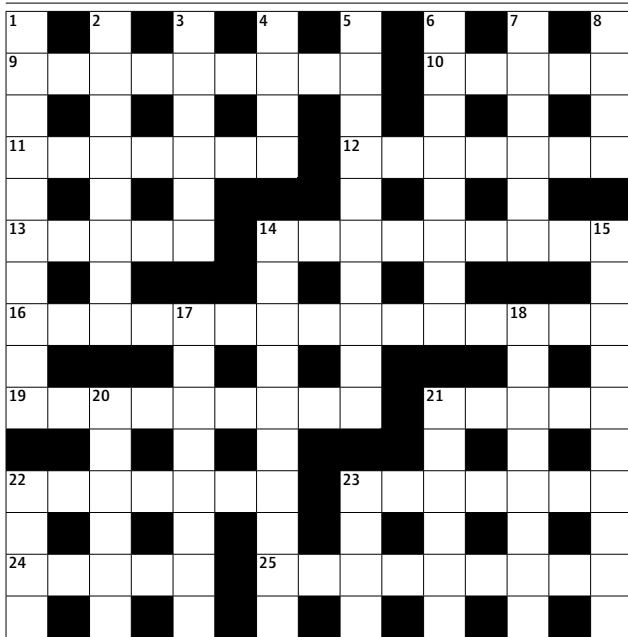


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,351 set by Qaos

## Across

- 9 Stand by, I'm near plastic vessel (9)
- 10 Puzzle introduction needs no PR (5)
- 11 University principal's first article is ideal (7)
- 12 Subject's gradable problem? D minus (7)
- 13 Church and evangelical youth leaders welcome bishops (5)
- 14 I heard dancing about the finale of Fred and Ginger (3-6)
- 16 Her rebukes in bed regarding the drapes? (7,8)
- 19 Clergy with their heads in the clouds? (3,6)
- 21 With little money, save Scrabble tiles (5)
- 22 Lots? No, one wave (7)
- 23 Back up to enter river, otherwise drive back (7)
- 24 Noodles sound fishy (5)
- 25 Report from small gallery: "Oh no! Monet's been vandalised" (9)

## Down

- 1 Can Russia's assembly revoke independence to protect energy guarantees? (10)
- 2 Sponge recipe accepted by sailor, not drunk (8)
- 3 Reason isn't a substitute to ask "why?" (6)

- 4 Priestess consumed by large, northern animal (4)
- 5 Without consideration, no matter what (10)
- 6 He gets near battle (8)
- 7 Ball keeping low loses golf games (6)
- 8 Eat crackers after strong cheese (4)
- 14 Actor's fury? Parts with bad unpredictability (10)
- 15 Covers performances about good man and woman (4,6)
- 17 Process dictates rigorous appraisal (4,4)
- 18 Minister's mistress raises gun: ... (8)
- 20 ... "It's cowardly to cry over wife" (6)
- 21 Look over pressure with power shower (6)
- 22 Immortal music? (4)
- 23 Children's author's first to abandon Latin course (4)

Solution No. 26,350

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