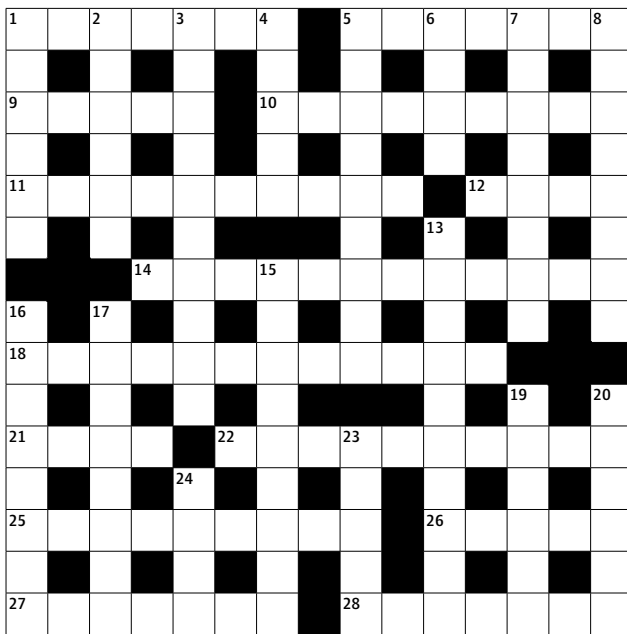


## Guardian cryptic crossword



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### Across

- 1 1000 1000 1000 – regular telenet, say (7)  
5 Grow striking moobs when ingesting powerful drugs, ultimately (7)  
9 Chances, as king's knight retreats in the opening (5)  
10 Campaign speech concerns exercise (9)  
11 Ready for new ideas, I depend on swing to take maiden (4-6)  
12 Deliver joint on Sunday (4)  
14 Scottish heaven and hell? A lot confused about England's crown (4,1,3,4)  
18 Small drinks for each offspring of athlete (12)  
21 Why a printer won't print noise? (4)  
22 They catch MPs sat squabbling over euro problem (10)  
25 First girl to swallow gallon in one? Fabulous! (9)  
26 Democrat hailed some carriage (5)  
27 Jazz singer's festival (7)  
28 Meal project forgets starters in London (4,3)

### Down

- 1 Fraud takes skill to make a packet (6)  
2 Pick up a stumping, then English runs follow Moeen's debut (6)  
3 Medicine pill initially consumed by some poorly sailors (5,5)  
4 Spike's t-trumpet (5)  
5 Guard busy person with something light, not hard (9)  
6 Work with metal and stone (4)  
7 More delicate girls go crazy over The Kinks (8)  
8 Functioning swimming pool in my exclusive control (8)  
13 When comedian Sue is alone, get up and start baking pastries (5,5)  
15 Qualification on the boundaries of clarity and tact (9)  
16 Surprise is hard when following Villa (8)  
17 Rain leads to ruin (8)  
19 Barista's first latte order causes row (6)  
20 Not sea? So \_ (6)  
23 Fashion line inside – it's painful on the eye (5)  
24 Time for a lark, perhaps (4)

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