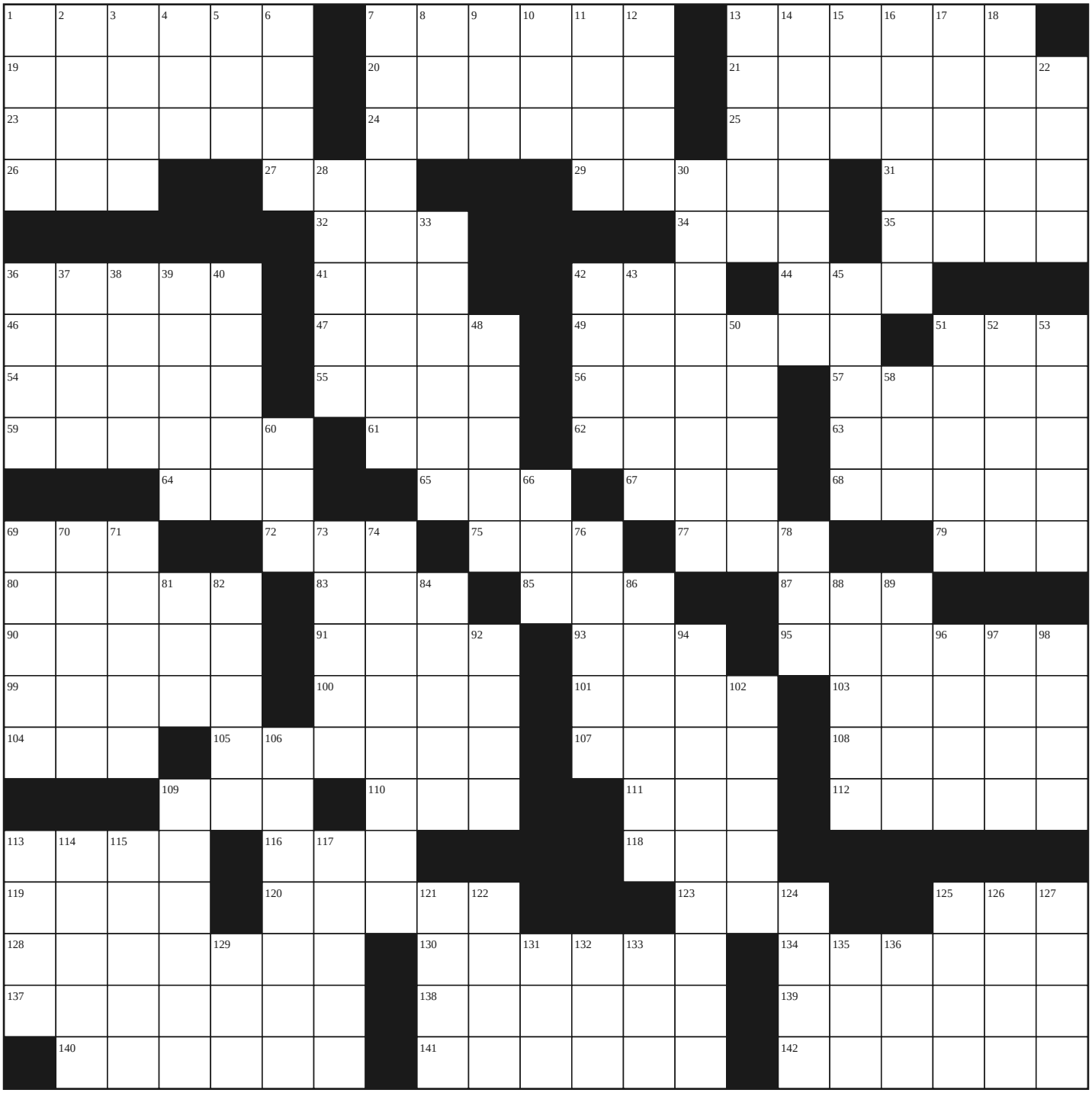
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1. Tusked, mustached beach lounger who'd rather nap on an ice floe than swim laps

7. Curly little sea critter whose name is also a teasing word for a short kid

13. Spiky ball on the sea floor that sea otters crack open for lunch

19. "That's plenty, thanks!" said to the person scooping your ice cream

20. Canadian two-dollar coin with a polar bear on the back

Down

1. Where the sun goes at bedtime

2. Soon, in old poems and plays

3. Pirate treasure

4. Groove a wagon wheel gets stuck in

5. "Not homework again!" sound

6. ___ butter (lotion ingredient)

