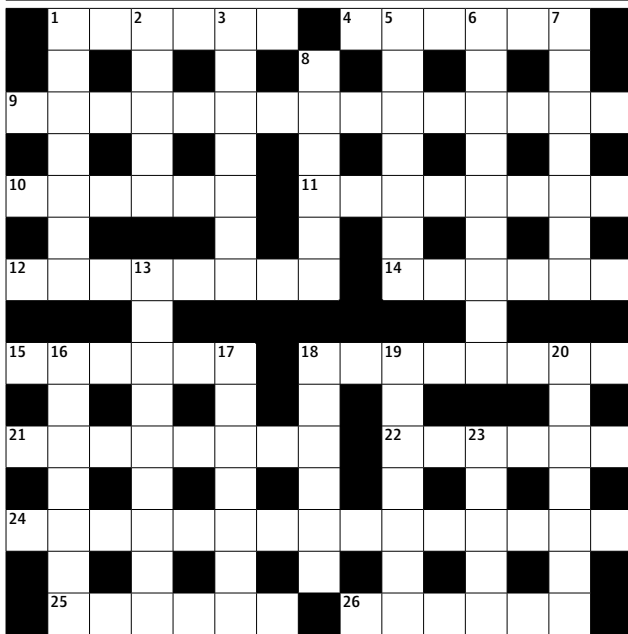


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,068 set by Paul

## Across

- 1 Remain faithful in divorce (6)
- 4 Bandage man after slap (6)
- 9 Wonder if poem matters, half left out (6,2,7)
- 10 Line written about that writer (6)
- 11 Resort to Hamlet, being typecast? (3,5)
- 12 Second fast bowler, one rocket-propelled? (8)
- 14 Bolted, as half-locked? (6)
- 15 Trim tree (6)
- 18 Extreme inhumanity in beauty (8)
- 21 Virgin son with a flat stomach? (8)
- 22 Person taking money (6)
- 24 Break wind to woo lasses, then spread it about a bit (3,4,4,4)
- 25 Reason utter fool's punched (6)
- 26 Man getting Roosevelt sacked, partially recovered (6)

## Down

- 1 Lift red, then lift white (5,2)
- 2 Skim lure over bottom of filthy drain (5)
- 3 Country with spirit welcoming hothead (7)
- 5 Beaten material (7)
- 6 See 16
- 7 Country has me flipping incensed (7)
- 8 Hound a strong country, endlessly (6)
- 13 Declining figures for game show (9)
- 16,6 Song for children in which parent attempts to cut through spiky plant (3,4,3,6)
- 17 Water, perhaps, that's in a kettle (7)
- 18 Reject is gripped by melancholy (6)
- 19 Nothing special to find love in a toilet, when head over heels (7)
- 20 Woman holding magazine cover (7)
- 23 Pull or blow (5)



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