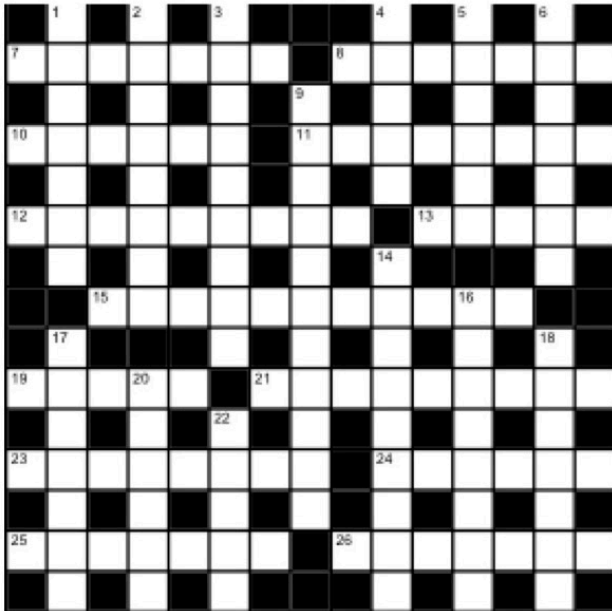


## GENIUS No. 159 Set by Jack



### ACROSS

- 7 Soldier and mistress almost say: "I always lie" (7)
- 8 Nationalist queen leading support for Clydesdale? (7)
- 10 Last time to act having gone bust? (6)
- 11 Incensed by liberal puritanism wanting sex (2,2,4)
- 12 Women fish for compliments? Not this one! (9)
- 13 Dummy's not too bright we hear (5)
- 15 Bedroom action? (6,5)
- 19 Tube from Heathrow terminal (5)
- 21 Have a great time turning 13 (9)
- 23 Move fast to make fast pony (8)
- 24 It's symbolic when other people repeatedly take sides in brawl (6)
- 25 Conclusion of tale in small volume of Potter's work (7)
- 26 Though not even turned 18, he's a famous scientist (7)

### RULES AND REQUESTS

Ten solutions contain a slice of 2, not included in the wordplay of their clues. Deadline for entries is 23:59 GMT on Saturday 10 October. You need to register once and then sign in to [theguardian.com](http://theguardian.com) to enter our online competition for a £100 monthly prize.

### DOWN

- 1 Fodder providing last part of answer is concealed in second half of clue (7)
- 2 History records agricultural methods introduced originally for beef production (8)
- 3 Does lover maybe represent a bit of a catch? (5,4)
- 4,22 Star is keen to play second fiddle perhaps in setting up of festival (5,5)
- 5 France's wingers attack (6)
- 6 Revolutionary design for nurturing surrounding landscape? (7)
- 9 Fan confusion following loss of the guitarist (5,6)
- 14 Dead soldiers described by short note covering two sides (9)
- 16 Browbeating, nonetheless, contributes to unnatural death (8)
- 17 The old Democratic leader was unfaithful (7)
- 18 Amount of money made on site (7)
- 20 Walsall entertains a couple of stars (6)
- 22 See 4