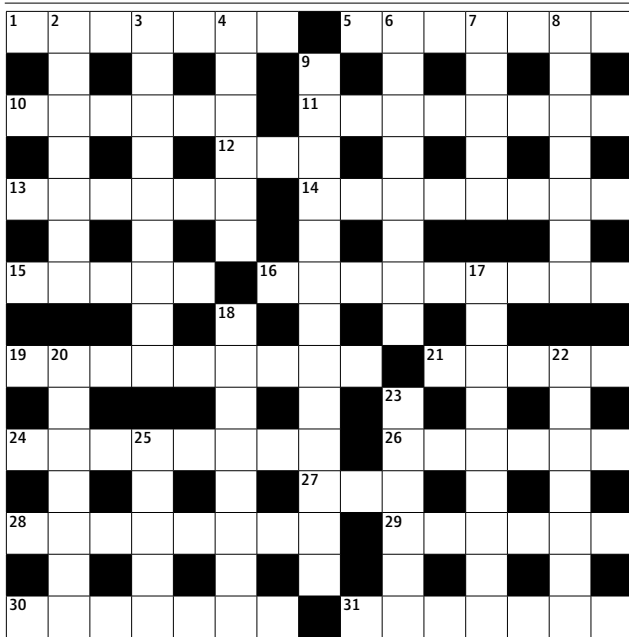


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1 Composer's skill turns into knowledge (7)
- 5 Refuse to deal with lad's company on Tuesdays (7)
- 10 T-rex evolved after dinosaurs' extinction – originally right? (6)
- 11 City dweller left on the day Nero fiddled (8)
- 12 Clay unearthed in Halifax (3)
- 13 Director admits dreadful lie to court (6)
- 14 Two thirds of students order wine, it's reckoned (8)
- 15 Crank puts both hands around girl (5)
- 16 Perhaps waxing second leg hurt heaps (9)
- 19 A governor bends cane at start of school suspensions (9)
- 21 Farm rejected portion not for consumption (5)
- 24 Spooner's somewhat quick marine creature (8)
- 26 Lit by current, Edison half designed bulbs (6)
- 27 Early typeface lacks breadth (3)
- 28 Train to eat and eat, say (4-4)
- 29 Feeds pets right away (6)
- 30 In afterthought, no teacher backs places for detention (7)
- 31 Batting, then caught! Cook seen to drive up the wall (7)

Down

- 2 Supporter, eg one retired after N Young (7)
- 3 They're literally fired explosively off field (9)
- 4 Soprano begs for flower arrangements (6)
- 6 Tenor surprised to receive war decoration (8)
- 7 Near the end, about to be defeated (5)
- 8 Hesitates to give direction to street party (7)
- 9 Go off and fish? (5,4,4)
- 17 Basil, say, one against hotel regularly taking recipe for salad eater? (9)
- 18 One Direction not hip playing church music (8)
- 20 Sonny was an angel, ___'s a killer (7)
- 22 Touches skirts, one hand moving lower (7)
- 23 American thug pinches Nintendo console for child (6)
- 25 Fundamental notes, like 4 and 8 of 64? (5)

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