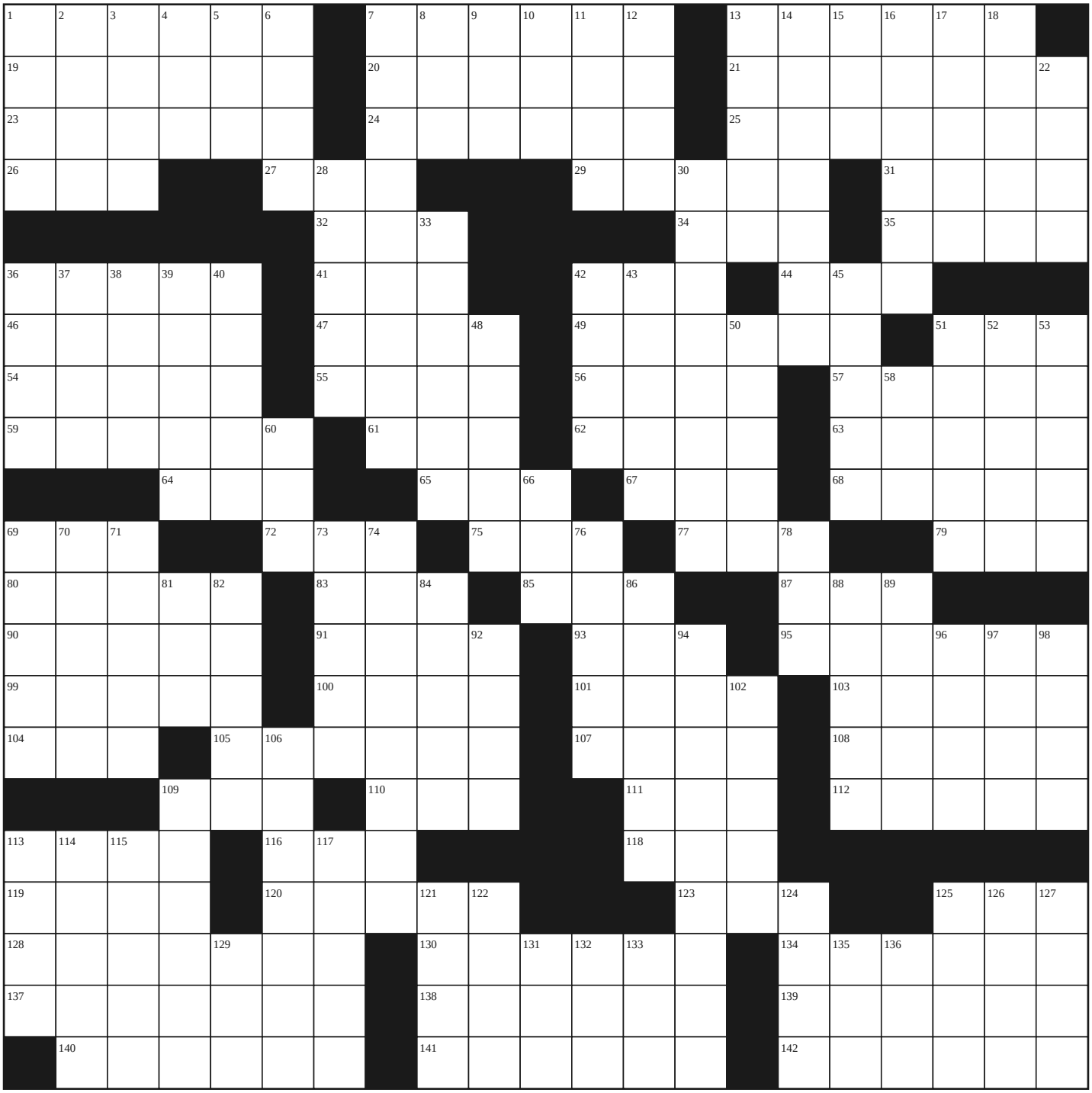
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1. Sleek hunter bird that dives faster than a roller coaster
7. Fish-catching raptor that builds a huge stick nest near water
13. Bright orange-and-black ballpark bird (Baltimore's favorite)
19. Scaly green lizard that loves to bask in the sun
20. "___ yourself!" (what a parent says when the giggles get wild)
21. Italian city famous for its Renaissance walls and bike paths

Down

1. Hand curled up for a friendly bump
2. Takes forever ("this wait is taking ___")
3. What a four-leaf clover is said to bring
4. Four-wheeler that goes vroom
5. Smallest counting number
6. Alliance of countries with a shared defense: Abbr.

