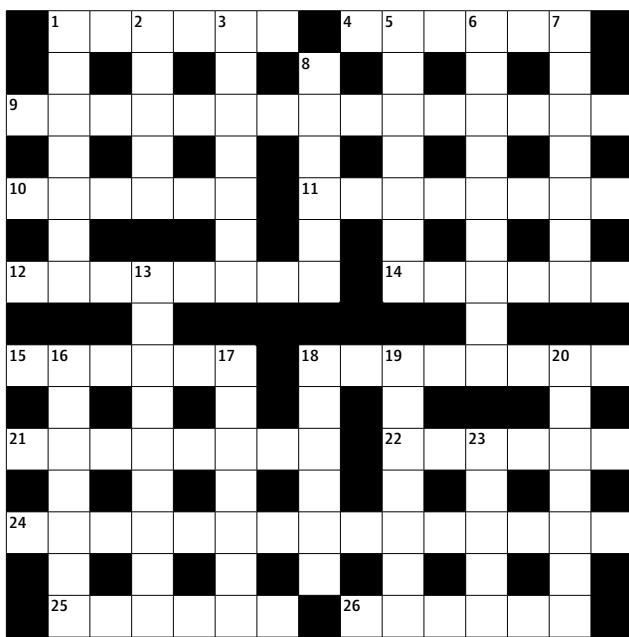


## Guardian cryptic crossword



No 27,089 set by Chionie

### Across

- 1** Research leader in survey is resolute (6)  
**4** Potter has a rest in game (6)  
**9** Where the winner can be found from the beginning (2,3,5,5)  
**10** Eastern time in bronze capital (6)  
**11** Arranged recital, including new instrument (8)  
**12** Unable to manage, he spells badly (8)  
**14** Can the German produce touchwood? (6)  
**15** The Parisian contests taxes (6)  
**18** A Greek character's always a success story (8)  
**21** Fondness for swan song (8)  
**22** Belt worn by a Persian governor (6)  
**24** Harden attitudes initially in the mind, like a prima donna (15)  
**25** Contract put away during evaluation (6)  
**26** Hung around and served (6)

### Down

- 1** Seeing that's about true (7)  
**2** Guide woman in old city (5)  
**3** Vindication of French barrier (7)

- 5** Repudiate religious education booklet (7)  
**6** Flirting gets Penny a relationship (9)  
**7** Pass former partner on Greek island (7)  
**8** Almost exact summary (6)  
**13** One place keeps royal member out, as a rule (9)  
**16** Trace oriental allowed to keep chess pieces (7)  
**17** See raft badly in mist (3,4)  
**18** One sort of maths leaves one gasping (6)  
**19** Cry of joy when husband meets great girl! (7)  
**20** Amazing deal Ben facilitated (7)  
**23** Child eats a bit of sausage in grill (5)

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