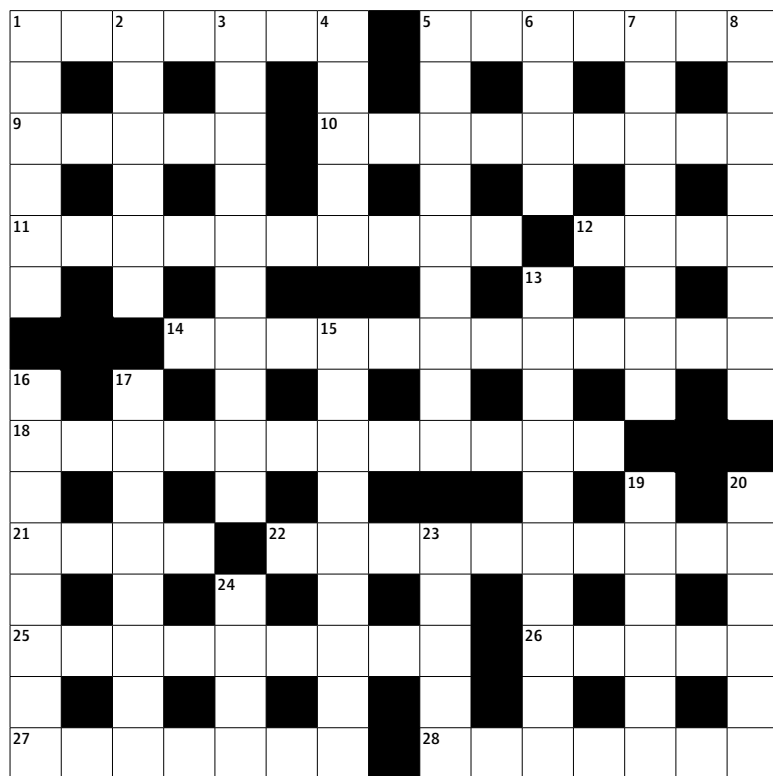


Guardian cryptic crossword No 28,409 set by Qaos



Across

- 1 Fellow leads firm sailor on board (2-5)
- 5 Relative size has girl worried (7)
- 9 Start to roll a board game's ten-sided die – set? (5)
- 10 Excited at nearing country (9)
- 11 A fraction enter the inn drunk, then run away (10)
- 12 Learner breaks sports equipment like this? (4)
- 14 Huge shock! Nostromo alien – can none get lost? (12)
- 18 Some expert activity, right, like hang-gliding? (7,5)
- 21 Took drugs, thought to blow money (4)
- 22 Dessert from South Africa prepared in a globe (10)
- 25 Art seldom ruined by him? (3,6)
- 26 Traveller to welcome Terry inside (5)
- 27 Excellent! McCartney's being broadcast (7)
- 28 Regular beans with poor diet wants a vitamin! Tempted? (7)

Down

- 1 Trick by one stealing gold crown (6)
- 2 Chairs in cars (6)
- 3 Adult delivery men carry ones defections (10)
- 4 Room key (5)
- 5 508 (roughly) reject play on

- 6 Call inquiringly? (4)
- 7 1 + 500 + 10 + 50 etc translated into personal speech (8)
- 8 Wonderful cat, just not ordinary (8)
- 13 Shape of diamond strangely altered to save money, including copper (7-3)
- 15 Historical role player's career not flourishing (2-7)
- 16 Vague sense to gather up American lubricant (8)
- 17 A shoe size bigger than 9C, say, on conference goer (8)
- 19 Because I'm travelling skywards, the speed of light is enormous (6)
- 20 Hit sung loudly after dropping out (6)
- 23 One's avarice has no end, yes? (5)
- 24 Author kept spinning plate (4)

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