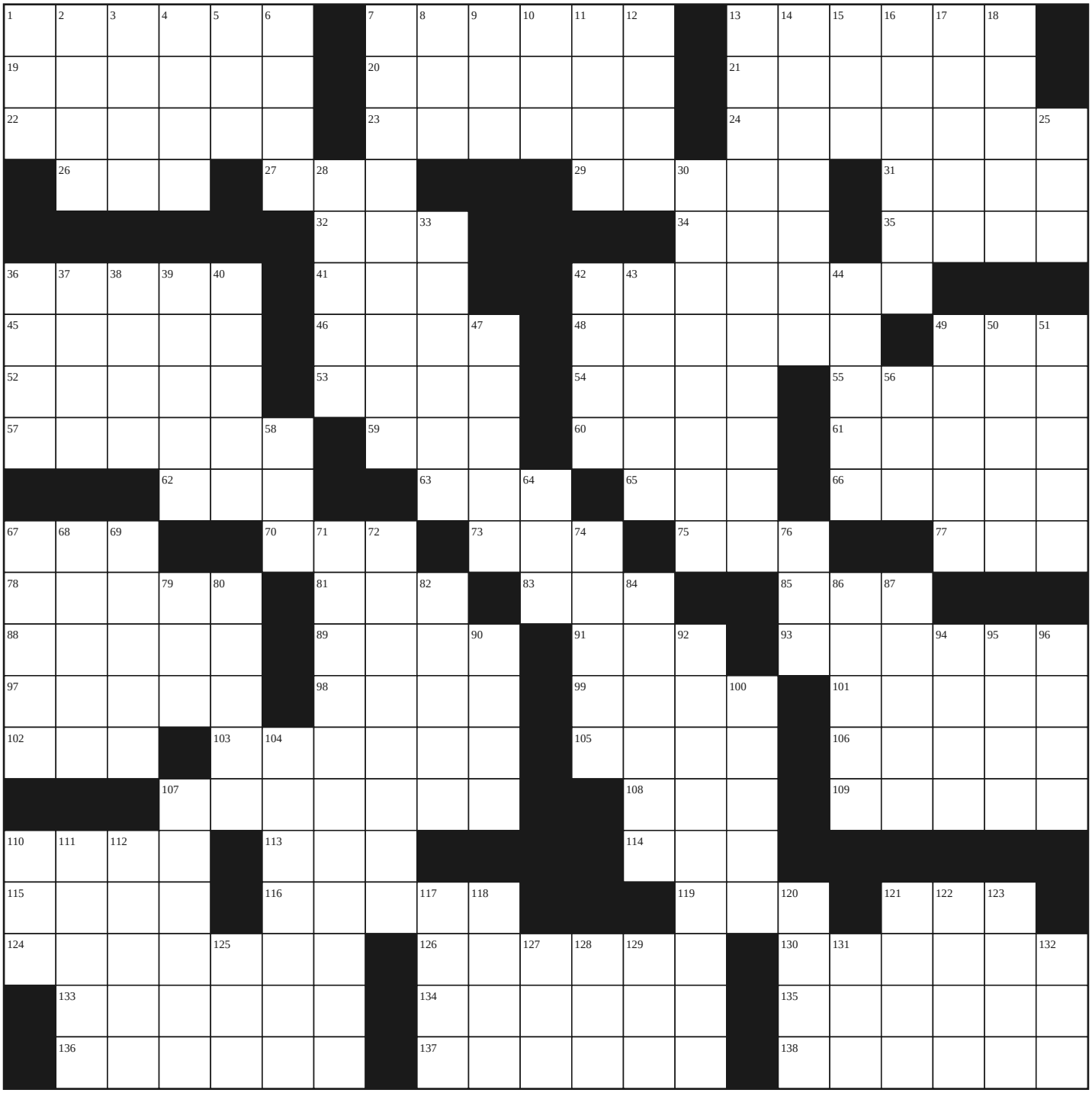
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Across

1. Shade of a ripe banana in the fruit bowl
7. Deep bluish-purple band in a rainbow, right after blue
13. Rainbow hue named for a little spring flower
19. One-celled pond creature that can change its shape as it moves
20. Crew member who works on the deck of a ship
21. Breathe in, as before blowing out birthday candles

Down

1. Little bark from an excited puppy
2. Flightless Australian birds with long, powerful legs
3. Understated music style, often with a soft beat
4. Opposite of right, on a map or a shoe
5. Wide sash tied at the back of a kimono
6. Wish for, as a gift on a birthday list

