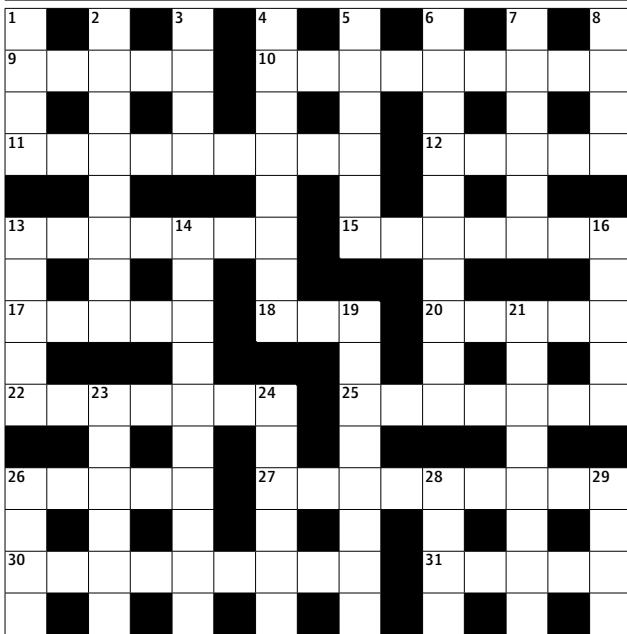


# Guardian cryptic crossword



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### Across

- 9 Saw our time span (5)
- 10 A journey with no end of rough caper (5,4)
- 11 Disco hit follows appearance in which One Direction turned round? (9)
- 12 Article leads to no end of ruddy trouble (5)
- 13 Flag-waving, safe, holding back enemy (4,3)
- 15 Lack of experience shows in wrong answers (7)
- 17 Troubled no end by lover of verse (5)
- 18,16 No end of justice for Spooner? Not today! (3,5)
- 20 After ranger's first greeting, no end of hunting for him? (5)
- 22 No end of trouble in bingeing and dieting (7)
- 25 Cadet or raw soldier? (7)
- 26 Boatman here: Africa? No end in sight (5)
- 27 With no end in sight, perhaps the French take a boat (9)
- 30 No end of trouble from what lorries may do (9)
- 31 Putting together no end of flashy accessories (5)

### Down

- 1 Applied for protection, with no end of trouble (4)
- 2 Having lost bearings, perhaps crashes (6,2)
- 3 Torn clothing, no end (4)
- 4 Rank of copper taking lifer without hesitation in southern Ireland (8)

- 5 No end of obsession over chocolate (6)
- 6 A pact long held in state where all are happy (5,5)
- 7 In empty greenhouse, step in muck (6)
- 8 Animal yelps getting up – get fixed at vet's (4)
- 13 I won't discuss this theme (3,2)
- 14 Boatman's glance could be the end of you, they say unfairly (3-7)
- 16 See 18
- 19 Brass neck acerbity (8)
- 21 Saki: some rice distilled, having the parts recombined at molecular level (8)
- 23 Verse has no end. No end? Odd, in a way (6)
- 24 Boring speaker gets up to talk: a low point (6)
- 26 Enquire after report of sea vessel (4)
- 28 Drops of ethanol burn brightly, shining on top (4)
- 29 Source of starch in the past (4)

### Solution No. 26,195

