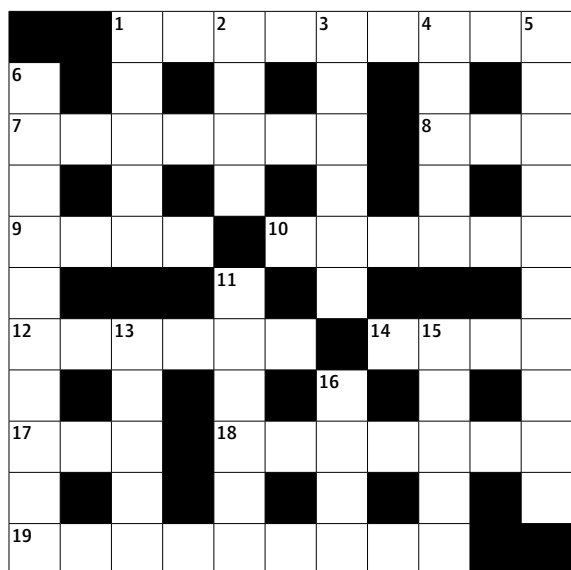


# Guardian quick cryptic crossword

No 115 set by Budmo



## Across

- 1 Select Ms Crosbie and Ms Bening for show, reportedly as music producers (9)
- 7 Number of voters become sour away from home (7)
- 8 Main spot for an audience (3)
- 9 Fool caught with character whose wife became salty (4)
- 10 Medical condition has exasperated registered nurses in America, to begin with (6)
- 12 Cola is drunk in informal gathering (6)
- 14 Business leaders in France intuitively reject modernisation (4)
- 17 Cold water is cold, especially at first (3)
- 18 Authoritarian figures are suppressing criticism in southern Texas, primarily (7)
- 19 Narrow ray of light alarms bee terribly (5,4)

## Down

- 1 Freight from Charlie and Jason's mythical ship (5)
- 2 Hose getting tangled up in footwear (4)
- 3 Learnt to play horn (6)
- 4 Overheard Poles, in short, in German city (5)
- 5 At times, lag changes - it's slowly growing (10)
- 6 Fills cash register without moving (5-5)
- 11 Cock-up by Republican boss (6)
- 13 Groups of shipworkers announced holiday on ship (5)
- 15 Dialect starts to irritate day-trippers in old marketplace (5)
- 16 I will broadcast in land surrounded by water (4)

## TODAY'S TRICKS

- Clues begin or end with a definition of the answer. The rest is one of these:
- Anagram** Anagram of answer and hint that there's an anagram
  - 'Senator arranged crime (7)' gives TREASON
  - Charade** Combination of synonyms/abbrevs
  - 'Qualify to get drink for ID (8)' gives PASSPORT (pass + port)
  - Soundlike** Something that sounds like answer
  - 'Excited, Oscar's announced (4)' gives WILD
  - Acrostic** First letters of answer
  - 'Initially get a good joke (3)' gives GAG

## Solution no 115

