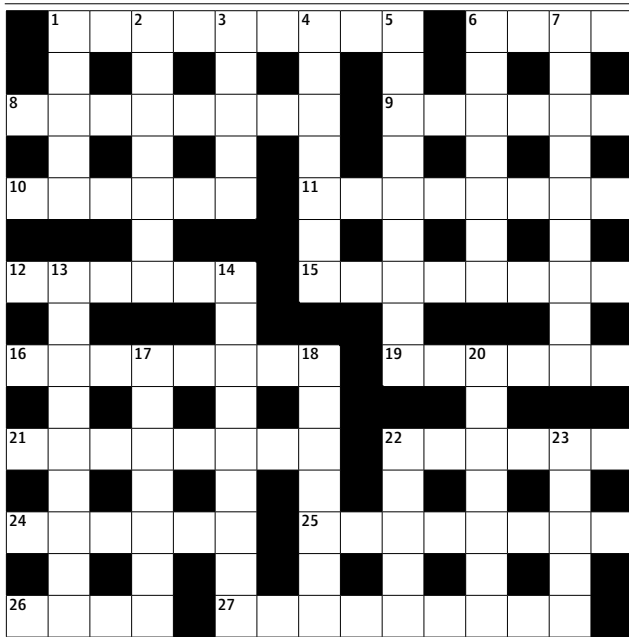


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,982 set by Rufus

Across

- 1 Change one's bank, perhaps (5,4)
- 6 An overcrowded children's home in Oxford, say (4)
- 8 Get a role as someone's double (5,3)
- 9 The occupant is at home with his wife (6)
- 10 Free admittance? (6)
- 11 Compelled to use pressure in extremity (8)
- 12 Succeeded in exam in oral history (6)
- 15 Reptile bringing back one young salmon in ten (8)
- 16 Grand occasion, of course (8)
- 19 He's mastered the art of eating out (6)
- 21 One who tries hard to get a riddle? (8)
- 22 Those in the majority (6)
- 24 Cross one side of Glasgow (6)
- 25 Dangerous position, where pride goes before a retreat (5,3)
- 26 Cram for a sound public school (4)
- 27 Sudden downfall in Iran? (4,5)

Down

- 1 Stop firm acquiring half the capital of England (5)
- 2 An individual with sour disposition is hard to bear (7)
- 3 Smooth look about a novice (5)

- 4 Remarkable novel, it is intensely passionate (7)
- 5 Check power increase (9)
- 6 A good man helped to put it on the map (7)
- 7 At risk when making a call (2,3,4)
- 13 Doctor meant to go round some accommodation (9)
- 14 Where the fare goes down as the journey lengthens (6,3)
- 17 Disturbed, a newt is agitated (2,1,4)
- 18 Siren indicating danger on the Rhine (7)
- 20 Crafty boxer? (7)
- 22 Mob dispersed, when sailor is about to produce weapon (1-4)
- 23 Getting the short measure and taking offence (5)

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