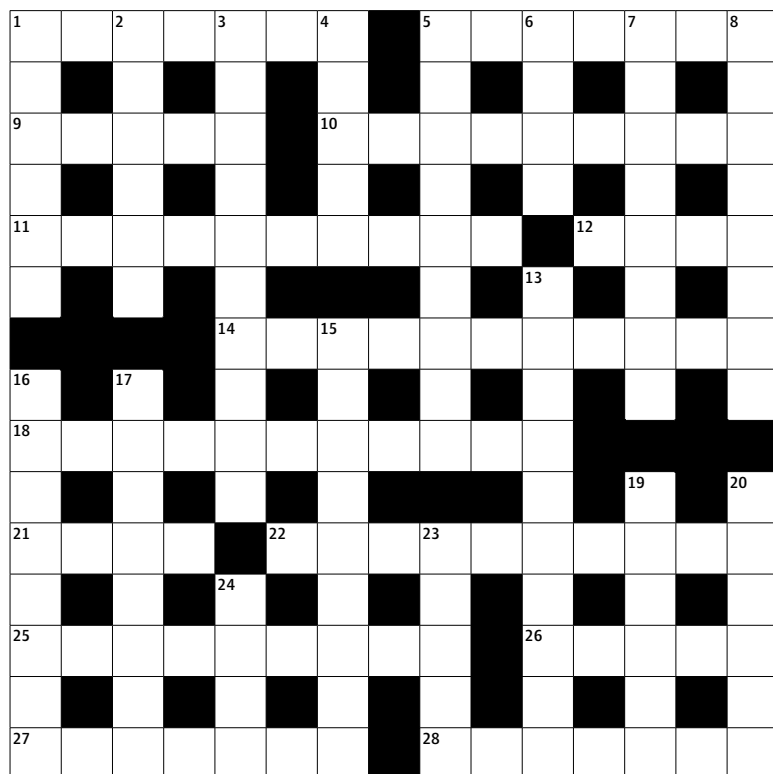


Guardian cryptic crossword No 30,054 set by Brendan



Across

- 1 Modified missile they compare (not literally) (7)
- 5 For Americans, field that's extremely hard (7)
- 9 Last part of book, perhaps, some find exciting (5)
- 10 Respondents, as can be seen, covering all points about right (9)
- 11 Recalling upset about drug producing bad reaction (10)
- 12 Arsenal's example of this weapon (4)
- 14 They help thieves steal handbags etc. (11)
- 18 Like life as simple as possible? I'll run a clue that's convoluted (11)
- 21 Soccer goalkeeper goofed thus (once in each half) (4)
- 22 Volume in English about an isolated regime (10)
- 25 Following one action of union, embracing it (9)
- 26 Succeeding with a more stern position? (5)
- 27 Last of aging female's family that may be prepared to help in a pickle (7)
- 28 Beautiful woman performs without love in theatre part (7)

Down

- 1 Bias added to a line in personal kind of column (6)
- 2 Waist hit when batting - precisely

- (6)
- 3 Heard you and I ruled tax out of order, had it very easy (10)
- 4 Tool that's sharp but may be said to be blunt (5)
- 5 Firing careless shot might result in this (9)
- 6 Perfectly performed in most social classes (4)
- 7 Covered as a learner, I drove erratically (8)
- 8 A coach secured by side in disarray? Correct (8)
- 13 It takes several horses to move it inches? (4-2-4)
- 15 Complicity in conflict, having change of heart (9)
- 16 Being promoted on board - for French, that upset good number (8)
- 17 Faction supporting gang in area close to fighting (8)
- 19 Short rhyme for it will, when spoken quickly (6)
- 20 Emoji used by wooer in suit (6)
- 23 Once more restrict speech, for example in newspaper (5)
- 24 Device for lifting injured hill-climber (4)

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