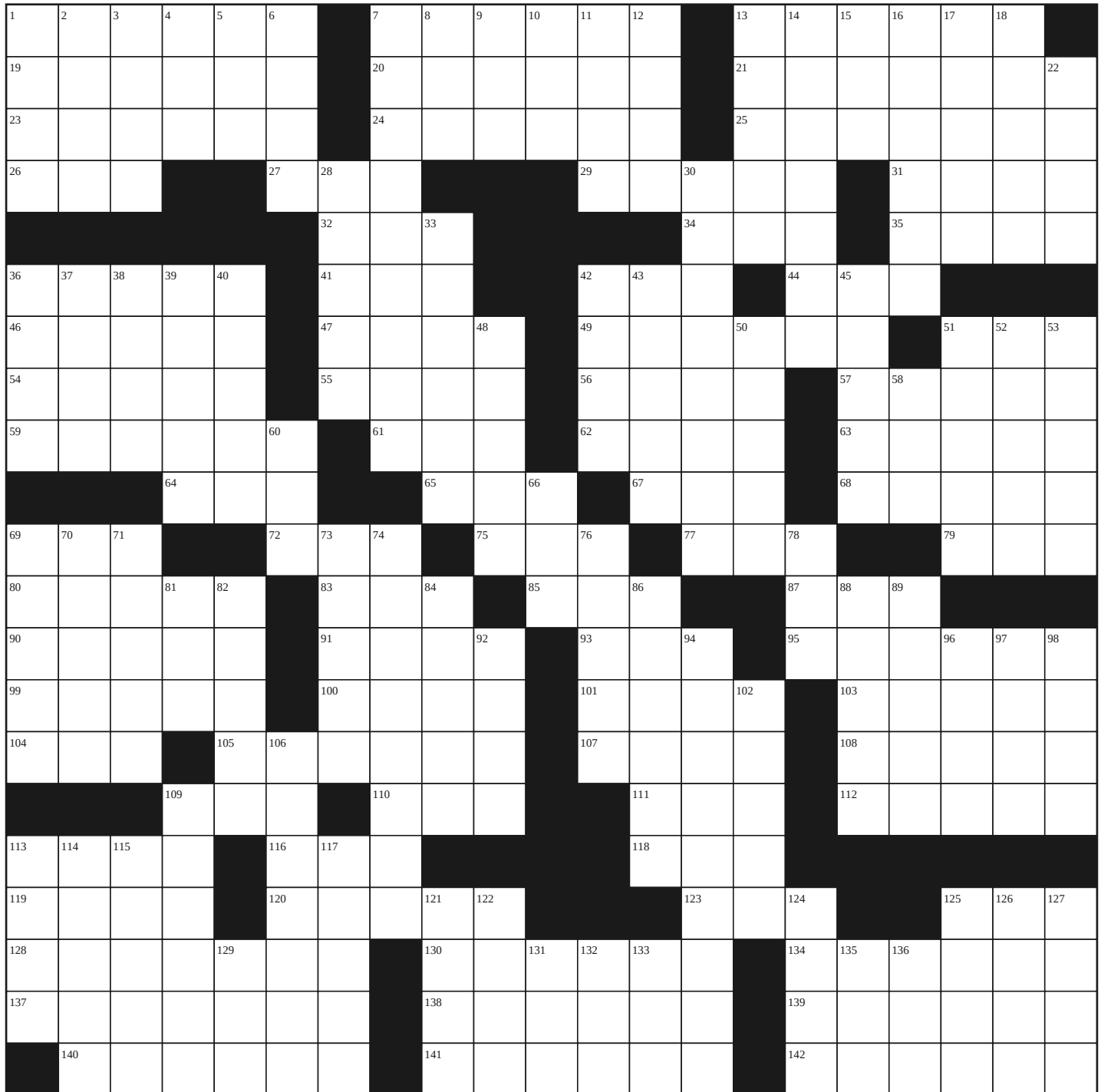


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1. Fast hunter that stoops on prey from high above
7. Fish-snatching hunter that nests near lakes and coasts
13. Sunny yellow songbird once carried into coal mines
19. Nervous feeling that something's a little off
20. Brand of tight swim briefs at the pool
21. "Like I already told you..." (3 words)

Down

1. Gas that makes an engine go
2. Girl's name
3. Jump with both feet at once
4. Laptop camera, briefly
5. Spanish for "bear"
6. Brainy kid who loves odd facts, fondly

