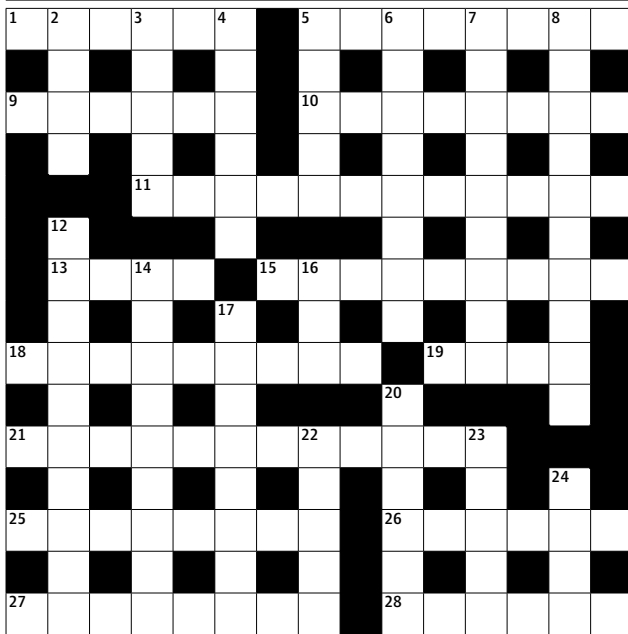


# Guardian cryptic crossword



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To mark a golden wedding anniversary

### Across

- 1 Short film screened by badass for those with a supporting role (6)
- 5 Apply tongue – swallow – spit out bit of war paint (8)
- 9 They are ruined by gin, just like curry! (6)
- 10 Star of the road in 354 days, briefly (8)
- 11 Some big tops with little jumpers? (4,8)
- 13 Imitate cradling Sybil's head in recess (4)
- 15 Cued actor, funnily dressed (9)
- 18 Got very large eating duck steak (9)
- 19 He's celebrating gold this weekend: he goes \_\_\_ in the row above (4)
- 21 See 24
- 25 Young Parisian, one of fashion (8)
- 26 This corny Shakespearean solver's coarse (6)
- 27 It's shambolic when American with muscle checks in (it's my view) (1,7)
- 28 Money once placed in green shade (6)

### Down

- 2 Pru's first amateur theatrical production (4)
- 3 Make fun of rubbish (5)
- 4 She's celebrating gold this weekend: she \_\_\_ the previous column (6)
- 5 Maybe Cilla White – or Purple? (5)
- 6 Question Othello brought up in drinking chamber (4,4)
- 7 Difficulty with speech as English, say, marry (6,3)
- 8 Irish heading off to penetrate French novelist's old protective garb (10)
- 12 Attempt spiritual healing with poem about workers (3,2,5)
- 14 Quiet Muscovite ready to survey surface of steppe? It may be this barren (9)
- 16 Bill's partner when behaving amorously? (3)
- 17 Precedent for heartless 3 holding book up (4,4)
- 20 Ridiculous sale, epic – 50% off! (6)
- 22 Golden wedding celebration, for example – partial to platinum anniversary? (5)
- 23 Dispute using weapon, first to last (5)
- 24,21 Play that we blush at, right? We both did it on TV (4,3,6,3)



Solution No. 26,088

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