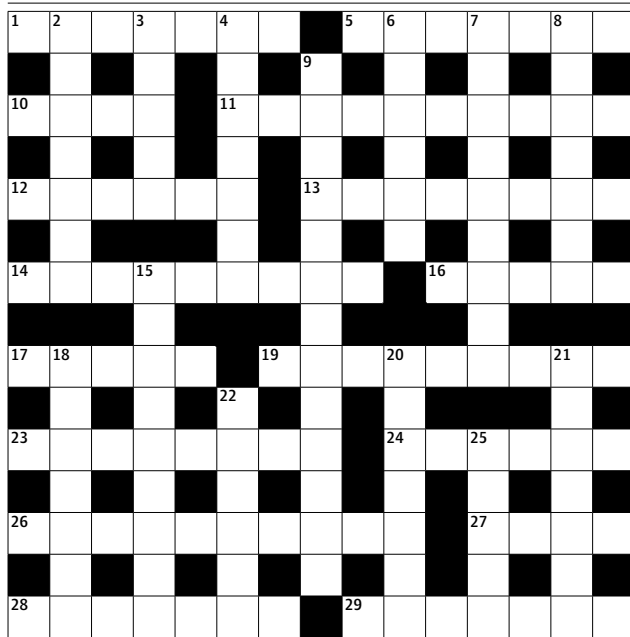


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1 Die in the cooler? (3,4)
- 5 Something useful I agree – it has practicality in the end (7)
- 10 See 28
- 11 Doing well to disperse Lisbon smog (10)
- 12 Poles securing harmless part of a flowering plant (6)
- 13 Brush on odd bits of colour where social events held (4,4)
- 14 Advantage held by business tycoon, bounder about right! (5,4)
- 16 Capital with 6, you could say, bringing 18 (5)
- 17 Asian home, a second knocked over (5)
- 19,24,2 Moving ship beyond wave, an up-and-down experience (9,13)
- 23 Compared with a crossword, Sudoku is so idiotic (8)
- 24 See 19
- 26 Big performance one feeling someone must grasp and then appreciate, primarily (5,5)
- 27 Sport to sell that's back-fired (4)
- 28,10 Where Port Elizabeth is a pretence, as liberal (7,4)
- 29 News agency reporting writers from the Midlands? (7)

Down

- 2 See 19

- 3 Off-white stuff, single or double ultimately consumed (5)
- 4 In young feline one head lifts, with swollen nodes (7)
- 6 Church fairly dismisses it, after reduction in the majority (6)
- 7 Uncompromising leader breaking ground no more, UN chief (6,3)
- 8 Audibly, don't eat in Yorkshire? Don't listen! (4,3)
- 9 Wheel round new cornet and drum finally, for top musician (13)
- 15 Fruit, one of seven on top of two lockers (6,3)
- 18 Killer song, a hit written up (7)
- 20 Raw pastry dish then cut, top sliced off (7)
- 21 Space around middle of hole beginning to reduce, describing coloured rings (7)
- 22 Among maestri, one raised towards the heavens as an artist (6)
- 25 Easy crossword solution (5)

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