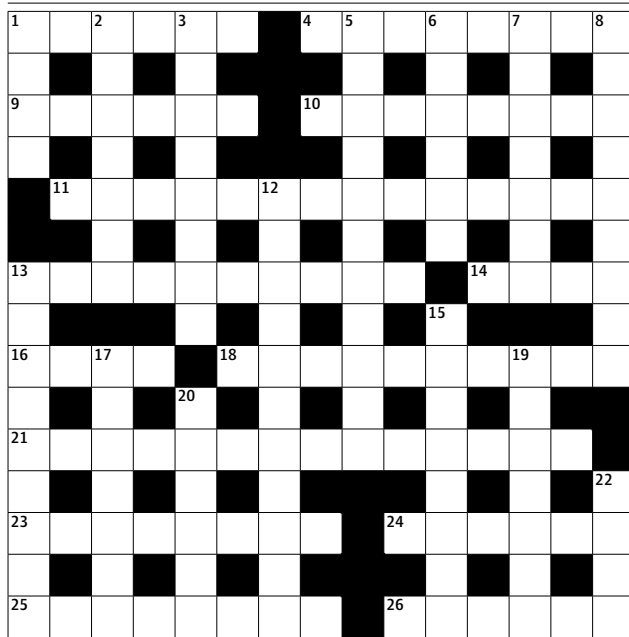


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,210 set by Nutmeg

## Across

- 1 Desert city to discourage housing (6)
- 4 Duke leaving country in Greek liner might cross it (8)
- 9 Like some beaches where husband goes separately (6)
- 10 "Bank – rely – extremists fly": worse verse! (8)
- 11 24's sway over black cat rising in Far East (5,9)
- 13 Unfortunate 24s heard predators at sea (10)
- 14 River of top quality? It's in the water (4)
- 16 Fleet unable to move (4)
- 18 Excessive noise in spout adjoining home (10)
- 21 They're not keen on Brussels playing streaker in team (4-10)
- 23 First to fill cavities? (8)
- 24 Just under 10 roughly treated by 23, or 26, say (6)
- 25 Studying what's driven up temperature in part of garden (8)
- 26 Son's less resolute, wife having left me (6)
- 5 Easy money (French) pocketed by supporter (11)
- 6 Country cat (long-haired) primarily looking for queen (6)
- 7 No good cat bites stray 24 (7)
- 8 Peristyle showing sign of listing disturbed Dean (9)
- 12 Reformer's golden age described by viceroy in North (11)
- 13 One arranging publicity in the reptile world? (4,5)
- 15 7 let out by porter, perhaps (8)
- 17 Iniquitous acts in a novel (7)
- 19 Companion leaving mountain transport to provide help from above (7)
- 20 Aussie runner's enthralling cleavage upset judge (6)
- 22 Stand for don (4)

## Down

- 1 Only half of hit on record (4)
- 2 Conservative dashing around – not something MPs are noted for (7)
- 3 Chocolate treat an islander's 7 runs after (8)

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