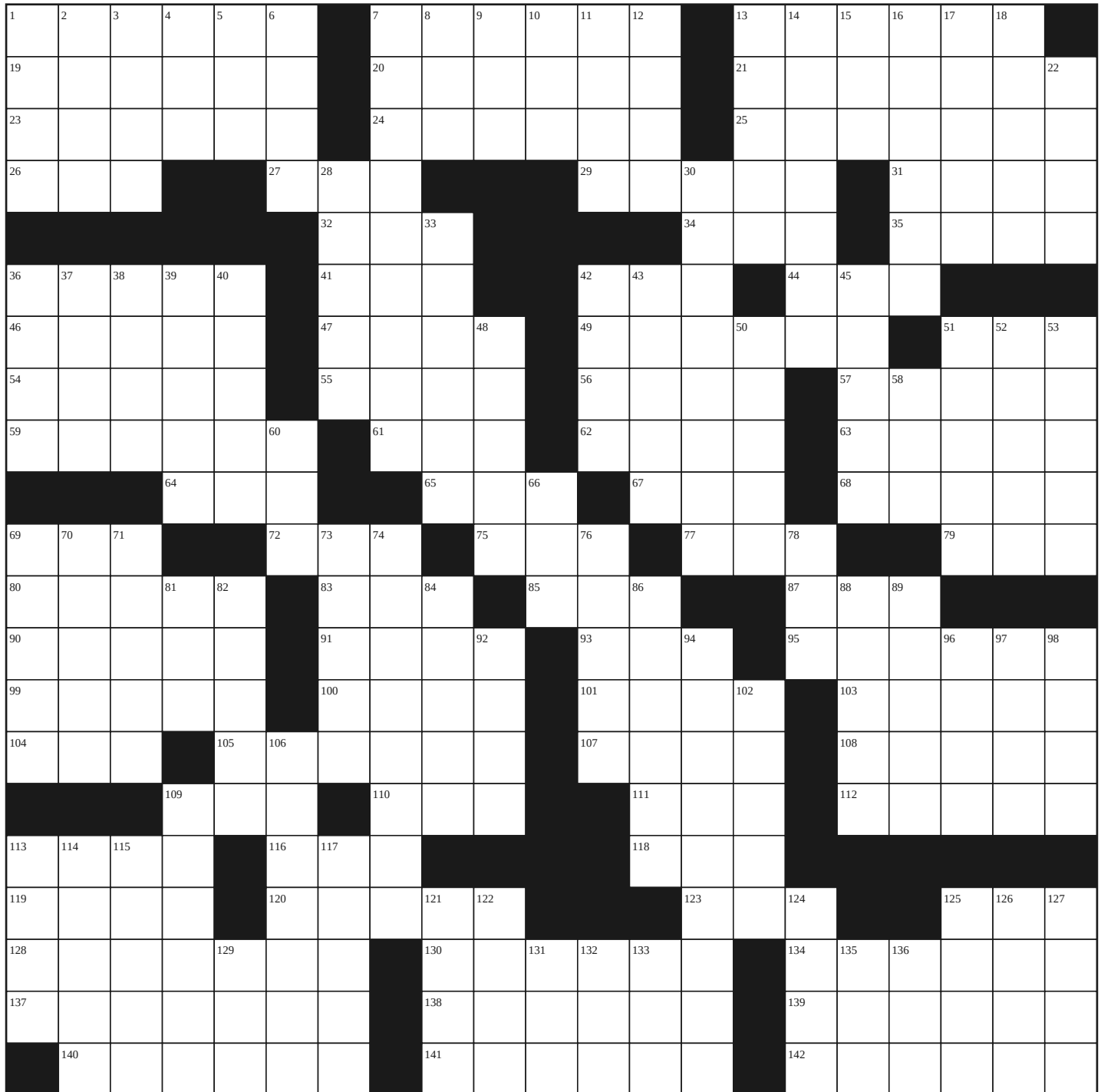


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**Across**

1. Snowman's nose that you can also pull up from the fall garden
7. Stinky bulb whose cloves give pasta sauce its zing
13. Enormous root in a folk tale where the whole family has to help pull it up
19. Like music that never settles into a home key
20. Speedy, in Siena
21. Kind of illusion that tricks your eyes

Down

1. Purring pets who think they own the house
2. Tiny building block of everything
3. Neat lines in a garden bed
4. DNA's helper molecule
5. Canoe paddle's bigger cousin
6. Letters a kid might type after a parent's very long group-chat message