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23. Something you pinkie-promise not to tell
24. "Cut that out right now!" (2 wds.)
25. Bronzed look from a bottle, not from the beach (2 wds.)
26. Tut-tut sound of mild disapproval
27. Grain that becomes your breakfast porridge
29. Tapped the little heart under a cute puppy photo
31. The main idea, once you skip the long windup
32. Kitchen liquid that makes the pan nice and slippery
34. Sixty-minute chunks on a clock: Abbr.
35. Bills you dig out of the piggy bank first
36. Crunchy edge of a pizza slice (or a pie)
41. Cousin of DNA that helps build proteins: Abbr.
42. Sound a sheep makes when it wants more grass
44. Fancy vase that holds flowers at a wedding
46. Too quick, like a homework job done on the bus
47. Browser windows lined up along the top of the screen
49. Continent with France, Italy and a whole lot of castles
51. "We'll tell you later": Abbr.
54. Devoured every last crumb of the cookies (2 wds.)
55. Loads and loads (2 wds.)
56. "___ boy!" (cheer after a great catch)
57. Sore muscles after climbing every jungle gym
59. Turn pink in the cheeks when you're embarrassed
61. Long stretch of time, like the dinosaur ___
62. Sounds from the cows in the pasture
63. White stick for drawing hopscotch on the sidewalk
64. "___-hoo!" (friendly call across the playground)
65. What a well-trained dog does on command
67. Girl's name that rhymes with "blue"
68. Name of a book on its front cover
69. Gray leftover after a campfire goes out
72. Coder who builds apps, for short
75. Was in front of the race the whole way
77. Flavor powder some cooks sprinkle into soup: Abbr.
79. Stitch a button back onto a coat
80. What rises from a hot mug of cocoa
83. Little bit of frosting on the tip of your nose
85. Haul something heavy, like a suitcase upstairs
87. Big animal mouth, as on a hungry whale
90. Pasta or bread, to a snack-label reader, for short
91. Country between Iraq and Afghanistan on the map
93. Where you dive under the covers at lights-out
95. Wise advisor who seems to know the future
99. Alphabetical list of topics at the back of a book
100. Ocean that rolls in and out twice a day
101. Tiny building block of everything, studied in science class
103. Live on the radio right this second (2 wds.)
104. Cards that prove who you are, for short
105. "All systems ready - launch!" (3 wds.)
107. The tiniest bit ("not one ___")
108. Cut cleanly apart, like snipping a string
109. Shrug of a word meaning "eh, whatever"
110. Perfect score on a gymnastics routine
111. President with the initials of a New Deal: Abbr.

Down

7. Stubborn as a mule that will not budge
8. Collection of matching spoons, or a tennis unit
9. Vietnamese noodle soup you slurp happily
10. Knock on a door, or a style of spoken music
11. The opposite of good in a fairy tale
12. Hairy snow-creature of Himalayan legend
13. "Would you like a cookie?" is one
14. Studies hard for a quiz by reviewing notes (2 wds.)
15. Annoy, like a sibling humming off-key
16. Pacific Northwest state with lots of rainy forests
17. Language of ancient Rome that still hides in science words
18. Rub out a pencil mistake
22. Tiny picnic crashers that march in a line
28. Biggest artery leaving the heart (science class)
30. Capital city of Sudan, where the Blue and White Nile meet
33. Works hard, like bees in a hive
36. Blacken the marshmallow just a tad too much
37. Stars out of five on a movie review
38. Not brand-new, like a hand-me-down jacket
39. Hit the books before the big test
40. Blood group that starts with the letter before P (2 wds.)
42. Big smile that lights up a face, or a wooden ceiling bar
43. Cars, casually
45. Jump when the jack-in-the-box pops
48. Slow garden traveler with a spiral shell
50. Desert water spots that feel like magic
51. "___ amazing!" (2 wds.)
52. Beauty of the ball in a fairy tale
53. Crooked, like a picture hanging off-center
58. Greek letter that looks like an X
60. Head bob that means yes
66. Phone book abbr. before a number
69. Computer code for letters and symbols: Abbr.
70. Rise to your feet for the national anthem
71. Groups of elephants or cows roaming together
73. Fixes a story before it goes in the school paper
74. Things that change from one to the next, in math talk
76. Glittery city in the United Arab Emirates with a giant tower
78. Lab-tweaked crop, for short: Abbr.
81. Nickname for President Lincoln
82. Gutsy get-up-and-go spirit
84. Shiny pin a scout or detective wears
86. "___ my lawn!" (grumpy-neighbor classic) (2 wds.)
88. Got up from bed when the alarm buzzed
89. Got smaller, like a moon past full
92. Glowy gas in bright city signs
94. Three little marks that mean "and then..." (3 wds.)
96. Dark rocky hideout a bear might nap in
97. Legal claim on a house until a bill is paid
98. Makes little mistakes ("to ___ is human," plural-ish)
102. Blue-haired mom on The Simpsons
106. Neighborhood nearby ("new restaurants in ___") (2 wds.)
109. People of northeast China, or a dynasty kids meet in history
113. Very small version, like a tiny golf pencil

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112. Perfect gardens, as in old stories
113. What a baby bird peeps for at mealtime
116. Mama sheep in the meadow
118. Thick morning mist that hides the playground
119. Metal in a skillet, or a vitamin in spinach
120. Path between the seats at the movies
123. Boy's name that shortens Theodore
125. Classroom with beakers and safety goggles, for short
128. Lucky tennis bounce that ticks the tape and drops in (2 wds.)
130. Jumping-up-and-down happy
134. Fixed up and done all over again
137. Countdown style: "Ready ___..." (2 wds.)
138. Sharp Italian cheese you grate over pasta
139. Dream up wild schemes on a whiteboard
140. Rainforest bird with a giant colorful beak
141. Talkative bird that can copy your hello
142. Chubby seabird with a clown-bright beak

Down

114. "We ___ there yet?" (2 wds.)
115. Short saying a team or school lives by
117. Make broader, like stretching a smile
121. Big jump over a puddle
122. Ice-queen sister who sings in Frozen
124. What a leaky faucet keeps doing
125. Whole bread fresh from the bakery
126. Prefix meaning against
127. "Where have you ___?"
129. Grumpy fantasy creature from Tolkien
131. What you breathe, or a tune you hum
132. Sticky black stuff on a newly paved road
133. Sense of self that can get a little puffed up
135. Ending of a school's website address
136. Dictionary entry, for short

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