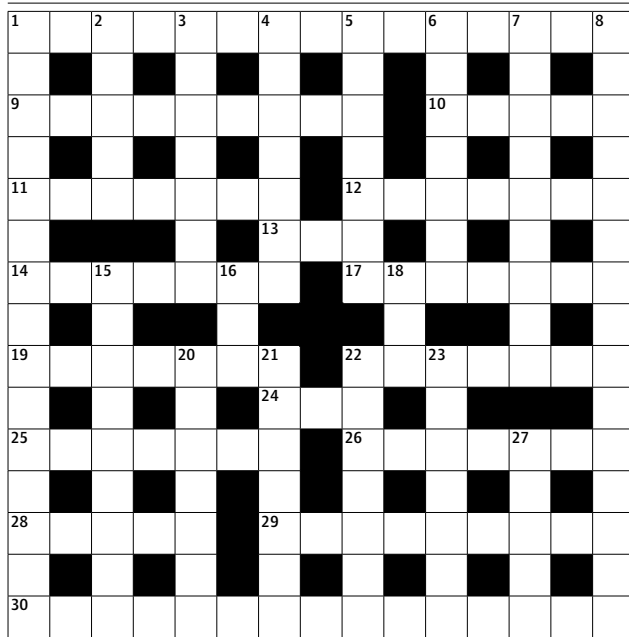


# Guardian cryptic crossword



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Each of the four sides of the completed grid contains three proper nouns of a kind, not further defined. (There are two possible solutions for the first part of 8 down.)

### Across

- 1 See instructions (6,4,5)
- 9 Soft digital covers Boy George adores (3,6)
- 10 Emblem of a form of betting – the first of many (5)
- 11 Comes across critic after opening of show (7)
- 12 Recall miracle play (7)
- 13 Resources show very little money (3)
- 14 Anticipate front view (7)
- 17 Avoid one on delegation (7)
- 19 Credential unfortunately leaving out end item (7)
- 22 Continually criticise bird's capacity (7)
- 24 Say no to old marshal (3)
- 25 A need is to provide liquid flavouring (7)
- 26 Choose to dispense with tool (7)
- 28 Hungrily devour bird (5)
- 29 Come on in – coffee perhaps? (9)
- 30 See instructions (4,5,6)

### Down

- 1 See instructions (4,5,6)
- 2 Country favoured aid redistribution (5)
- 3 Good periods getting to secure higher areas (7)
- 4 Heads face up to old boy's poetry (7)
- 5 Crave spirit after five years (7)
- 6 Supports include hospital attention-seeking devices (7)
- 7 Review riot cases ban (9)
- 8 See instructions (4,5,6)
- 15 Trier somehow always one to get things back (9)
- 16 Devious one up to be a general (3)
- 18 Reserve kitchen regularly (3)
- 20 Reduce mess list in vessel (5,2)
- 21 Final recipient endures being out of order (3,4)
- 22 They join up with egg producers who are after detailed promotional material (7)
- 23 Cheek to marry in formal wear (7)
- 27 Cancel annual outing away (5)

### Solution No. 26,165

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