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23. Headed in the direction of
24. Baby bird with a very high-up nursery
25. Puerto Rico's giant radio telescope, which collapsed in 2020
26. Texting standard on a phone, briefly
27. Bread for a deli sandwich, maybe with seeds
29. Argentine cookout with lots of grilled beef
31. Chopper, for short
32. Word after "The" on a storybook's last page
34. Olympic chant, by its letters
35. Greek god with a bow and some very romantic arrows
36. Poet William who wrote "Tyger Tyger, burning bright"
41. Honest guy on the penny
42. Black goo used to pave roads
44. Hospital pros with licenses, for short
46. Buenos ____
47. Spots across the playground
49. Elbow ____ (hard scrubbing effort)
51. 4G letters on a phone screen
54. Sound that covers a no-no word on TV
55. Duct ____ (fixes nearly everything)
56. "____ be fine," says a calm parent
57. Secret agents who might wear fake mustaches
59. Girl's name that starts and ends with the same vowel
61. New, as a prefix
62. Shiny wrap for leftovers, or what a hero does to a villain's plan
63. Core belief that reads the same backward
64. Family car with lots of room for soccer gear, for short
65. Squirrel's snack, or a bolt's partner
67. Yes, in Paris
68. Steamy room where you sweat on purpose
69. Table seasoning, in Spain
72. "That ____ great idea!"
75. High, soft tennis shot
77. To be, in Spanish class
79. The S in OS: Abbr.
80. Hold on tight, like a koala
83. Grumpy grunt in a comic strip
85. Abbr. after a big number on a fossil timeline
87. Kind of port for a charging cable
90. Turn from green to yellow, as a banana
91. Take a ____ at (try)
93. Sassy back talk
95. Way, way too flashy
99. Japanese dog breed with a curly tail
100. Kind of filter in an air purifier
101. Greek god whom the Romans called Mars
103. ____ libre (masked Mexican wrestling)
104. ____ Talk (big-idea speech)
105. Pollen-making part of a flower
107. "I ____ tell!" (secret-keeper's promise)
108. Top squad for a big job (hyph.)
109. Vietnamese noodle soup
110. Shrug, in a text
111. Put to work

Down

7. Skinny pod in a Thanksgiving casserole with crunchy onions on top (2 wds.)
8. Battery size for a TV remote
9. Game genre with quests and leveling up, briefly
10. Little, casually
11. What a cartoon lightbulb stands for
12. Folding beds at camp
13. Bumpy hoppers in the garden
14. Noisy commotions, like when a snow day gets announced
15. Highway, on a map: Abbr.
16. Little nooks in a wall
17. More slippery, as a winter sidewalk
18. Picasso's first name
22. Lane of the Daily Planet
28. Stuff that makes bread dough puff up
30. Marcus ____, Roman emperor who wrote "Meditations"
33. Dig further down, as a hole at the beach
36. ____ ganoush (eggplant dip)
37. ____ pad (frog's floating seat)
38. Length times width, for a rectangle
39. Wails in sorrow
40. Cable channel for college sports
42. End-of-the-school-week cheer, briefly
43. ____-Detoo (beeping Star Wars droid)
45. Twiggy homes for robins
48. Capital of South Korea
50. Nickname for Alison
51. "Peanuts" kid who never lets go of his blanket
52. Itsy-bitsy, like a ladybug's footprint
53. "Como ____?" (Spanish "How are you?")
58. Tiny thing that kept a princess up all night in a fairy tale
60. Video file extension
66. Cartoon cat who's always chasing Jerry
69. Acorn-obsessed squirrel in "Ice Age"
70. Matching, as identical twins
71. Fat, to a biology teacher
73. Waybright of Disney's "Amphibia"
74. Uncrewed NASA moon mission of 2022 (with a Roman numeral)
76. Rule a club writes for itself
78. Something to sweep things under, so they say
81. What a swish goes through
82. Grind, as teeth
84. Stared with your mouth hanging open
86. Open the windows on, as a stuffy room (2 wds.)
88. Bowl of greens, maybe with croutons
89. Big beastly sort
92. Piggy ____
94. Retiree living on monthly payouts, in Britain
96. Brand of brain-freeze slushy
97. Fake that's fooling no one
98. Classmates who overact in the school play
102. Curry of the Warriors
106. Final layer of nail polish
109. Inventor's paper that says "That idea is mine!"

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- 112. Judges to be
- 113. ___ butter (lotion ingredient)
- 116. Channel that's home to "Wild Kratts"
- 118. Helpful hint
- 119. "Hold on a sec!"
- 120. Like a fresh fall apple
- 123. Sounds of surprise
- 125. Month for Mother's Day
- 128. Peekaboo punchline (3 wds.)
- 130. Secret ___ (team's surprise star)
- 134. Thanksgiving march with giant balloons
- 137. Person from Conakry
- 138. Hint (at)
- 139. Poet Gorman who wrote the picture book "Change Sings"
- 140. Dig-it-up harvest treasure that could become fries, chips or tots
- 141. Bell-shaped garden pick that turns from green to red if you wait
- 142. Little red root from the garden that bites back

Down

- 113. Big gulp from a water bottle
- 114. Displays, as posters on a bedroom wall (2 wds.)
- 115. Old MacDonald's refrain
- 117. "We Don't Talk About ___" (Encanto song)
- 121. Trade, like lunch snacks
- 122. Brazilian soccer legend who wore No. 10
- 124. Pole on a sailing ship
- 125. Nail salon treatment, for short
- 126. Puts two and two together, literally
- 127. Laid-back "you bet"
- 129. Vote of approval
- 131. Snowy Swiss peak
- 132. Baby seal, or a baby dog
- 133. Poem that gushes over its subject
- 135. Online Q&A session, briefly
- 136. Totally awesome, dude