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21. Go through the books one more time, just to be sure
23. Calm down, the way a lullaby works on a fussy baby
24. Folks with code names, secret gadgets and very serious sunglasses
25. More talkative, like a parrot that just learned a new word
26. Explosive in a crate in old cartoons: Abbr.
27. Play a part in the school play
29. The upper sky, to poets of long ago
31. Pixar film where Miguel follows his music into the Land of the Dead
32. "Pass the ball to ___, she's open!"
34. Class for students learning a new language at school: Abbr.
35. "You said it!" or the last word of a grace
36. What's left in the fire pit after the marshmallows are toasted
41. "Now I get it!"
42. List-ending "and so on": Abbr.
44. Little mischief-maker in a fairy tale
46. Big school of fish that turns all at once
47. Poles you cast from a dock
49. North ___ or South ___ (state name that comes in pairs)
51. Stitch up a teddy bear's ripped seam
54. Like a shady old log or a stone that hasn't rolled anywhere
55. Work hard, like ants hauling crumbs home
56. Nervous swallow before a big test
57. "I'm ___ win this round!" (casually)
59. Tell again, like a favorite bedtime story
61. Bambi's mother, for one
62. Sword with a big bell guard, used in fencing
63. Grumpy and cheerful, for two
64. Stuff that turns plain white eggs pastel
65. Number on a sunscreen bottle: Abbr.
67. Make a slip-up, which is only human
68. Cover-up for a messy cookie baker
69. A rainbow's shape
72. Big clumsy goof who trips over his own feet
75. Metal mixed with copper to make bronze
77. Droop, like an old trampoline
79. Walking, talking tree in The Lord of the Rings
80. Race where you pass the baton
83. Knock-knock at the door
85. "___, humbug!" (Scrooge's grumble)
87. Puppy's little bark
90. Malfoy who sneers at Harry Potter
91. Country with a long coast on the Arabian Sea
93. Businesses, for short: Abbr.
95. Haircut with a spiky stripe down the middle
99. Watery rest stops for desert camels
100. Boy who drives through the Phantom Tollbooth
101. Put up, as a poster on a bedroom wall
103. "Sorry, this seat is ___"
104. Hospital pros who check your temperature: Abbr.
105. All better, like a scraped knee after a week
107. Kind of book report you give out loud
108. Line an actor says just to the audience
109. Calculator key for a trig function
110. What a referee's bad call can stir up in the stands

Down

7. What Hawaii got in 1959
8. Keep the swing all to yourself
9. Fish eggs
10. Cozy place for travelers to stay the night
11. Bug so teeny you'd need a magnifying glass
12. Little brother who won't leave you alone, sometimes
13. Pushes gently, like a coach saying "You can do it!"
14. Lit from behind, like a shadow-puppet screen
15. Yellow ride you hail in the big city
16. Shiny wheel cover
17. "Raining cats and dogs," for one
18. Your brother's daughter
22. 1982 Disney film set inside a computer
28. Map for a ship's captain
30. Rude shouters at a comedy show
33. Walkie-talkies, for instance
36. Tingly feeling from whispery videos: Abbr.
37. Sneaker or sandal, for one
38. Person who asks the questions on a game show
39. Let up, as rain that finally slowed to a drizzle
40. With a sneaky little grin
42. Rim of a cliff, where you'd better not stand
43. Grayish-brown crayon color, close to mushroom
45. Melted rock under a volcano
48. Snoozed right through the alarm
50. Show where every line gets sung
51. Sleepy sound from the top bunk
52. Wrap up with, as a song with a high note (2 wds.)
53. "It ___ me!" (classic sibling denial)
58. Tiny yelp after a little spill
60. Lion of the zodiac, born in late summer
66. Little white lie
69. Burning enthusiasm, like a superfan's for their team
70. Showed again on TV
71. Group that lines up for the field trip bus
73. Smell of fresh-baked cookies
74. Passed down from Grandma to Mom to you, say
76. Cheesy chip
78. Room where dodgeball happens
81. Tennis serve that zooms by before the other player can even swing
82. Mario's green dinosaur buddy
84. More washed-out, like a shirt after a hundred washes
86. Croaky after a day of cheering
88. Teeny bits, as in "not one bit"
89. Full moon, for one
92. Spot where lines meet in a network diagram
94. Pops up all at once, like an umbrella (2 wds.)
96. Related, like cousins or two similar ideas
97. Ties the knot, at a ceremony with cake after
98. Joint that gets the scrape
102. Ancient carved picture symbol
106. Football field boundary behind the goalposts
109. Swipes, as bases in baseball
113. Lose, as a snake its skin

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111. Peek through the bushes, like a detective
112. Taste or touch, for one
113. Shoo a fly with a rolled-up newspaper
116. Twisty code inside every cell: Abbr.
118. Mind-reading power, supposedly: Abbr.
119. Speedy napper who lost to a tortoise
120. Light purple bush that blooms in spring
123. Sounds from the crowd at a fireworks show
125. Word starter that comes before "school" or "view"
128. All over the place, like a bumblebee's flight path
130. Whispered news that zips around recess
134. Big bunch, as of puppies tumbling out of a basket
137. Press 1 on the phone keypad (2 wds.)
138. Little girl who lives at the Plaza Hotel in a picture book
139. Long-billed wading birds of the marsh
140. Shy shellfish that might be hiding a pearl
141. Fish that swims from the ocean all the way back upstream to where it hatched
142. Slow sea traveler that carries its house on its back

Down

114. Mario's greedy rival in yellow
115. Neat lineup, like solar panels on a roof
117. Kinder, like the friend who shares the last cookie
121. Forever and a day, it feels like, in a long car ride
122. Fizzy brown soda that tickles your nose
124. Pit-___ contest (summertime cherry game)
125. "Hey, over here!"
126. Winder for a fishing line
127. "Who ___ wants pizza?"
129. Little kid on the playground's baby swings
131. Note after fa in do-re-mi
132. Video game that copies real life
133. Equal: Prefix
135. Aladdin's monkey
136. Title for a knight, like Lancelot

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