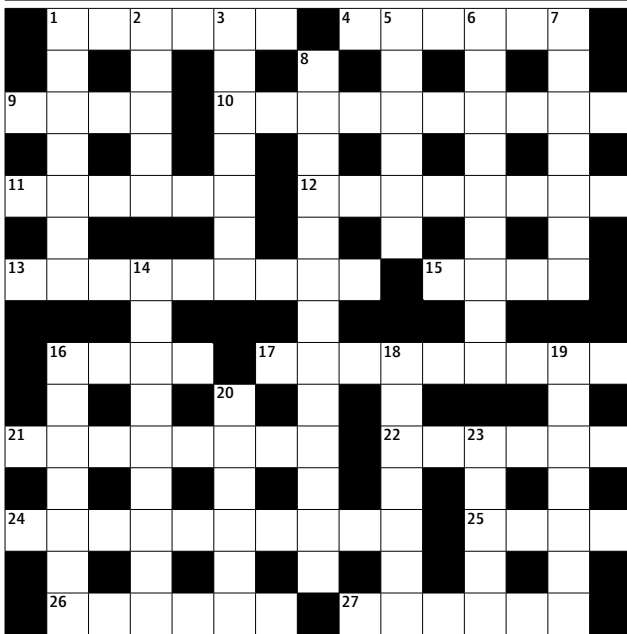


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,285 set by Crucible

## Across

- 1 Where chap, say, gets introduction to equitation (6)
- 4 About a hundred in here, misbehaving? (6)
- 9 Someone employing trick's first to finish (4)
- 10 Hope guy makes prig head off in torrential rain (10)
- 11 Pompey supporter hit man in business (6)
- 12 Model curtsied for starters (8)
- 13 Silly gag about Wossy's comeback – he started it! (9)
- 15 Cut short segment on board (4)
- 16 Destroy wine container in pit fire (4)
- 17 Overthrow pact due to manoeuvres (4,5)
- 21 Lots of Glühwein here, diverting 18 over weekend (5-3)
- 22 Comment by primate (Catholic) at youth centre (6)
- 24 Note time a settee's upholstered (and sofas) (4-1-5)
- 25 Where to find rabbits, say, and cats (4)
- 26 He attempts summit of Eiger first, using this? (6)
- 27 The way things stand, a strike's not new (2,2,2)

## Down

- 1,19 Girl can't sing properly round church, as

several lights are here (7,7)

- 2 She tends to dash around the Home Counties (5)
- 3 People in Bordeaux right to replace small boys there? (7)
- 5 Gustatory disorder, say, getting drunk with this? (6)
- 6 Defraud French company about to recruit good caretaker (9)
- 7 Return entrance money before shelving display (7)
- 8 They analysed stool and got scrip (13)
- 14 Criminal career kept failing after ceding power (9)
- 16 First drink's on setter (7)
- 18 Prince lifts honours (7)
- 19 See 1
- 20 Fly places during half-term (6)
- 23 Lustre reflected in oriental ceramics (5)

Solution No. 26,284

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