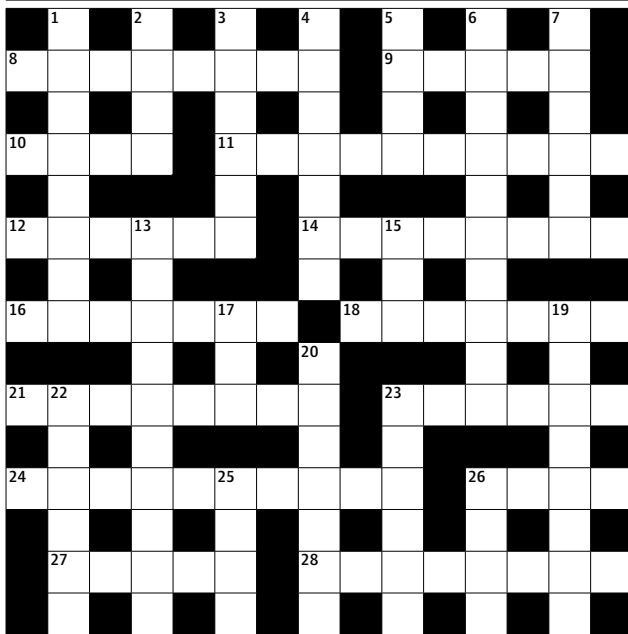


# Guardian cryptic crossword



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## Across

- 8** Bit of adultery? The man's reason for going red (8)  
**9** Read "Help" – iPad needs original leads only for charger (5)  
**10,26** Sweet thing, female round JFK? (8)  
**11** Padding reply out, she doesn't end break up (10)  
**12** Difficult to control increase with compassion (6)  
**14,23** Part of "body found in ..." (mostly lost) – Candle in the Wind (8,6)  
**16** Speak from text on the radio – temporary defence (7)  
**18** Be faithful to start of Block-Heads cutting Laurel and Hardy's final pieces (5,2)  
**21** Launcher of old institute, within Ed's charge, having lost vote (8)  
**23** See 14  
**24** It might be used when picking up it girl? Work on love first (4-1-5)  
**26** See 10  
**27** European measurements written round collar (5)  
**28** Exposed in Which? – Oil of Olay eau conclusively invented "without signs of aging" (8)

## Down

- 1** Slip out of place for endless sex after drink (8)  
**2** See 17  
**3,13,25** Don't judge a book by its cover – Playboy

seeks it in nude spread (6,2,4,4,4)

- 4** One stops slips – bowled at helmet taking maiden (4,3)  
**5** Spoken occasionally within four walls (4)  
**6** Intimate Secrets blue movie, at last – left pub to provide case (5,5)  
**7** See 20  
**13** See 3  
**15** Sexy entertainer's no saint (3)  
**17,2** Picture small cleavage for breast augmentation ... (3,4)  
**19** ... its members might get a reduced volume in breast, admitting "bad luck" (4,4)  
**20,7** My minor role playing with an actress (7,6)  
**22** Animate musical without limits (6)  
**23** Test score – dismissed (3,3)  
**25** See 3  
**26** Furnish my lover's toilet (4)

Solution No. 26,153

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