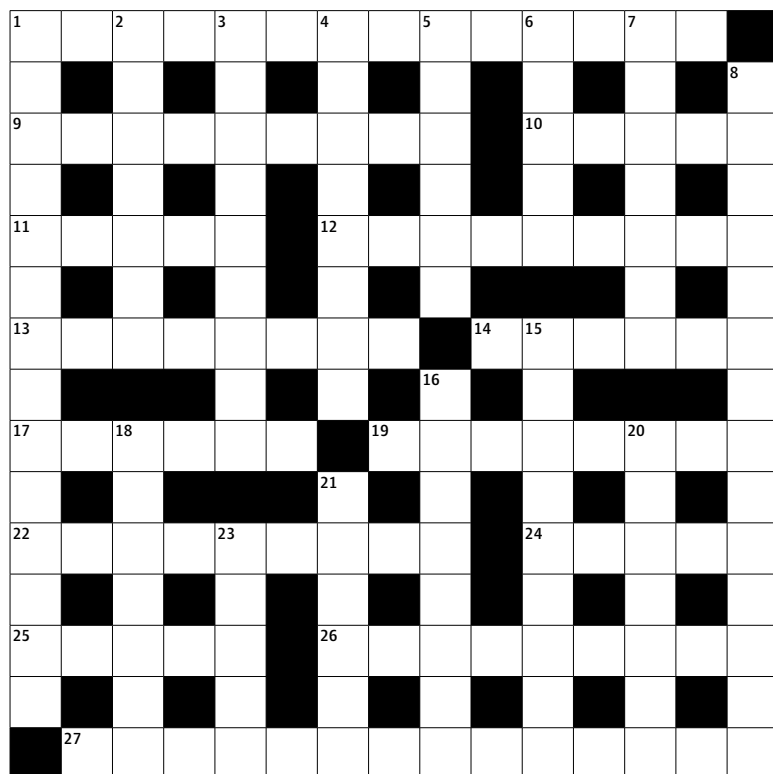


Guardian cryptic crossword No 28,136 set by Vulcan



Across

- 1 Tame budgie, preferable to wild ones? (1,4,2,3,4)
- 9 Shopkeeper, for example, exchanges staff (9)
- 10 Half of us succeeded, including me (5)
- 11 Initially short period going over issues (5)
- 12 Good clean entertainment? Not musical, though (4,5)
- 13 As directed, fires rifles (8)
- 14 Takes plane (American), which lands in the sea (6)
- 17 One may be caught out, losing this (6)
- 19 Like an open field, not sold illegally? (8)
- 22 Marks tool badly in hurry (4,5)
- 24 Top honours cut back in a series of steps (5)
- 25 List of competitors is in lobby (5)
- 26 Charlie soon with new side: made one of the Saints (9)
- 27 One's designs appear on flags (8,6)

Down

- 1 See flow chart is repositioned straight (2,3,4,5)
- 2 One translating Latin, a Roman, perhaps (7)
- 3 Over the moon here to have secret room (4,5)
- 4 Joint titleholder (8)

- 5 A flying shed? (6)
- 6 Instructive sort of book couple picked up in house (3-2)
- 7 Book every anaesthetist will have? (7)
- 8 With this you can get a handle on your gambling (3-5,6)
- 15 Watch next to key, a surprising sight (3-6)
- 16 Di abandons hazy intuition (8)
- 18 Small country's boast whole continent listened to (7)
- 20 Monsters with poisonous gas defeat one (7)
- 21 Clumsy French drive on it over here (6)
- 23 In Scottish island, install parking app (5)

Solution No. 28,129

