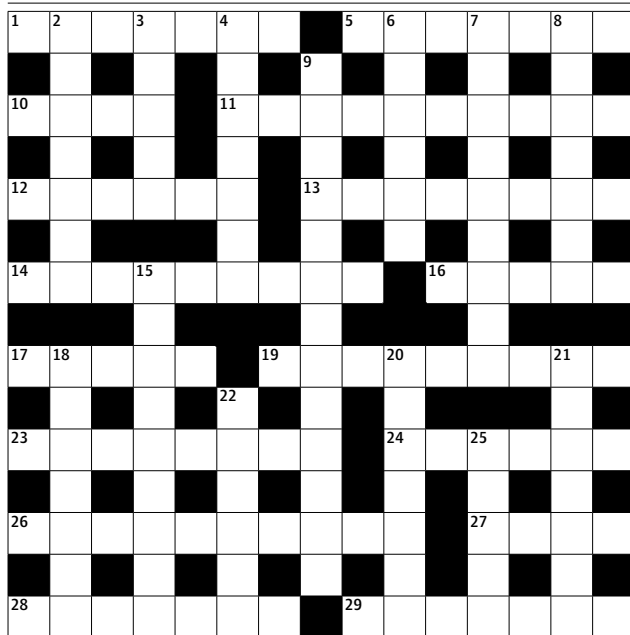


# Guardian cryptic crossword



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## Across

- 1 Large flat round burger – ultimately good North American food (4,3)
- 5 See 23
- 10 “Danke” translated almost as “German vehicle” (4)
- 11 That which controls temperature by a few switches about right? (10)
- 12 Swan in prison, no finale for Shakespearean actor (6)
- 13 Chinese food (8)
- 14 Cheap rope, funny in knots (9)
- 16 See 23
- 17 Baby son on show (5)
- 19 Personnel not quite catching on, journalist incapable in the end, picking nothing up? (5,4)
- 23,16,5 Here crunchiest kind of battered North American food (8,5,7)
- 24 Writer munching food so unnatural? A North American food (3,3)
- 26 Rejecting dog, gourmet after milky mixture including eggs for a start, as North American food (3,4,3)
- 27 Nation formerly in my command? (4)
- 28 Revolutionary, for example, with report to carry (7)
- 29 Virtuous type has a drop hidden away (7)

## Down

- 2 Herb taking North American food, gobbling horse up (7)
- 3 North American food, bit chipped off? (5)
- 4 Cricketers back in the pavilion, or in the field, perhaps? (7)
- 6,25 Hash is on my right, North American food (6,5)
- 7 Island with something black, another colour featured prominently as well (2-7)
- 8 Cut up Paul’s check (7)
- 9 Many captivated by new image, plan for English town (10,3)
- 15 Tenant wanted agent to include Turkish capital in search (4,2,3)
- 18 Language unit – I await your call? (7)
- 20 Certainly not confirmed as most imperial (7)
- 21 Quickly found an expert like Fred Astaire? (2,1,4)
- 22 Frog’s uphill walk about 880 yards? (6)
- 25 See 6

Solution No. 25,813

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