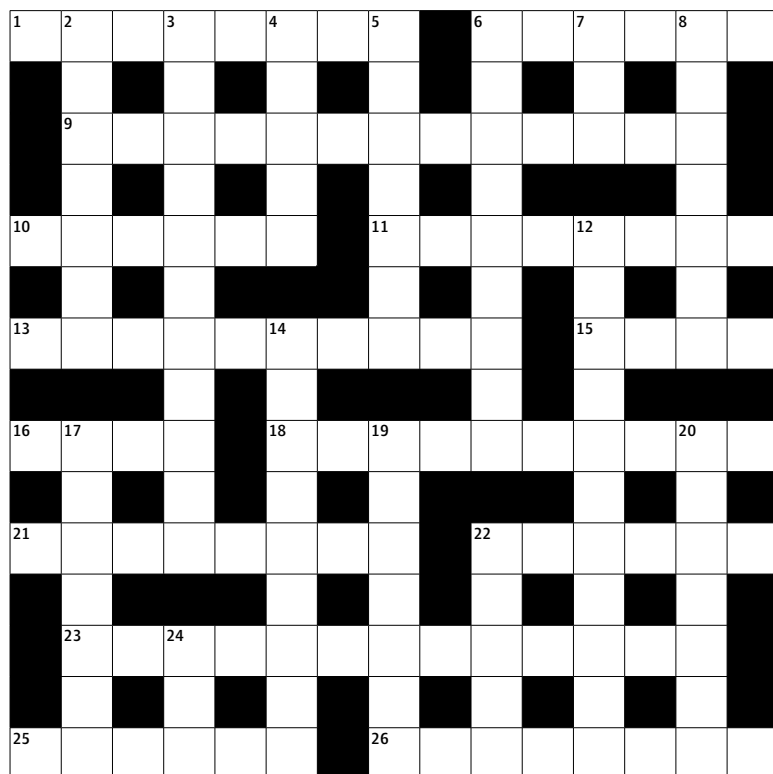


Guardian cryptic crossword No 30,063 set by Alia



At 0712 on 20 July 2026, the word "country" in 6d was changed to "state".

Across

- 1 Teacher of no practical use (8)
- 6 Obscure, extremely bumptious words on book jackets (6)
- 9 Two idiots initiating one state shooting, perhaps (13)
- 10 Dispose of the last bit of homemade pickle (6)
- 11 Perception absolutely possessed by rowing crew (8)
- 13 International clothing label about to bring on board rubbish celebrities (10)
- 15 System of rules requiring constant, dedicated work? (4)
- 16 Trashy, somewhat lumpen affair (4)
- 18 Wild animal rage coming from the top dogs? (10)
- 21 Satellite phone? It's crazily old (8)
- 22 Drawer primarily containing fabric (6)
- 23 Domineering writer from Rome, maybe changing sides? (13)
- 25 A kid taking it easy (2,4)
- 26 Fun-loving sort of mafia boss involved in robbery (8)

Down

- 2 Opening above large part of church (7)
- 3 Unpleasant fluid dilutes fast (11)
- 4 Bulk energy shot (5)
- 5 Fancy that guy being put into care, possibly (7)
- 6 Person providing protection for state is working very hard (9)
- 7 Learning institution's subdivision reduced in size by 25% (3)
- 8 Gathered together and had late-morning meal right away (7)
- 12 Popular pink avatar (11)
- 14 She acts single, following couple of males in certain direction (4,5)
- 17 Determined 80s pop star (7)
- 19 Frost ultimately breaks hole in crumbling relic (7)
- 20 Supplies of first-class horses (7)
- 22 Head of cabbage with tough green leaves (5)
- 24 Drink in the bar periodically (3)

Solution No. 30,056

