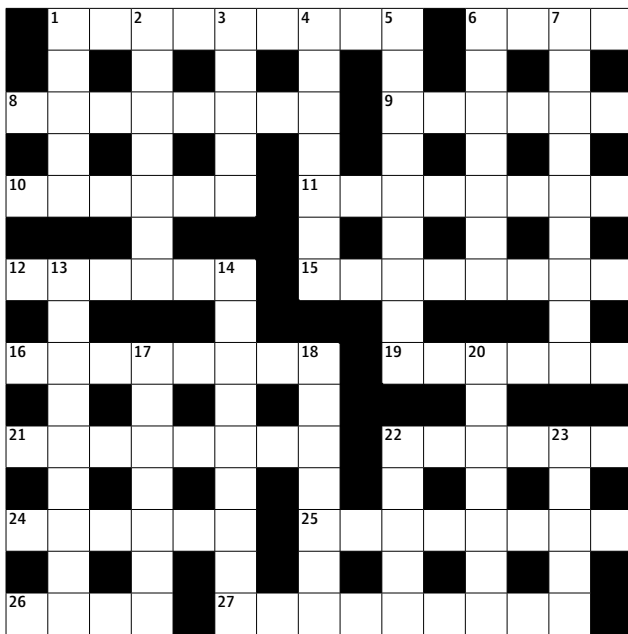


## Guardian cryptic crossword



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### Across

- 1 Main worker providing revolutionary war machine (9)
- 6 Yellowish nut (4)
- 8 Lackey following party rule (8)
- 9 One in factory, yielding (6)
- 10,20 Nothing to hide in stuttering we suspect, as words hard to say (6-7)
- 11 Posh kid has to tolerate travel by train, all may conclude (8)
- 12 Not entirely destitute, Russian in a warm, comforting place (6)
- 15 The story of my wife, perhaps? (8)
- 16 Talking wordplaying reptile? That's anarchic! (4,4)
- 19 Concern parent's shown about infant, finally (6)
- 21 One attached to an arrangement of holes? (8)
- 22 Join together small head on small person (6)
- 24 Ending in contact, an acknowledgement when hit with tip of épée? (6)
- 25 Mathematical statement in a quote, perhaps? (8)
- 26 Separate card game (4)
- 27 Expression of contempt, one being caned? (9)
- 3 Cream slice's ending on hat when thrown up (5)
- 4 Hear the sound of a lamb, perhaps, as a feature of one's hotel room? (7)
- 5 Close to oven, half-baked bloomer keeps soft, don't worry! (2,7)
- 6 Beef steak, say, filled with danger (7)
- 7 By which Spooner might get hold of a rabbit in a sensitive area? (5,4)
- 13 A dash crestfallen, seeing American sporting success (9)
- 14 One using catchphrases, someone looking to encapsulate fruity name? (9)
- 17 Born among wolves, raised to show a bit of leg (7)
- 18 Guards look to restrain agent from below (7)
- 20 See 10
- 22 Mostly short and stocky, black fledgling (5)
- 23 Holding on, howl is intimate (5)

### Down

- 1 Junk food including burger, ultimately for a Hobbit (5)
- 2 Primarily stylish bird, fashionable type (7)

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