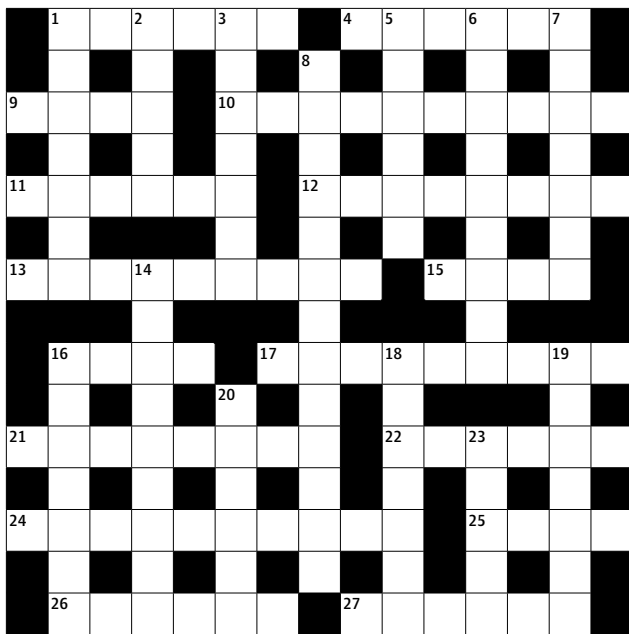


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1 During audition, amateur is most uninteresting (6)
- 4 Husband put in place, wandering in religious venue (6)
- 9 Coarseness makes stomachs turn (4)
- 10 Island lacking a clergyman (5,5)
- 11 Clergyman keeps setter humble (6)
- 12 Inscrutable Tories assembled in the City (8)
- 13 Priest's crime taking time in a clerical residence (9)
- 15 Goddess makes man exist (4)
- 16 Mammoth's initially grey in colour (4)
- 17 Argue over remedy for an aching tooth (4,2,3)
- 21 Is it a rum cocktail that's sweet? (8)
- 22 Moans about time in places of interest (6)
- 24 Virtuoso keeps old-fashioned duke on friendly terms (10)
- 25 Dehydrated in the Kalahari Desert (4)
- 26 Most of the elite found in ancient Egypt (6)
- 27 Study the odds before broadcast (6)

Down

- 1 Tone down a painter's medium (7)

- 2 Distance Tory leader goes into pond (5)
- 3 Author of People In Israel (7)
- 5 Hospital appears on direction indicator in London (6)
- 6 Exercise about to strengthen soldiers' disposition (9)
- 7 A long time in the business of a beastly king (7)
- 8 Student's oddly guarded nature (13)
- 14 Endorsement for Sicilian leaders' good temperament (9)
- 16 Husband's manner stung? That's distressing? (7)
- 18 Player paused awkwardly and slowed down (5,2)
- 19 Peacekeepers heard but not yet proven (7)
- 20 Theologian to have main meal about six (6)
- 23 German party is subdued (5)

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