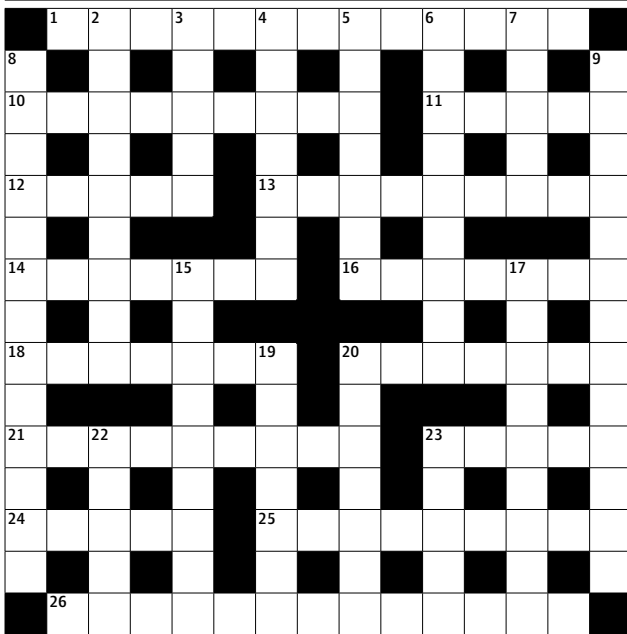


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1 A sailor lacking refinement said to get some military training (7,6)
- 10 Wanderer repeatedly without home (9)
- 11 Over time does, for example, hold back (5)
- 12 Contrasts seen in fine art works (5)
- 13 Silly dons spar about nothing – they're used to cut and thrust (9)
- 14 Frightened a learner with a gun, say (7)
- 16 Some split hairs to modernise this Asian language (7)
- 18 In which, people gamble and endlessly cash in? Not so (7)
- 20 Leads astray spies holding foreign nobleman (7)
- 21 Thereby extracted from clips of actors (4,5)
- 23 Article from Spanish city that was historically used in fighting (5)
- 24 Fencers use them to ensure most of enclosure gets put back (5)
- 25 Fruit tree in a French garden area not explored in depth (9)
- 26 Cares about large and diverse brood – they are biologically related (5,8)

Down

- 2 They're used by Turks fighting racism – it's wrong (9)
- 3 Mostly hostile states (5)
- 4 Had close relationships with ladies I mistreated (7)
- 5 Naval cutter in dock joined by young woman (7)
- 6 Deceptive and unorthodox kind of service (9)
- 7 Fight in nocturnal creature's home over nothing (3-2)
- 8 Without a vote, is candid and fresh, unusually so (13)
- 9 Disputed editors cutting things like this, occurring four times here (7,6)
- 15 Statement of policy, if not same, must be changed (9)
- 17 Legendary brand's former quality, as proclaimed? (9)
- 19 Yield small volume you aim, ultimately, to store in reserve (7)
- 20 As sign, dangerous creature rendered harmless? (7)
- 22 Fish under stone, kind of blue or grey (5)
- 23 Almost swallowed part of apple or pear, say (5)

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