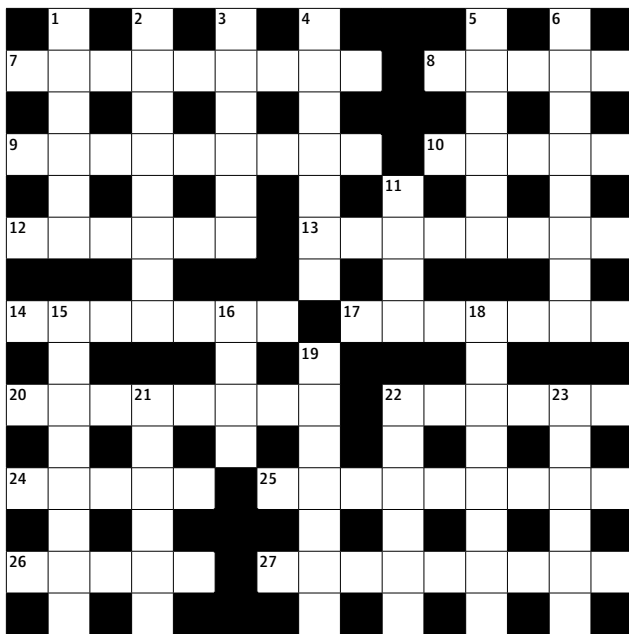


## Guardian cryptic crossword



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### Across

- 7 Very small vehicle reversing by a cat, I see (9)  
 8 One getting some orders around the summit of Sinai? (5)  
 9 They don't fit plywood, done outside or inside (3,3,3)  
 10 Show contempt for loud hooligan (5)  
 12 England's in trouble, wanting Norway and Germany as financial backers (6)  
 13 Close to dive 50, T Daley dances with joy (8)  
 14 Might this show you're married to Chuck? (7)  
 17 Incriminate every individual backing Independence politician (7)  
 20 Drink with little chance of being found in Hell? (8)  
 22 Common umlaut design (6)  
 24 A great prime minister? (5)  
 25 Exercise too much? It's evident – need shower (9)  
 26 Lover of the '60s, Carpenter gives up crown (5)  
 27 Gold – good and fashionable when worn by adult, 1984-style (9)

### Down

- 1 See 5

- 2 European working under North American general (8)  
 3 They conceal privates and fighters (6)  
 4 Understood 1d? (7)  
 5,1 Was she busy modelling Sue in Are You Being Served? (6,6)  
 6 Local resident in antique country (8)  
 11 Building weapon unleashes anger (4)  
 15 Mountain in Germany, yes? I'm climbing with new boy (8)  
 16 Could be expensive round – drink up ... (4)  
 18 ... only ten pound, I count (8)  
 19 Wild plants caught by Romeo and Juliet? (7)  
 21 Doctor works and cries at mistake (6)  
 22 Spoon bender hugged by little girl, then another (6)  
 23 A game, a lake, a creature (6)

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