

SHIFTING SOUNDS

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Smashing
  - 6 Wide-eyed in wonder
  - 10 Woofer output
  - 14 Casual vodka order
  - 19 Bubbling
  - 20 Pricey
  - 21 Alma mater of Grant and Lee: Abbr.
  - 22 Board-game piece
  - 23 Dog's order at a malt shop?
  - 25 The "day" in "seize the day"
  - 26 "Arrival" visitor
  - 27 You can see right through it
  - 28 Part of H.M.S.
  - 29 "Game of Thrones" patriarch has difficulties?
  - 32 Zora Neale Hurston's "\_\_\_ Eyes Were Watching God"
  - 34 Stand-up comic Kondabolu
  - 35 Drum heard in raga music
  - 36 Creator of Christopher Robin
  - 38 Beat out by a hair
  - 40 Big name in ratings
  - 44 Male sailors
  - 45 Words of affirmation
  - 47 Upscale
  - 48 Android alternative
  - 49 \_\_\_ Mahal
  - 51 Kind of diet
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- 53 Chest muscle, informally
  - 54 The "S" of 48-Across
  - 58 Advised a chess player to attack the king?
  - 65 Spanish unit of time with a tilde
  - 66 Yoda, to Luke
  - 67 Shows as an encore presentation
  - 68 A fingerprint can leave one
  - 70 Cell no., say
  - 71 Strips of weapons
  - 72 Coming from two speakers
  - 73 Frequent choice for maid of honor
  - 75 Deg. for an aspiring attorney abroad
  - 76 Part of Disney's advertising budget?
  - 78 How some pranks might go
  - 82 Constellation with a palindromic name
  - 83 Scat syllable for Sinatra
  - 84 Hula loop
  - 86 Academy Award winner for "Moonlight" and "Green Book"
  - 87 Dr. Seuss character who becomes "King of the Mud"
  - 91 Sushi condiment
  - 95 Birds that can recognize themselves in mirrors
  - 99 Beyond sad, or beyond happy
  - 101 Some piercing spots
  - 102 Categorically stated
- DOWN**
- 1 Comedian Mort
  - 2 Instrument from the French for "high wood"
  - 3 Bad shot by Dracula?
  - 4 Affinity
  - 5 Lacking originality
  - 6 Follower
  - 7 Prepare, with "up"
  - 8 Symbol of sturdiness
  - 9 \_\_\_ launcher
  - 10 Close pals
  - 11 "Yeah, right!"
  - 12 Process, as ore
- 103 Indubitably
  - 105 Bellybutton fluff
  - 106 Bordeaux wine region
  - 107 Decisively defeat a cabinet department?
  - 111 Musical knack
  - 112 Share on social media
  - 115 Like a zealous fan base
  - 116 School attended by 20 prime ministers
  - 117 Feeling one gets under anesthesia at the dentist?
  - 120 Rat in "Ratatouille"
  - 121 Word before or after run
  - 122 Memo heading
  - 123 Prize for a doc, maybe
  - 124 Stick a fork in
  - 125 Weapon with a bell guard
  - 126 Loathsome person
  - 127 Indira Gandhi's father
- 13 Language with only 14 native letters
  - 14 He made his final cameo in "Avengers: Endgame"
  - 15 Spilled one's soul
  - 16 '30s migrant
  - 17 Unwelcome look
  - 18 Places to exchange dollars for quarters
  - 24 Stand out from the crowd
  - 30 Little bits of energy
  - 31 Competitor of eBay
  - 33 Tree that lines the Central Park Mall
  - 34 Debut single for both Jimi Hendrix and Patti Smith
  - 36 Flaws and all
  - 37 Shout for 44-Across
  - 39 Put off for another day
  - 41 Building caretakers
  - 42 Higher-ups in a hierarchy
  - 43 Part of a guitar
  - 46 One on the road in "On the Road"
  - 50 Maker of Instant Feathers and Hi-Speed Tonic
  - 52 Laura of "Marriage Story"
  - 55 Does some broncobusting, e.g.
  - 56 Accustom (to)
  - 57 Broadband device
  - 59 Loosen, in a way
  - 60 Banned display of firepower, informally
  - 61 Conductor Georg with 31 Grammys
  - 62 Passed out in Vegas
  - 63 Gambino crime family patriarch
  - 64 Attractive but vacuous guy, in slang
  - 68 Mary, Queen of Scots, e.g.
  - 69 Prod
  - 71 Prod
  - 72 Philosopher Kierkegaard
  - 73 "Salud!" cousin
  - 74 Heed an army poster
  - 76 "Will you allow me to demonstrate?"
  - 77 Plane-ticket info
  - 79 Comfy seating at a carnival?
  - 80 Downwind, at sea
  - 81 New England art inst.
  - 85 "Mind. Blown."
  - 88 Shot served with salt and lime
  - 89 Clean
  - 90 Lexicographer Partridge
  - 92 Singer Knowles with a 2016 No. 1 album
  - 93 Ever so slightly
  - 94 Perk from work
  - 96 Tex who animated Bugs Bunny
  - 97 Diploma equivalent, in brief
  - 98 Make an engaging offer?
  - 100 British spy Christopher in 2016 news
  - 104 Legally prohibit
  - 107 Parisian equivalent to "molto" or "muy"
  - 108 Increase, with "up"
  - 109 Stage prize since 1956
  - 110 It distinguishes meaning in many East Asian languages
  - 111 Fitch of Abercrombie & Fitch
  - 113 Red carpet interviewee
  - 114 Traffic-sign word
  - 118 Card-game call
  - 119 Sun follower?

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