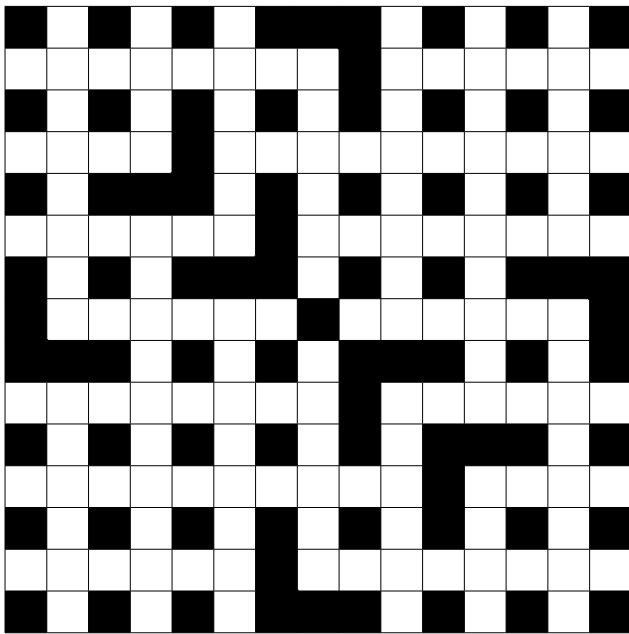


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Clues are in alphabetical order of the last letter of their solutions, which should be fitted in the grid, jigsaw-wise. As it is symmetrical, this could be in two ways but two clues indicate which is correct.

- A** Complaint from city over labyrinth half back to front (6)
- B** Anxiously think back about difficulty that's in the frame (8)
- C** It makes one sick to refer to Philistine coming up (6)
- D** Taking peeps, possibly predisposed to get sleazy (6)
- E** Voters thrill about East End bully (10)
- F** After losing heart, shake and almost crack the symbol (6,4)
- G** Season well (6)
- H** Starts to feel at home after toilet cleaner (6)
- I** Heard of compiler's link with drink (3,3)
- I** Camp sitcom to conceal greeting (2-2-2)
- J** English adjective describing act of worship (4)
- K** Reject agreement to kiss for a coin (6)
- L** Syndicate permitted drivers to reverse (6)
- M** Fruit in a can? The opposite element (8)
- N** King of Borneo is corrupt (6)
- O** For example, Blair's licit activity in motion (8)

- P** Pull sack out to find hat (8)
- Q** Republicans start to question republic (4)
- Q** Across the water, five reportedly went under (4)
- R** Report of us being kinky in bed (4-6)
- S** Now playing: Love Amongst Girls for self-harm (3,5)
- T** Soup extremely cold? Minimal amounts of Tabasco will, if stirred thoroughly, give it this (5,5)
- U** During car crash, I left to get wine (5,3)
- V** Posed with vehicle going the wrong way without this? (6)
- W** "Farewell, love and war" starts the rule (6)
- X** The kind of joke that rhymes with more than one? (4)
- Y** It's courtesy to weep about high values, when half is wiped out (8)
- Z** Male ice bath craze uncovered in prison (8)

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