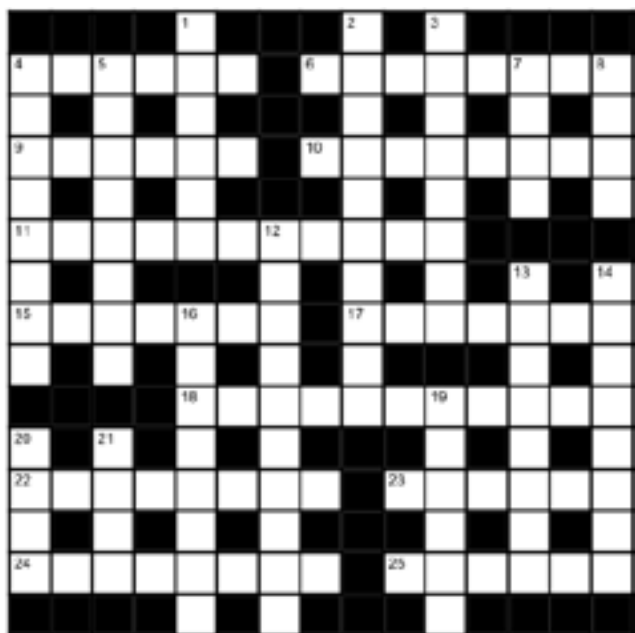


GENIUS 161 SET BY SOUP



CLUES

ACROSS

- 4 Light meat (6)
- 6 Rushing quickly into second courtship (8)
- 9 One fool, then another (6)
- 10 Felicity's younger and playing indoors (8)
- 11 It shows change in opinion of regiments marching around ring (11)
- 15 "Paradise" sooner reached? (7)
- 17 Soup produced first, then a wine (7)
- 18 Drink tea, out of it from methaqualone high (5,6)
- 22 Put topping on cake — daughter gets stuck in (8)
- 23 Author speaks to erudite in-crowd (6)
- 24 Two girls, rather old (8)
- 25 Manage GP's first practice (3,3)

Instructions

The solution indicated by the wordplay in each of the 26 clues is lacking a required letter. Each letter of the alphabet is missing from a particular clue, though in four cases it is missing twice and in one case four times.

Deadline for entries is 23:59 GMT on Saturday 3 December. You need to register once and then sign in to theguardian.com to enter our online competition for a £100 monthly prize.

DOWN

- 1 Working at being asleep (6)
- 2 We left supporter hiding queen — that's a relief (7,3)
- 3 Trembled — is it come true? Oddly not (8)
- 4 Support from nastier bullying (8)
- 5 Got little bear to carry the can (8)
- 7 I live alongside an animal (4)
- 8 Dropping belt, thong ... that's the idea (4)
- 2 Amazing half day with lads — nearly got up late (10)
- 13 One taking over might thus greet clarinettist (8)
- 14 The woman leads me into a train carriage — that's sweet (8)
- 16 Dug out Wodehouse compilation that's no use (8)
- 19 Old computer made in the Gulf (6)
- 20 Premieres of Industrial Light and Magic movie (4)
- 21 Close sale (4)