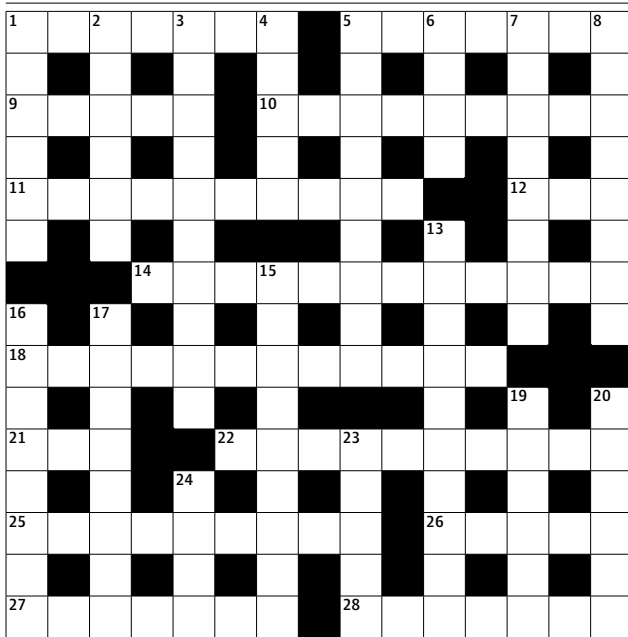


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,016 set by Arachne

## Across

- 1 Flurry of penetrating rain washed away camping equipment (4,3)
- 5 Seedy artist bores Sarah (7)
- 9 Tokyo lunchbox contains cup of tea and doughnut (5)
- 10 Trees transform urban slum (9)
- 11 Hot pants, more or less clean (10)
- 12 Star student lost tongue (3)
- 14 It's central to eminent art of brewing (12)
- 18 It may surprise youngster to give up the set (4-2-3-3)
- 21 Everyone ignored immature bully (3)
- 22 See long film about end of rebellious Roundhead (10)
- 25 Won't he do less consuming, receiving benefit? (2,3,4)
- 26 English film star gets rid of wrinkles (5)
- 27 Sour, loveless and redundant (7)
- 28 Child seat designed the way you like it (2,5)

## Down

- 1 Finally, just before death, notices so much (2,4)
- 2 National banks eschew London male who's not legally resident (3,3)
- 3 Pretty as a picture (10)
- 4 Silence elite liberal in labour camp (5)
- 5 Hissing bird upset pike (9)
- 6 Think highly of Bill down in Slough (4)
- 7 Inure invalid to spasm of nervous pain (8)
- 8 Catching girl going topless (8)
- 13 She classifies toxin atoms idiosyncratically (10)
- 15 Tom Sharpe employed them (9)
- 16 They dispossess voters after judge replaces lawful leader (8)
- 17 We hear Arachne pledged to drink (3,5)
- 19 Prohibits cheers and jeers (6)
- 20 On vacation, notice species that is a rare sighting (6)
- 23 Read out letters from son on speed (5)
- 24 Reportedly flog in cubicle (4)



Solution No. 26,015

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