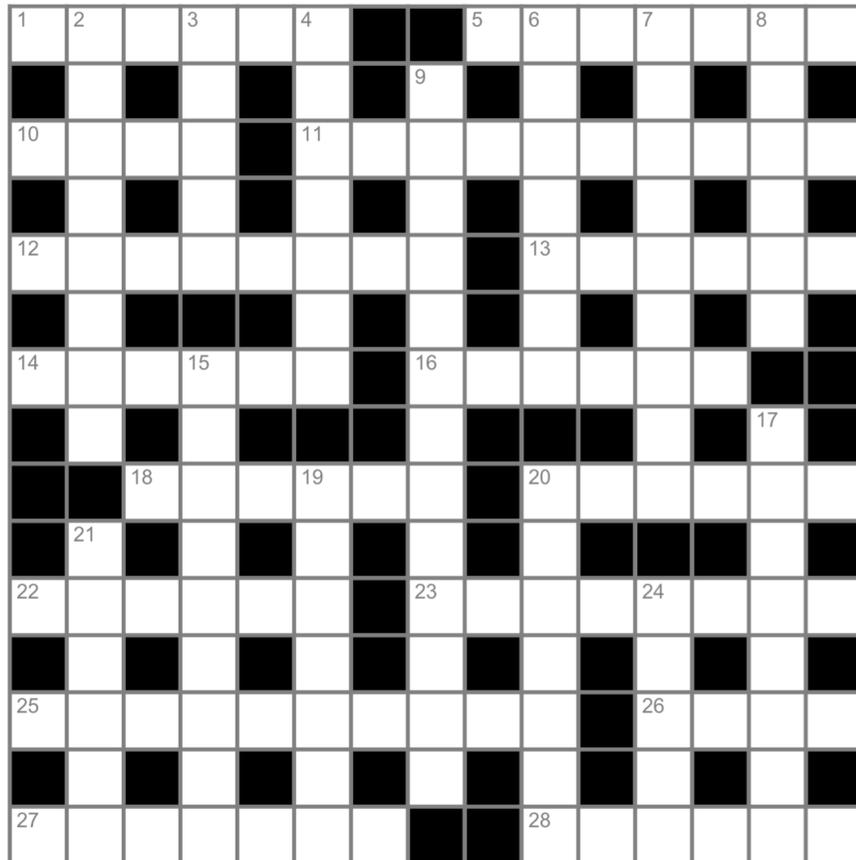


Genius No 213 Set by Qaos



Deadline for entries is 23:59 GMT on Saturday 3 April. You need to register once and then sign in to theguardian.com to enter our online competition for a £100 monthly prize.

The letters in 16 squares are not allowed for in the wordplay of the clues involved. Taken as a group, when encoded these 16 letters magically lead to a number that is to be entered in the box at top of the entry form.

Across

- 1 The Queen abandons regular tradition (6)
- 5 English politician in exam storm (7)
- 10 Acting school returns for Jewish month (4)
- 11 Those moving with skill? Reversing learners during turns (10)
- 12 Hard to treat end delivered (8)
- 13 Afrit cryptic following 1s (6)
- 14 Allegedly wants massages (6)
- 16 Jailor frees northern bird (6)
- 18 Hit by small vehicle ... (6)
- 20 ... and another tug? (6)
- 22 Guard in Lord of the Rings, perhaps, assists leaders in trouble (6)
- 23 Science of law: no money for a quiet defence (8)
- 25 Off-road licence not accepted — it's made up (10)
- 26 Biden, for example, wins hearts with style (4)
- 27 Foreign body eaten by goose? Oddly, that signals the end (7)
- 28 Demand can cut capital, shilling first (6)

Down

- 2 University a little upset with no good revising (8)
- 3 Heath Robinson component produces deep, rhythmic sound (5)
- 4 Procedures might initially get shot to pieces (7)
- 6 Type of seat to build, right on the floor (7)
- 7 Animal in river to fight back, not with attention (5,4)
- 8 Unkempt person's coats are back-to-front (6)
- 9 Carefully move around Spain with captivating lovely borders (13)
- 15 Rider preparing for trade week? (9)
- 17 Very difficult to promote teacher's 11 (8)
- 19 Wretched posh girl (7)
- 20 State of meditation is uplifting to suppress being angry (7)
- 21 Extremists drain contents of espresso at summerhouse (6)
- 24 Hair of English philosopher cut short on Sunday (5)