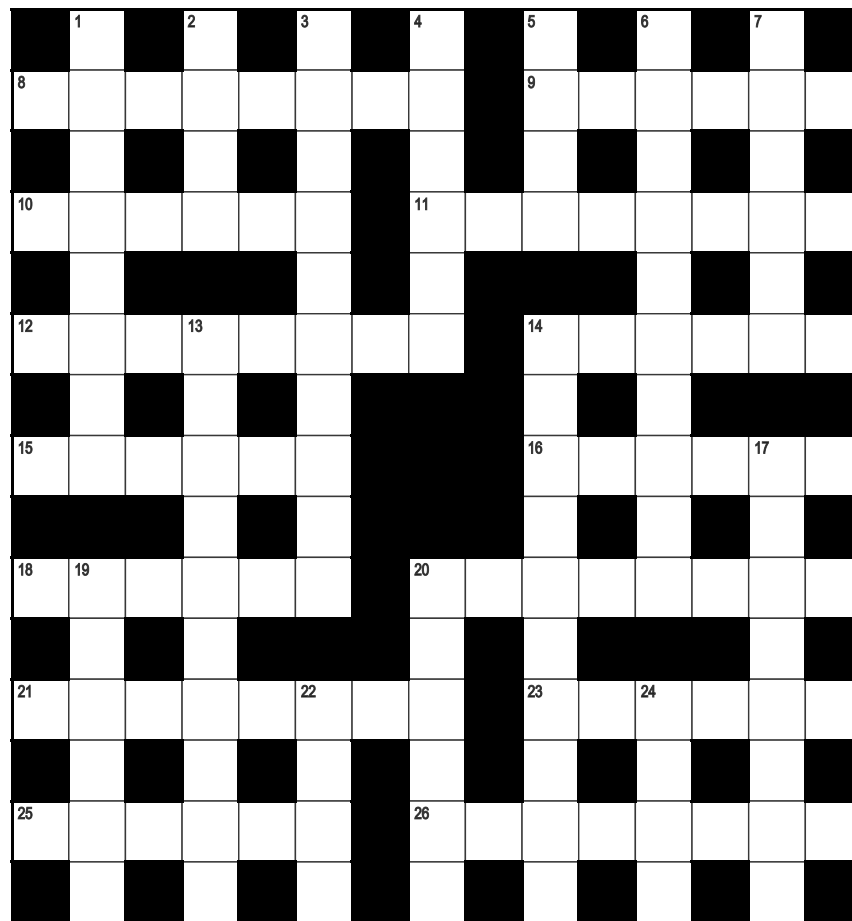


# Cryptic 2025-09

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These pirates spend their lives living on the outside. Perhaps you can keep them in order? (8)



## Across:

- 8 Purchase hotel, and elderly husband is included (8)
- 9 Man going topless, with diamonds to seduce (6)
- 10 Most sarcastic scripts kicking antagonist's butt towards the finale (6)
- 11 City often struggles clearing out yellow paper tossed everywhere (8)
- 12 Unmotivated without Santa's help? (8)
- 14 Girl is not as angry about sister leaving (6)
- 15 Sides of coffee and natural oatmeal (6)
- 16 That thing is lying about grandma? For shame! (6)
- 18 How to come up with a riddle? Confused, I went away (6)
- 20 Deathly sick, exhausted by replies to all regularly (8)
- 21 Woodsy type to provide lodging, including 15A essentially (8)
- 23 Naked idiot chases pair of students at university to an apartment (6)
- 25 Say that again: shirt's becoming large? Take it back! (6)
- 26 According to report, Ronald estimated with the least accuracy (8)

## Down:

- 1 Bangs emanate from this hydrogen carrier (8)
- 2 Trim outsides of educational image (4)
- 3 Guardian beast and dreadful tower lit by enchanter at the borders (10)
- 4 Makes revisions, incorporating college requirements (6)
- 5 Love interest has a way into your heart (4)
- 6 Simplify creek's path? (10)
- 7 Leaders of sinister cult yielding before the reaper (6)
- 13 One of a quirky pair dwelt with recycled components (10)
- 14 Hairy spider is upset, running and scattering (10)
- 17 Setter covers a quiz containing information that's most thought-provoking (8)
- 19 A planet's first full moon oddly goes over Earth, at the far point of its orbit (6)
- 22 Endlessly discuss debut of Cher's soft rock (4)
- 24 Pressure from some begrudgingly coming back (4)