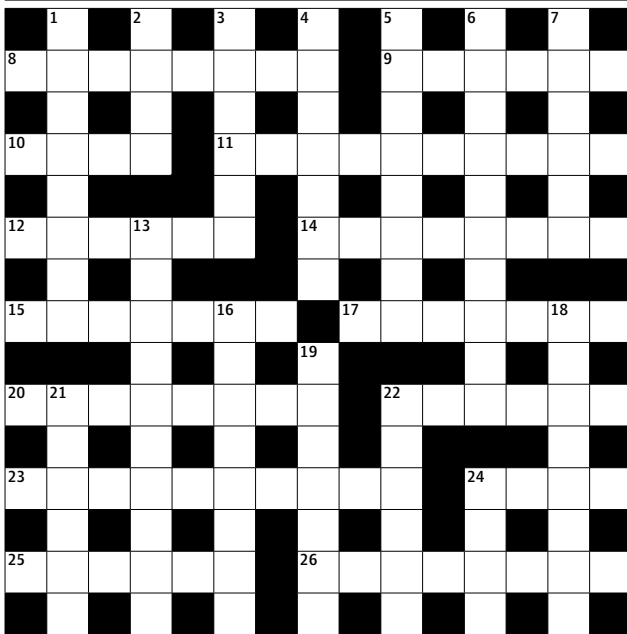


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 8 Jam is what you're filling with hair (8)
- 9 Othello's principal fool absorbing energy from cat (6)
- 10 What you're reading is signal to bear left (4)
- 11 Heavy machinery stacked by runner (10)
- 12 Instrument with reversed polarity produces undergarment (6)
- 14 First of Russian boatmen disturbed by unspontaneous protesters (4-1-3)
- 15 Badger securing journalist's firm foundation (7)
- 17 Woman has kids in tune? (7)
- 20 1,000 disputes about keeping humble reptile (4-4)
- 22 Soldiers beginning to talk to soldiers' teacher (6)
- 23 Language into which to translate 12 and 24 down (5-5)
- 24 Get out, blackbird! (4)
- 25 Fourth note on lake in wonderful world of yore (6)
- 26 Headless head of tribe on board that's not foregone (8)

Down

- 1 Writer's tipple (bun included) (8)
- 2 Pointless role model, allegedly (4)

- 3 Sweetheart writer's keeping very quiet (6)
- 4 Songbird – Minogue? – that's disappeared into island (7)
- 5 Precis of Studies in Figure (8)
- 6 Diplomatic activity involving consular leader's treatment (10)
- 7 Some more lobsters turned up to dance (6)
- 13 Town harridans lay to rest (10)
- 16 Note of time consumed by needlework (8)
- 18 Low, racist organisation set up to conceal source of white dance move (8)
- 19 Increase clout of Euro politician, one in debt (7)
- 21 Latitude for song about piss-up (6)
- 22 Blend involving art form's formative environment (6)
- 24 Hog finds love in watering hole (4)

Solution No. 26,293

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