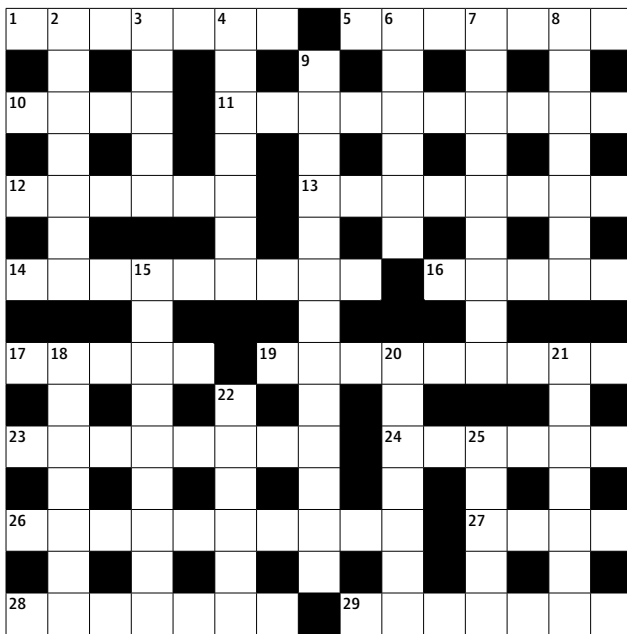


## Guardian cryptic crossword



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### Across

- 1 Wanting to keep buzzing off, English leaving part of the 12 20 (7)
- 5 Living in caravan, I'm a tearaway (7)
- 10 Pay doesn't start for years and years (4)
- 11 Retailer taking morning or start of evening off (10)
- 12,20 Island insane, might some say? A holiday destination (6,7)
- 13 With investment of company, go towards Judas? (8)
- 14 One's spotted fiddle involving Labour leader in Mr Brown (9)
- 16 Flexible athlete's back after a short breather (5)
- 17 Goodbye to hello in past narrative (5)
- 19 Flat carrier, individual pockets for shopping (9)
- 23 Drink in trailer for cow, perhaps? (8)
- 24 Struggle to eat animal product for plant eater (6)
- 26 Characterise type of camera, capturing nothing, say, the wrong way round (10)
- 27 Line drawn for missile launcher, old hero in Cuba (4)
- 28 Last relative tackled by forward (7)
- 29 Matelots close to feckless so 12, one gathered (7)

### Down

- 2 Country, one with capital in Abuja (7)
- 3 Serious issue with stock stolen by popular author (5)
- 4 European PM embracing male nickname (7)
- 6,7 "Now I shall become mean", having croaked, monsieur? (2,4,2,4,3)
- 8 Something afoot, follow around one that's suspicious (7)
- 9 Safety practice, case of choice blocking device (13)
- 15 Cruel, no thanks to the 12? (9)
- 18 Territorials waste bully? (7)
- 20 See 12
- 21 One going in lower, not both (7)
- 22 Part of the 12 20 film confined to it, we hear? (6)
- 25 Show hostility, having to wax lyrical initially (5)

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