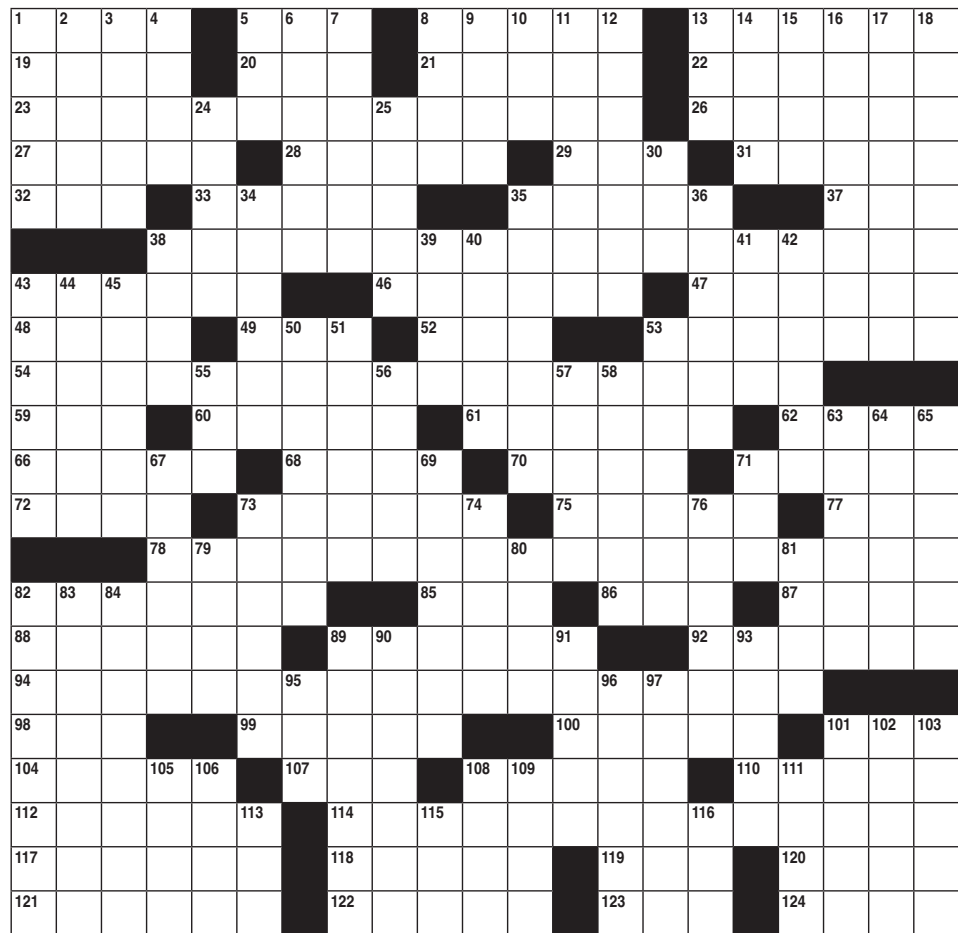


## READY, SET ... GETS LOW!

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Palindromic band with the palindromic song title "SOS"
- 5 Place for an oxygen tent, for short
- 8 A whole bunch
- 13 High-level H.S. math class
- 19 Exploit
- 20 Dandy
- 21 Like many barrels
- 22 "Yay!"
- 23 Cheer for beer on campus?
- 26 Milan-based fashion brand
- 27 Skate effortlessly
- 28 Put down in print
- 29 Part of a strip
- 31 West of Chicago
- 32 Discerning judgment
- 33 Author Calvino
- 35 Played the fall guy?
- 37 Half-\_\_\_\_ (rhyming order)
- 38 Hoot at an out-of-focus nature photograph?
- 43 Chicago university
- 46 Small three-legged table
- 47 Two-time best actor, 1954 and 1972
- 48 "\_\_\_\_ Old Cowhand" (Bing Crosby hit)
- 49 Put away briefly
- 53 Something populists revile
- 54 Antsy feeling when one is out of cellphone range?
- 59 Sport \_\_\_\_
- 60 One of the dames in 2018's "Tea With the Dames"
- 61 Like the lion slain by Hercules
- 62 Cans
- 66 "Tilted Arc" sculptor Richard
- 68 Jackie on the Hollywood Walk of Fame
- 70 Places to sleep
- 71 Spanish-omelet ingredient
- 72 Isaac's firstborn
- 73 Fought
- 75 Bête \_\_\_\_
- 77 Counterpart of frost
- 78 Where a demanding dockworker gets supplies?
- 82 Snack item with a salient anagram?
- 85 Word that's its own synonym in reverse
- 86 Symbol of danger or anger
- 87 Boot
- 88 Discriminating against elders
- 89 They've got talent
- 92 "Ditto!"
- 94 Landing in Rotterdam?
- 98 Curry or Rice
- 99 Snack items with their name on the top and bottom
- 100 Result of union negotiations, often
- 101 Lotion-bottle abbr.
- 104 Native seal hunter
- 107 Part of a college application, informally
- 108 Unfeeling
- 110 Roaster or toaster
- 112 It's not legal
- 114 Piano that plays only a certain three notes?
- 117 Slips
- 118 "Fingers crossed!"
- 119 Wrath
- 120 A long time ago
- 121 Willie Mays phrase
- 122 A little tight
- 123 Pseudoscientific subj.
- 124 Charon's river
- DOWN**
- 1 "Waste not, want not," e.g.
