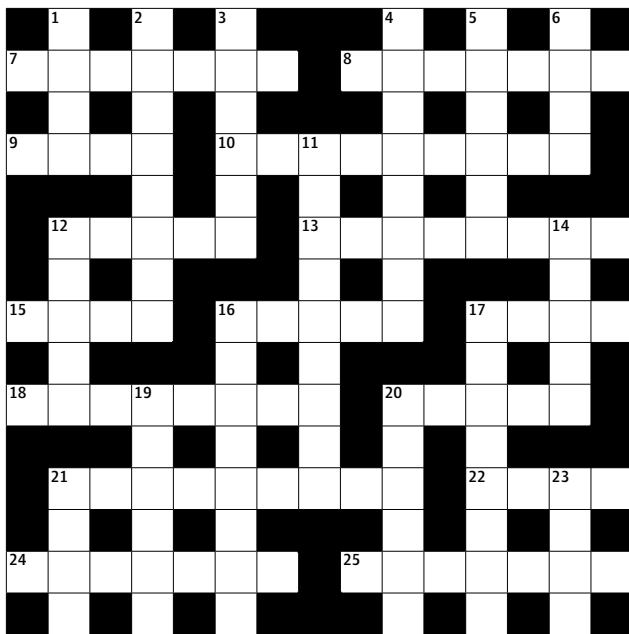


## Guardian cryptic crossword



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### Across

- 7 Cars use wheels with discs (7)  
 8 Side batting like Blofeld? (7)  
 9 The sound of Ananias's instrument? (4)  
 10 Fake vitamin: Norway aside, it's manufactured by Europe (9)  
 12 Game of cards (5)  
 13 Watch over hearts, this unwelcomed game? (8)  
 15 Rich husband sacrificed bonus (4)  
 16 Criminal making for the border? (5)  
 17 Vessel's drink, hot inside (4)  
 18 No good monsters follow Erebus's lead, of course, they're ugly things (8)  
 20 Dark and criminal lord? (5)  
 21 One rejoicing in a Mel Gibson tirade, perhaps (9)  
 22 "Sticks and stones" – ultimate cliché for you to recite (4)  
 24 Money? About a pound without delay (7)  
 25 Old TV doesn't start, colour's inverted inside (7)

### Down

- 1 Love child (4)  
 2 Disciplines making sense of CSI scene? (8)

- 3 Benefits cause regular fury – UKIP test (6)  
 4 Liberal Viagra café displacing a fine church building (8)  
 5 Very brief affair takes a year (6)  
 6 Drink you and I consume at home (4)  
 11 Asian country invaded by 1's country (9)  
 12 After aircraft loses time, friend throws a wobbler (5)  
 14 Believe the queen is fat? Just the opposite (5)  
 16 Loud anger over party album by Deep Purple (8)  
 17 Special angels, crackers and decorations (8)  
 19 Vegetarian meals for Springboks? (6)  
 20 To be original, enlist officer promoted for bravery (6)  
 21 Man and wife carry 100 quid? (4)  
 23 Drink to make the most of (4)

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