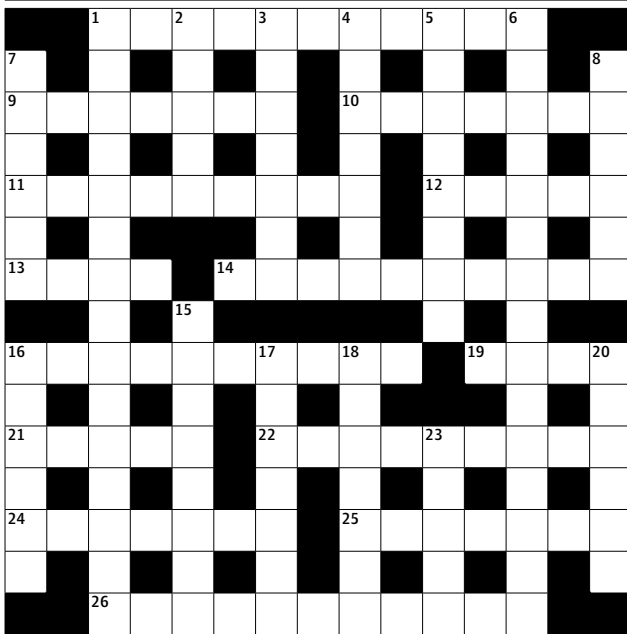


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,937 set by Puck

Across

- 1 Pirate can't do this with mermaid, as some may 'ave said (11)
- 9 Wind up having sex in a way-out place? (7)
- 10 China possesses revolutionary weapon (7)
- 11 Proper pair treated a first-time mother (9)
- 12 Active constituent of vodka or (tenuously) even rum, originally (5)
- 13 Drinks kid hasn't finished (4)
- 14 Wife leaves grant aid outside of that detailed for lung disease (10)
- 16 See 3
- 19 See 3
- 21 Endless failure not for everyone – the rest developed talent (5)
- 22 Use of weapons in second part of clue? (9)
- 24 Fruit from Madeira is insect-ridden (7)
- 25 I tucked into God-awful starter, something pungent (7)
- 26 Outstanding peer in Brussels? (8,3)

Down

- 1 Philosophical approach, getting really ill before right email's gone off (8,7)
- 2 Puma might have a savoury taste (5)

- 3,16across,19 Song with (shh!) a million chords left out (3,4,2,8,4)
- 4 Weird sorcerer's ferret (7)
- 5 Dig up 12's mark given to wine in summer abroad (8)
- 6 Sum of money making lonely content once (6,9)
- 7 Hindu magistrate at university in desert (6)
- 8 Refuse rebid, changing to spades (6)
- 15 Whip yellow topping for pudding to be eaten by young family member (8)
- 16 Dark blue shoe? (6)
- 17 Setter eating his first suet pudding is essential viewing (4-3)
- 18 What may be produced from ten plus one: a product of 11? (7)
- 20 Amateur given place on staff (6)
- 23 Block cross, as a result (3,2)

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