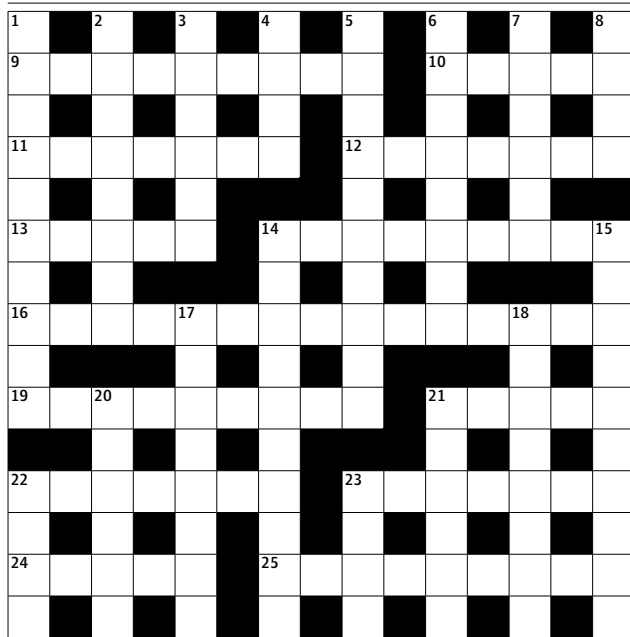


# Guardian cryptic crossword



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## Across

- 9 A cock bird no friend to Israel (9)
- 10 Dove's top notes recited poem (5)
- 11 False god to love, love therefore not true? (3,4)
- 12 First to end play at an abstinent time (7)
- 13 Early days in return of half-hearted TV city (5)
- 14 Remove island prey of 8s' devil (9)
- 16 Obsolete institution: Act I – the goalpost must be moved (7,8)
- 19 Say pears and apple in tandem? (3-6)
- 21 Herb left by soldier at ease (5)
- 22 Upset one in the dam (7)
- 23 Title given back to arch-duke, being a dish (7)
- 24 Strap used by blacksmith on grey mare (5)
- 25 Elite Spooner's drunk after fiasco (3,6)
- 6 Encouragement to beat about the bush, almost wildly (6,2)
- 7 Extra to set in the comic sense (6)
- 8 Get very hot water (4)
- 14 Give boost to surrounding vulgar-sounding bully who has the franchise (10)
- 15 Swap larger numbers in protest from Lincolnshire town: no wind farm! no swallows! (3,2,5)
- 17 Don't talk up soldier in Indonesian region, as pack is normally used (4,4)
- 18 Warning not to outstay welcome I encountered in African country (4,2,2)
- 20 8s' Mary's lost head in prayer (6)
- 21 Move at chess where players lose side pieces (6)
- 22 Move at chess, first of moves at the end (4)
- 23 Awestruck, as is right and proper (4)

## Down

- 1 Kipling's pony, a cross beast, playing 21 and 22 down (7,3)
- 2 Long wait on the cards for sleeper over sleepers (5-3)
- 3,4 Time to set clock and get breath back (6,4)
- 5 Nameless impressionist with foot (errors excepted) put inside part of cathedral (10)

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