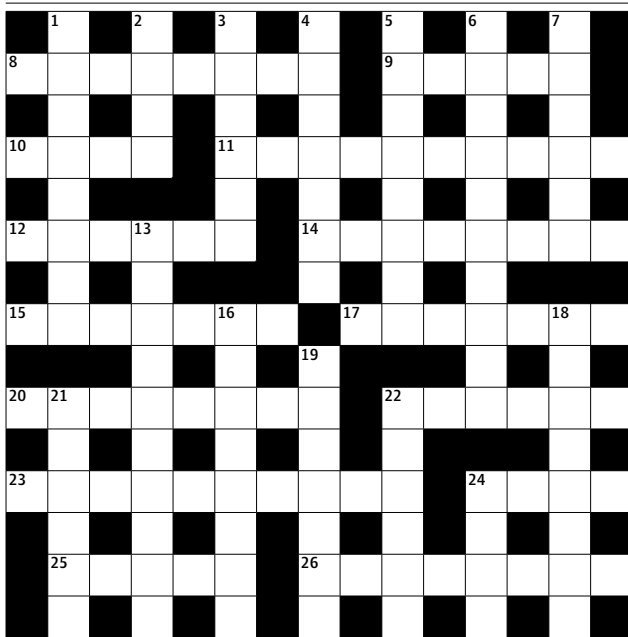


# Guardian cryptic crossword



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## Across

- 8** Surrealist into in any old mixture of compounds (4,4)  
**9** Afford, might you say, an island? (5)  
**10** Possibly welcoming time for support (4)  
**11** Selfish nature with Gulf crude (10)  
**12** Disreputable left that hurt McCarthyite, finally (6)  
**14** 7-19 thing with feathers in lift (8)  
**15** Provider of satellite TV adventure for bird (7)  
**17** 7-19 girl, one feels (7)  
**20** Poisonous element applied to ulna, if poorly – disease resulting (5,3)  
**22** This once spent, put in bullet for shooter? (6)  
**23** Standard happy chappy? (5,5)  
**24,2** Spooner's man unshaven? Say it with remorse (4,4)  
**25,3** Fibre including resilience, classy for a long-running show (4,1,6)  
**26** 7-19 part of church without a biblical text – that's not significant (3-5)

## Down

- 1** 7-19 split with an extra circle – something fancy? (8)  
**2** See 24 across  
**3** See 25 across

- 4** I travel round hospitals beneath man – how tiresome! (5-2)  
**5** Business looking up when individual blocking party time (8)  
**6** Dumb view about first of players, learner in game (10)  
**7,19** Fruit pressing, squeezing huge nuts so tight (6-7)  
**13** Unable to drive round Rolls, limited, as in an informal shirt? (10)  
**16** Handing over a variety of free rights, almost everything (8)  
**18** Even bits of meat in turn when cooked, providing something nourishing (8)  
**19** See 7  
**21** Runner's almost finished work on outskirts of Japanese capital (6)  
**22** Constant worrier needing secretary to hire (6)  
**24** Queen's home has impressed various European leaders (4)

Solution No. 26,010

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