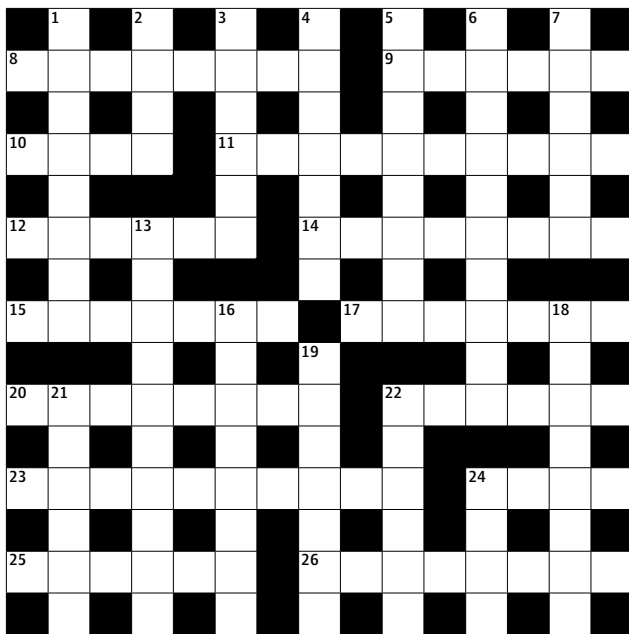


## Guardian cryptic crossword



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### Across

- 8 Symbol not beginning to draw into web (8)
- 9 Break South American state holding one back (6)
- 10 Cultivate cash carrier (4)
- 11 Bird keeper's cartel breaking wind (10)
- 12 Jump back, receiving Catholic item in post (6)
- 14 Supposing Romeo's turned in hidden treasure to sea dweller (8)
- 15 Tom, perhaps, keeping sloths in discomfort (7)
- 17 Slightly drunk, admitting copper's an element (7)
- 20 Involving transmutation of racy pigs? (8)
- 22 Root around books on summit (6)
- 23 Trendy grub was first to be garnished with mash (or kale, initially) (6,4)
- 24 New recruit to a country (4)
- 25 Something in wine bar turning brown outside (6)
- 26 Endless vigour on horseback causing decay (8)

### Down

- 1 Woman prepared to rise, supporting popular uprising (8)
- 2 Pothead to be sick in bucket (4)
- 3 Climbing plant, climbing, snags good strip of skin (6)

- 4 Name-dropping spinster resolved to keep going (7)
- 5 Want coast to receive label (8)
- 6 Hymn to periodical pong curtailed by one sort of scanner (10)
- 7 Pressure garment protecting centre of wound (6)
- 13 Swapped baby cherub in divinatory system – one's gone missing (10)
- 16 Second deterrent, allegedly loud (8)
- 18 Ten Arabs affected by pesticide (8)
- 19 Tightwad's self-esteem Tolkienian baddies lifted (7)
- 21 More than one friend securing draw, mostly (6)
- 22 Dog keeps family from throwing up (6)
- 24 Bit of hair left to hound (4)

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