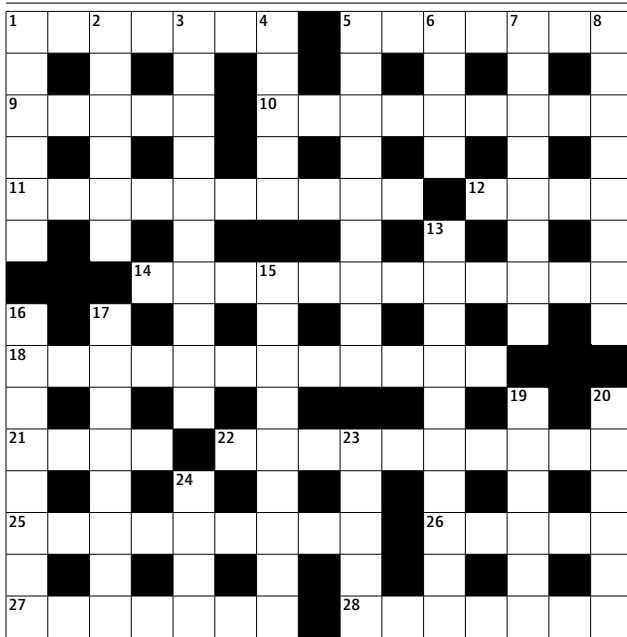


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,266 set by Crucible

## Across

- 1 Secretary sends out returns for game, perhaps (7)
- 5 Drink in a large can initially works (7)
- 9 Landowner's hidey-hole for game at Land's End (5)
- 10 Split journey, taking in golf game (9)
- 11 Radical broadcaster is impressed by England batsman (10)
- 12 It's not all child's play going over them! (4)
- 14 Game Italian's behind French driver, twisting in and out (12)
- 18 Potter's art master's boring wonky Ming shapes (12)
- 21 Crack shot ultimately remains in it (4)
- 22 Continue wasting spare euros to binge (2,2,1,5)
- 25 Main food grown here by Dorset moved over close to Poole (6,3)
- 26 Oust no-frills insurers in recession? Yes (5)
- 27 This ground includes a 9 to clear the field (3,1,3)
- 28 Game rights over old English river (3,4)

## Down

- 1 Bucket covers hole at a game (6)
- 2 Small child loves snowmobile (6)
- 3 Lacking a name, Indian accent needs saving (2,8)

- 4 Hungry type at sea drinks last of rum (5)
- 5 Actor is bamboozled by civil service word games (9)
- 6 Maybe a king or a queen breaks a record (4)
- 7 Refuse to be kept here training with racket, holding a pound (5,3)
- 8 Game bloke, one wearing ridiculous pants (8)
- 13 Polish runner-up at dice game (6,4)
- 15 Spar commercial interrupts play on TV (6-3)
- 16 It helps 8 to get out to get hog roasted (3,5)
- 17 Glitterati check butts over (5,3)
- 19 Cast rug mostly over player's back (6)
- 20 Game controller's about to take a quick look up (6)
- 23 Drain out the pits (5)
- 24 Guy reported supporters on course (4)

## Solution No. 26,265

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