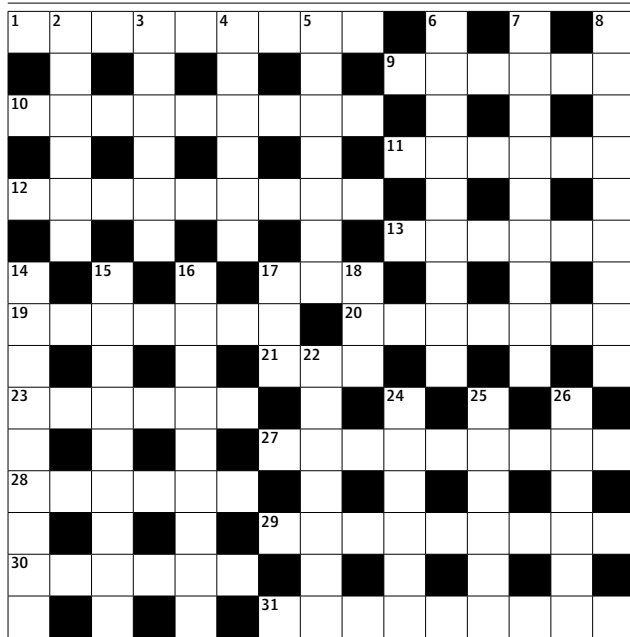


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,124 set by Nutmeg

## Across

- 1 Having all relevant attributes restricted (9)
- 9 Assume post after losing first appeal (4,2)
- 10 Illness, horribly acute, in which temperature's seen to go up and down (9)
- 11,24 Knave audibly tucked into Murphy's meal (6,6)
- 12 Misleading report of constituency generous editor first retracted (9)
- 13 Extra charges academic slips into bills (3-3)
- 17 Pasture's mostly unproductive (3)
- 19 Account of fashionable singer? (7)
- 20 Absolutely worst rat's back, seeing off a cat (7)
- 21 Scandinavian bread for egg sandwiches (3)
- 23 Justly won as Ashes eventually were, it's said (6)
- 27 Anyone unorthodox hosting party in South Africa causes trouble (9)
- 28 Using old Latin in will could be wise or foolish (6)
- 29 Takes off, admitting rather trivial 27s (9)
- 30 British memo repelled provincial Celt (6)
- 31 Doctor rants on about contentious type of food for weightlifter (9)

## Down

- 2 German position in ancient city's more threatening (6)
- 3 Council's final agreement, letting in church schools (6)

- 4,16 It's time unfinished motor got scrapped (6,9)
- 5 Artist leaves particularly ill-mannered press out (7)
- 6 Rowing man and his best friend (3-3-3)
- 7 Vault below lectern offering no escape from office (4-5)
- 8 Politicians set about visiting part of plant (9)
- 14 X collects large sum of money for terrorist weapons (4,5)
- 15 Missing date, shambolic developers come round too late (9)
- 16 See 4
- 17 Stars turning up from time to time in novella (3)
- 18 Scoffed as mother stripped (3)
- 22 Lock partially obscuring letter box (7)
- 24 See 11
- 25 No time for checking maxim (6)
- 26 Contrary expert tackles setter with unknown complaint (6)

## Solution No. 26,123

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