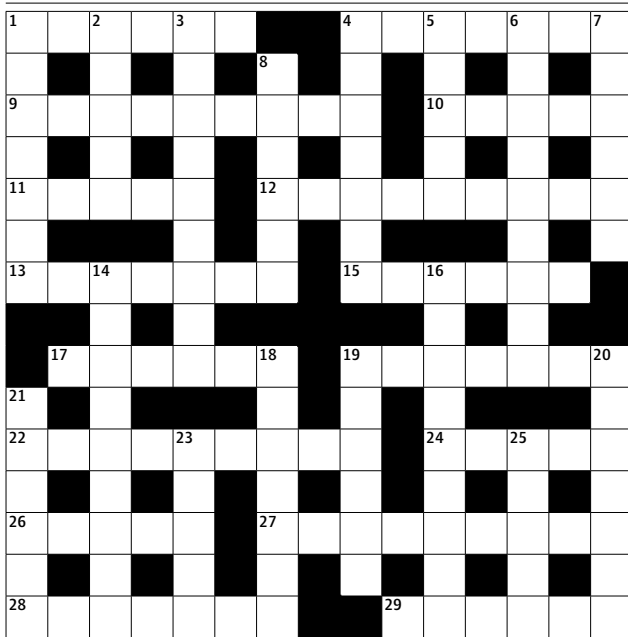


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,180 set by Chionie

## Across

- 1 Lusts wickedly and earl creates conflict (6)
- 4 Scruffy punk met disaster (7)
- 9 Defender gets a game point (9)
- 10 Artist returned and administered the island (5)
- 11 Shanghai journalists? (5)
- 12 Member is slow to pass laws (9)
- 13 Belittle Germany and Spain with monograph (7)
- 15 Danger for doctor taking heroin (6)
- 17 Mind about record being promoted (6)
- 19 Hesitates, for the reading is set in hell (7)
- 22 Died in employment while celebrating (9)
- 24 Guard decapitated candidate (5)
- 26 Order a queen to skate (5)
- 27 Affected a bold pose in dance (4,5)
- 28 Workman eats divine little fish (7)
- 29 A fabulous Greek nonet entertains (6)

## Down

- 1 Tenor performed hip hop in a tight corner (7)
- 2 Stay beside the sea (5)
- 3 Inspect small instrument and be quick about it (4,5)

- 4 Anxious when riding neck and neck (7)
- 5 Poet and knight feast on Sunday (5)
- 6 Horse carries mother and boy in preserve (9)
- 7 Nurse turned up coloured fabric (6)
- 8 Woman is cruel after losing bridge partner (6)
- 14 Walk round stable that's highly thought of (9)
- 16 Carnivore died in butt of port (9)
- 18 Flower not properly ripened (7)
- 19 Understand girl gets made up (6)
- 20 Toss cape through timidity (7)
- 21 Passionate about hostility found down under (6)
- 23 Play orchestral pieces in reverse order – that's splendid! (5)
- 25 Instruments are found in containers (5)

Solution No. 26,179

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