- 2 It has a button in the middle
- 3 Show to be untrue
- 4 Reason that some students struggle in school, for short
- 5 "\_\_\_\_ were you ..."
- 6 Joint effort, slangily
- 7 Requiring difficult pedaling, say
- 8 Exclusive
- 9 Phone
- 10 Pseudonymously
- 11 Manny's last name on "Modern Family"
- 12 Slip through
- 13 "Of course!"
- 14 Bill padding
- 15 Time out?
- 16 Stuffed and deep-fried rice balls, in Italian cuisine
- 17 Name-tag holders
- 18 Political system with a paramount leader
- 24 Vocal quintet?
- 25 More or less
- 30 Work well together
- 34 Translation of the French "vivre" or German "leben"
- 35 Rested
- 36 World capital settled by Vikings circa the ninth century
- 38 Scourge
- 39 Apt rhyme for "constrain"
- 40 Martin Sheen's real first name
- 41 Name of seven Danish kings
- 42 "Le \_\_\_\_," Matisse work that hung upside down at the Museum of Modern Art for 47 days
- 43 Neglect
- 44 Acts dramatically
- 45 Bakery/cafe chain



- 50 Like a bowl
- 51 Cheat, informally
- 53 Refusing to answer directly
- 55 Suggested intake level, for short
- 56 Glass fragment
- 57 Correct
- 58 "Two Sisters" or "Two Young Girls at the Piano"
- 63 Struck
- 64 Exceedingly
- 65 Site of a 1976 South African uprising
- 67 Quaintly countrified
- 69 Virtual animals in an early 2000s fad
- 71 "\_\_\_\_ Got the Whole World in His Hands"
- 73 Attended
- 74 Alternative to a snake
- 76 They catch waves
- 79 Nickname on "The Addams Family"
- 80 Shakespeare's "You, too?"
- 81 Bugs Bunny, e.g.
- 82 Sob stories
- 83 Christina of pop
- 84 "Here, move over"
- 89 Not much at all
- 90 Trattoria dumplings
- 91 New England fish
- 93 Dork
- 95 "Catch-22" pilot
- 96 Cloth that may get a lot of tears
- 97 Handy types
- 101 Meager
- 102 Walker \_\_\_\_, 1962 National Book Award winner
- 103 Shipping option
- 105 Sundance state
- 106 Place for un béret
- 108 Concessions
- 109 It beats a deuce
- 111 Stock sounds
- 113 Bit of sun
- 115 Short flight
- 116 Informal affirmative

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