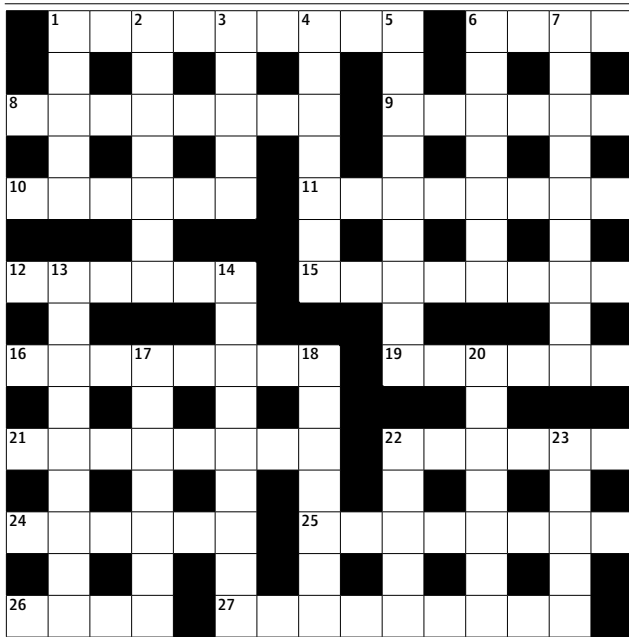


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,275 set by Rufus

Across

- 1 Being in the wrong scene, exit (9)
- 6 One of them will take you back in the car (4)
- 8 Remain silent? No, just the opposite (8)
- 9 Unrehearsed parts of the actor's speech (2-4)
- 10 This may be arranged after the draw has taken place (6)
- 11 A demand for attention (4,4)
- 12 Turkish leader free to return to Moroccan port (6)
- 15 Substitutes a man that's good with bad (6,2)
- 16 Sailor determined to be acquitted (8)
- 19 In high spirits, knock beer back with Edward (6)
- 21 Arsenal manager (8)
- 22 County clubs (6)
- 24 Time to publish paper (6)
- 25 They give a seat to one standing (8)
- 26 Large birds in cages (4)
- 27 Poor puss finished, hanged (9)

Down

- 1 Leave secretly for the match (5)
- 2 One who is ill and not operable? (7)

- 3 Leisurely way to enter a Scottish river (5)
- 4 Stacks of chalk required by dressmakers? (7)
- 5 Let off steam, perhaps? (9)
- 6 Celebration to be enjoyed for a night, we hear (7)
- 7 Fruit popular in French inn (9)
- 13 Fabric, being dear, replaced (9)
- 14 Northern banker retrieves recovery (5,4)
- 17 More than one player is wearing new boots (7)
- 18 Architectural highlights (7)
- 20 Made work play, perhaps (7)
- 22 Investment but not necessarily of capital (5)
- 23 Sacked and burnt (5)

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