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22. Colorful seabird with a big triangular beak
23. Corners of a triangle, in a geometry lesson
24. More unpleasant, as a spoiled leftover smell
26. Take a chair
27. ___ chi (slow moving meditation)
29. Fizzy drinks you might pour at a picnic
31. Sicilian volcano visible from the island's east coast
32. Hwy. and blvd., on a map: Abbr.
34. Tear, as a piece of paper
35. Twig cup a bird builds for its eggs
36. Numbers on the back of a baseball card
41. Game cube with pips from one to six
42. Greatest player ever, in sports-talk slang
45. Clear step-by-step reasoning, as in a puzzle proof
46. Kid word for a little hurt on a scraped knee
48. Red suit in a deck of cards, shaped like little valentines
49. Droop in the middle, as an old couch cushion
52. Best effort, in the pep-talk phrase 'bring your ___'
53. Lab animals that might run a maze
54. This one's ___, when you pick up the snack tab
55. Racket that keeps you from hearing the teacher
57. Harbor where boats are tied up in neat rows
59. College entrance exam, for short
60. Standard quantity in a science or math problem
61. Coins used in France, Italy, and Germany after they joined the same currency
62. Last month of the year, for short
63. Mesh that catches a soccer ball
65. Tiny picnic crasher that marches in a line
66. Small brown songbirds that hop through hedges
67. Small battery size, in three letters
70. Ambulance crew, for short
73. Slang for 'excellent,' as a trick on a skateboard
75. Earth-science class, for short
77. Prefix meaning new
78. Threw with a wide arm swing, as a Frisbee
81. When a flight should get in, for short
83. Handheld sound pickup a singer leans toward, for short
85. Thing you turn to unlock a door
88. Of better quality, as a sharper pencil point
89. Lean, as a pinball table when you nudge it
91. Short looping image you might send in a chat
93. Loose cover-ups worn over clothes in art class
97. Split down the middle, as a sandwich shared equally
98. Great Lake that borders Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York
99. Words after 'at least,' when you give something a shot
101. Nope, not me, in two short words
102. Crosses out, as a wrong choice on a list
103. Network of rabbit burrows in a hillside
105. Group of three musicians who play together
106. Cone-shaped dwelling made with poles and hides
107. Currently fashionable, as a popular backpack style
108. Hospital ward for the most closely watched patients, for short
109. What you do at night when you finally close your eyes

Down

7. 'That is exactly what I told you earlier,' in four short words
8. Grandma, in some families
9. Turn up with a shovel, as a hole for a sapling
10. Feeling sick and staying home from school
11. Heads out, as a bus leaving the stop
12. 'About that many,' at the end of a guess
13. Tart oil-and-mustard dressing spooned over a salad
14. In a jam, as when homework and practice collide
15. Sounds you make when a magic trick actually works
16. Hidden for now, as a fingerprint waiting to be found
17. Top-level, as a championship team
18. Kids in the 13-to-19 range
25. Rodent that might nibble a crumb behind the fridge
28. Great enthusiasm, as for a new hobby
30. What you are doing when a nighttime story plays out in your head
33. Wheat protein often sliced and cooked like a cutlet
36. Shut loudly, as a door in a hurry
37. Draped robe worn in ancient Rome, in a history unit
38. Jelly-like stuff used to grow bacteria in a science lab
39. Shy and easily startled, as a deer at the edge of a yard
40. Setting of a play, shown on the stage
42. Old-fashioned 'you,' as in a Shakespeare play at school
43. Plant dye used for temporary reddish-brown patterns on skin
44. Brand-new looking, as a freshly cleaned coat
47. Chemistry compound made from an acid and an alcohol
49. Wailing alarm on a fire truck racing by
50. All together, as a choir hitting the same note
51. White primer a painter brushes on canvas before the color
56. Belonging to us
58. Highest card in a suit, in a simple deck
64. Soft Scotch cap with a pom-pom on top
67. Attach, as a stamp to an envelope
68. Skirt that flares gently from the waist, named for a letter
69. Sisters of your parents
71. Utility worker who checks how much power a house has used
72. Little sticks for swirling a cup of hot chocolate
74. Any of the ten symbols from 0 through 9
76. Gives the thumbs-up to, as a teacher with a permission slip
79. Opposite of old
80. Fully developed, as a tree that started as a sapling
82. Visitor from another planet, in a science-fiction tale
84. Acid found in oranges and lemons, in a chemistry class
86. Gives off, as light from a lamp
87. Sing with quick jumps in pitch, as in the Alps
90. Look after, as a garden through the summer
92. Classic stew of cut-up pieces served over rice
94. Manage, as a tough week of tests
95. Joint that bends when you crouch or jump
96. One stair in a flight leading to the porch
100. Word after 'I think,' in a helpful reminder
104. Sports player who trains hard for a team
107. Available for work right away, as a doctor overnight
110. Short poem that might praise a sunset
111. What you make up when you finally decide

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110. Country on the Arabian Peninsula, across the gulf from Iran
113. That girl's
114. Vehicle that might sit in the driveway
115. Flat circle you load into a player, like a CD or a DVD
116. Loop of rope a wrangler tosses to catch a calf
119. Mo. after Aug.
121. Street-ending letters on an address
124. Completely wrapped, as a gift inside a box
126. Tries a spoonful, as a cook checking the soup
130. Utterly miserable, as a total failure in a story
133. Thin out with water, as a too-strong juice
134. Ah, now it makes sense, in three short words
135. Strongly dislike, as a food you will not touch
136. Shiny second-place medal hue
137. Royal mix of red and blue paint
138. Deep reddish-brown of some school jerseys and autumn leaves

Down

112. Standard computer codes for letters and numbers, in tech class
117. Halt, as a bus at a red light
118. Hawaiian island that includes Honolulu
120. Tropical tree whose fronds rustle in a breeze
121. Slightly open, as a bedroom door at night
122. President's power to reject a bill from Congress
123. Sound that bounces back to you in a canyon
125. Roomy vehicle for a family road trip, briefly
127. Polite way to address a gentleman
128. Recipe amt. that is one-third of a tablespoon
129. Slippery long fish that wriggles like a ribbon
131. Snake that squeezes its prey, often spotted with a wide pattern
132. Number of fingers most people have

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