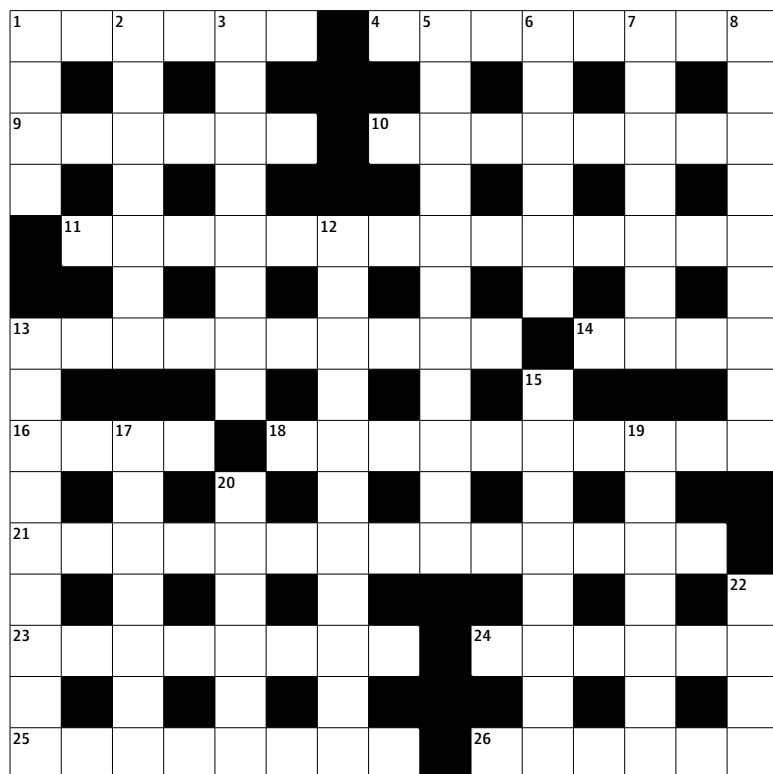


Guardian cryptic crossword No 28,196 set by Vulcan



Across

- 1 After a main course, something to follow? (6)
- 4 Child has one on hand for such gentle treatment (3,5)
- 9 O for breathable air! (6)
- 10 Located by Scottish island, returns and tells a story (8)
- 11 Not having had a drop in weight, facing chilly grave (5,4,5)
- 13 Another failure on board for ship's officer (6,4)
- 14 A short trip is dull (4)
- 16 Wanting to give opponent a hiding (4)
- 18 Turning, cats maybe run: one could climb this? (10)
- 21 Showing regret for an act of self-harm (7,7)
- 23 Unworthy, if daring, broadcast (5,3)
- 24 I have to follow law in force (6)
- 25 Powder that's rarely valuable (4,4)
- 26 Start on satire, finish making lampoon (4,2)

Down

- 1 Bird heading off from stream (4)
- 2 This crossword is strangely obscure (7)
- 3 Sort of pause, being knocked up (8)
- 5 Totally flustered where one lives perhaps, nips out (2,1,4,4)

- 6 Gaudy rig has to be replaced (6)
- 7 When is area of Languedoc to be revisited? (7)
- 8 Simple addition to contract for film (4,5)
- 12 Stop crime? Go afresh to tackle seriously (4,2,5)
- 13 Fastening horse into strap (9)
- 15 Service winner overcomes resistance in overwhelming victory (8)
- 17 Discreet, caught in bad fault (7)
- 19 Having wasted time, daughter married (7)
- 20 Regularly rail, plain coarse (6)
- 22 Lament what willows do? (4)

Solution No. 28,189

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