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23. Fill with romantic affection
24. Selected for a special job, as for a team
25. Sweet iced drink with a creamy orange glow (2 words)
26. Once around a running track
27. Boy's name
29. Sounding like you have a stuffy nose
31. Blend together into one
32. Big sticky mouthful
34. Girl's name
35. Chances of winning a bet
36. Clever little gadget whose real name you forgot
41. Big primate that swings through the trees
42. Despicable Me villain who adopts three girls
44. Car directions system, briefly
46. Of the world's largest continent
47. Polite way to address a woman
49. Live in a place permanently
51. Enthusiastic agreement, in slang
54. Sierra ____ (West African country)
55. Girl's name
56. Country whose capital is Tehran
57. Long military surround of a castle
59. Tiny flat pulse simmered in soup or dal
61. Belonging to that girl
62. Price stickers on new clothes
63. Vast salty stretch covering most of Earth
64. Boxing champ Muhammad, or a boy's name
65. Zero, on a soccer scoreboard
67. Mesh barrier across a tennis court
68. Gentle golf strokes meant to drop the ball in
69. Knee ligament often torn in sports: Abbr.
72. Break from school, casually
75. Sound of delighted surprise
77. Curved jazz woodwind, briefly
79. Look at with your eyes
80. Vertical passage for an elevator or a mine
83. On the ____ (fleeing from trouble)
85. Comic-book crash sound
87. Still; nevertheless
90. Power-boost juice in a racing game, casually
91. Apple tablet you draw or watch shows on
93. ____ Angeles
95. Striped African animals of the savanna
99. Middlemarch author, in English class
100. Bitter fluid the liver makes
101. Prefix with mum or cal
103. Awesome, in meme-speak
104. Come in first
105. Official orders from a ruler
107. Unwanted email that fills your inbox
108. Laugh that comes out like a pig sound
109. Angsty music style with black-eyeliner vibes
110. Acorn's sturdy parent tree
111. When the plane should land, briefly

Down

7. Bone-focused doctor who adjusts joints
8. Hot-springs resort for a quiet soak
9. Zippy energy that gets a crowd cheering
10. Class representative, briefly
11. Garden of paradise in Genesis
12. Tiny green Star Wars sage who trains Jedi
13. Settlers board game of sheep and brick
14. Southern Oregon city near the California line
15. Girl's name
16. Isaac who wrote I, Robot and Foundation
17. Given a movie grade like PG or G
18. Give way at a triangular road sign
22. Proud fathers
28. Top effort you bring to a big match (hyph.)
30. Breakfast links sizzling in a skillet
33. Defeated in a contest
36. Bold nerve that shocks people
37. "Ah, now I get it" (2 words)
38. Utah national park of red cliffs
39. Giant ray that glides through the ocean
40. Irish family name, or a boy's name
42. Tough determination that doesn't quit
43. Aired an old episode again
45. Fable teller of the tortoise and the hare
48. Nintendo plumber who jumps on turtles
50. Photo-sharing app, casually
51. Hurls something with slangy force
52. Banded stone often polished smooth
53. One of five ways you take in the world
58. Hospital room for the most serious cases, briefly
60. Girl's name
66. Soft high toss over a tennis net
69. Restored to almost-perfect condition (2 words)
70. Spicy stew with beans and meat
71. Language of ancient Rome, in school
73. Story that proves you were elsewhere
74. Italian cold cut on a fancy sandwich
76. Glowing rings above angels' heads
78. Last three letters of the alphabet stretch
81. To and ____
82. Carved pole of animal spirits
84. Mediterranean island nation
86. Little kid, in old-fashioned cute talk
88. Tiny, as a weensy spider
89. Steak cut with a T-shaped bone (hyph.)
92. Classroom table with a pencil groove
94. Diplomatic political leader
96. Spanish rivers, in class
97. Plot of land about the size of a football field
98. Groups of matching dishes
102. Girl's name
106. "Does not!" comeback (2 words)
109. Less difficult
113. Pro women's soccer league in the U.S., briefly

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- 112. Affirmative answers
- 113. College sports org. that runs March Madness
- 116. English class for newcomers, briefly
- 118. Number after nine
- 119. "___ there?" (contraction)
- 120. Sudden involuntary muscle twitch
- 123. Boy's name
- 125. December, on a calendar: Abbr.
- 128. Arrange one after another in order
- 130. Sticky wartime fuel that burns fiercely
- 134. Hot-dog topping, or hearty enjoyment
- 137. At a future moment (2 words)
- 138. Girl's name
- 139. Spanish surname that means "by the coast"
- 140. Bright tropical bird that might copy your words
- 141. Chubby seabird with a colorful clown bill
- 142. Big-billed rainforest fruit lover from picture books

Down

- 114. Costing very little money
- 115. Main artery leaving the heart
- 117. Used up all your energy
- 121. Break suddenly with a sharp sound
- 122. ___ facturing
- 124. Mild "darn it!"
- 125. Frisbee-shaped flat circle
- 126. Spanish for "this," when the noun is feminine
- 127. Jackie of martial-arts movie stunts
- 129. Arrive, on a travel schedule: Abbr.
- 131. Document file type you can print anywhere
- 132. Bark of a small dog
- 133. Hawaiian flower necklace
- 135. Green-living prefix
- 136. Boy's name