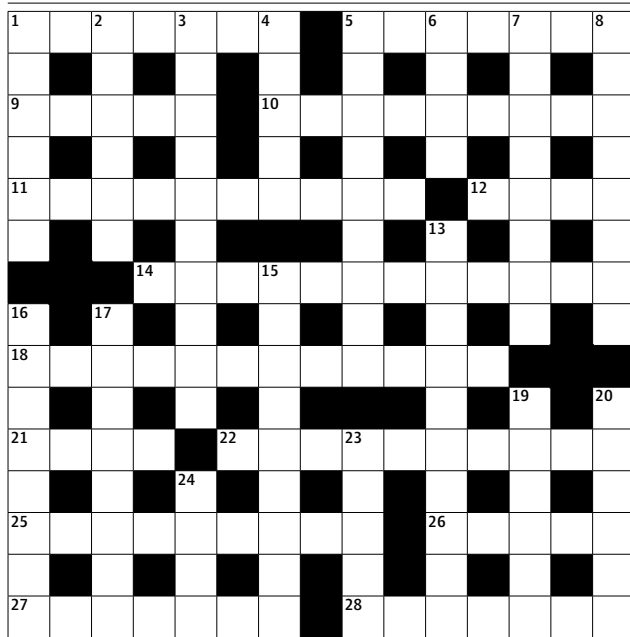


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,241 set by Brummie

## Across

- 1 Are you having me on the crag rocks? (7)
- 5 Not a nomad liked by creditors (7)
- 9 Akin to a judge's robes, pants? (5)
- 10,17 Capital broadcast sinned against capital's tendency to empathise with abductors? (9,8)
- 11 Best rivals to compute creatively on Earth (10)
- 12 Squid-like, powerless finger (4)
- 14,24 Dark sort of tales of a northerner and wrought iron (12,4)
- 18 Compel family to cycle (should not go out during major sporting event) (7,5)
- 21 Vein running through Tiepolo design (4)
- 22 The thing about politician high fliers is weakness (10)
- 25 Rotating proton pen champion (9)
- 26 See 6
- 27 Comic entertainer and where he often performed with balls (7)
- 28 Toucan's migratory natural impulse (7)

## Down

- 1 Large sum borne by 14 city with industrial action (2-4)
- 2 Right about improvised flexibility of tempo (6)

- 3 It looks just the same as small engine part and performing ape (6,4)
- 4 A model, upwardly mobile Greek writer (5)
- 5 Trails off – without question a mockery of justice (4,5)
- 6,26 Be hopeful Nick is on the organ (4,5)
- 7 Is an only alternative for an old European province (8)
- 8 Camera may analyse housing saga of India (8)
- 13 County town vehicle to drive home in reverse at that point (10)
- 15 Ten common moves of which I'll not speak (2,7)
- 16 One's into lounge music that's sticky sweet (8)
- 17 See 10
- 19 Carted off to do some editing (6)
- 20 Ear inflammation aggravated, so it doubled (6)
- 23 Tricky thing, being contra the speed of light (5)
- 24 See 14

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