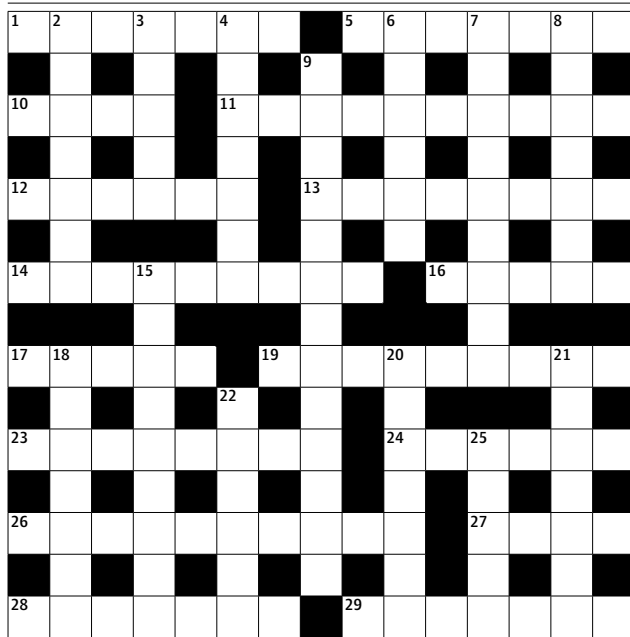


# Guardian cryptic crossword



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Five 12s are not further defined in their clues. (Note added 2 November 2013: this standfirst was missing from the originally published version.)

### Across

- 1 Insure junk is standing (7)
- 5 Fruit of wasting the end of the month attached to bed (7)
- 10,27 Brisk punishment (8)
- 11 Poor A levels, sir (10)
- 12 27's house is regularly clean, kept in step (6)
- 13 Abraham Lincoln's first amendment (8)
- 14 Leaving it to be dealt with properly is not his style (9)
- 16 Waistline finally slim and dark ... (5)
- 17 ... having skimmed the fat, say (5)
- 19 Record about spots compiler has to drop fast (5-4)
- 23 Oh no! Swinging sixties pop star appears in Hawaii (8)
- 24 Sees (6)
- 26 Sponge soaks up tea, including 27 (10)
- 27 See 10
- 28 25 offering some resistance with limits to young and old alike (2,2,3)
- 29 One smoker can be irritating (7)

### Down

- 2 With her fashionable pork-pie hat (7)
- 3 Washington gallery exhibits a friendly place (5)
- 4 Nice location a compiler spotted in Jordan first, perhaps (7)
- 6 Dandy finds exercise painful (6)
- 7 Setter criticises a poor city (9)
- 8 18 production of cricket terms (7)
- 9 Finds the ark built right with branches outside (13)
- 15 Correct choice essential in sport (3,6)
- 18 Occasionally, military leaders get in touch more than necessary (3,4)
- 20 Found in haste, a merchant ship (7)
- 21 Mount with vigour outside in a state (7)
- 22 Leave half the quantity first in the body (8)
- 25 My key is lost (5)

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