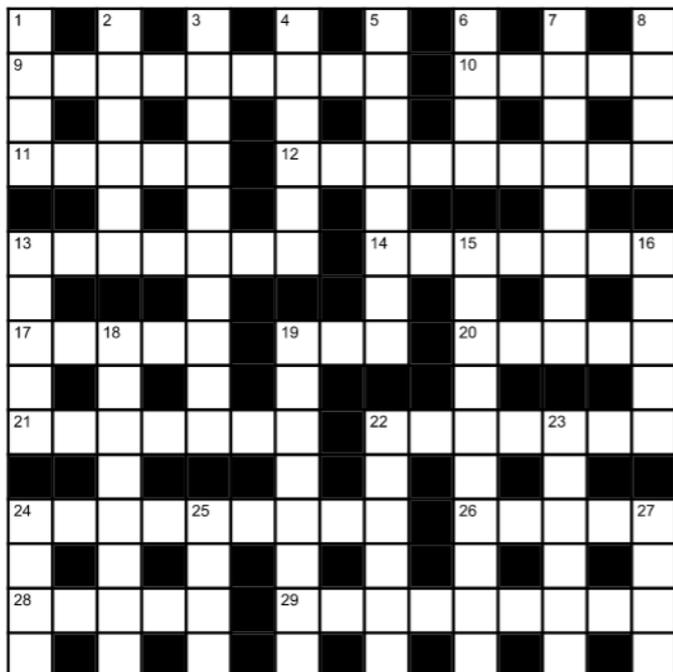


## GENIUS NO.199 SET BY CRUCIBLE



### Instructions

Twenty-six solutions, not further defined, are partners in familiar pairings. The required entry in the grid for each of these clues is the other partner. (Letter counts are for the words to be entered.)

Deadline for entries is 23:59 GMT on Saturday 1 February. You need to register once and then sign in to [theguardian.com](http://theguardian.com) to enter our online competition for a £100 monthly prize.

### CLUES

#### Across

- 9 Christmas returns without news (9)
- 10 Henry occupies Tyneside seat (5)
- 11 Business in Gulf brings in millions (5)
- 12 As far as I can see, stories lack energy (9)
- 13 Left sign without one (7)
- 14 Detective's mugshot almost corrupted tablet (7)
- 17 American elected to abandon affair (5)
- 19 Note stolen from cells (3)
- 20 Bill lines up lectures (5)
- 21 Old king's missing daughter (7)
- 22 Toilet's working (7)
- 24 Lives in western Spain (9)
- 26 A big safe jump (5)
- 28 Fiction enthral Mike (5)
- 29 Even sheen of boats reflected by a loch (9)

#### Down

- 1 Sticks up like narcissus? (4)
- 2 Soldiers start shooting (6)
- 3 President Kennedy ultimately dogged (6-4)
- 4 People swapping sides (6)
- 5 Greyhound injured ignoring sharp bend gets gas (8)
- 6 Regular features of parrot and sparrow (4)
- 7 Polish writer's supporting Catholic ambassador (8)
- 8 Offers impress Republican (4)
- 13 Three cobblers catch a cold (5)
- 15 Idle lout's given up casing hotel (10)
- 16 City makes sense to some extent – or even completely! (5)
- 18 A bore stops ruminant pet on the way (4,4)
- 19 Duke collars king (8)
- 22 Stone blocks one trying to win (6)
- 23 Two pennies, the first one old? (6)
- 24 Head office ready to be turned over (4)
- 25 Romeo's wearing tights (4)
- 27 Start to publicise appeal, when out of cash (4)