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WORD LADDERS

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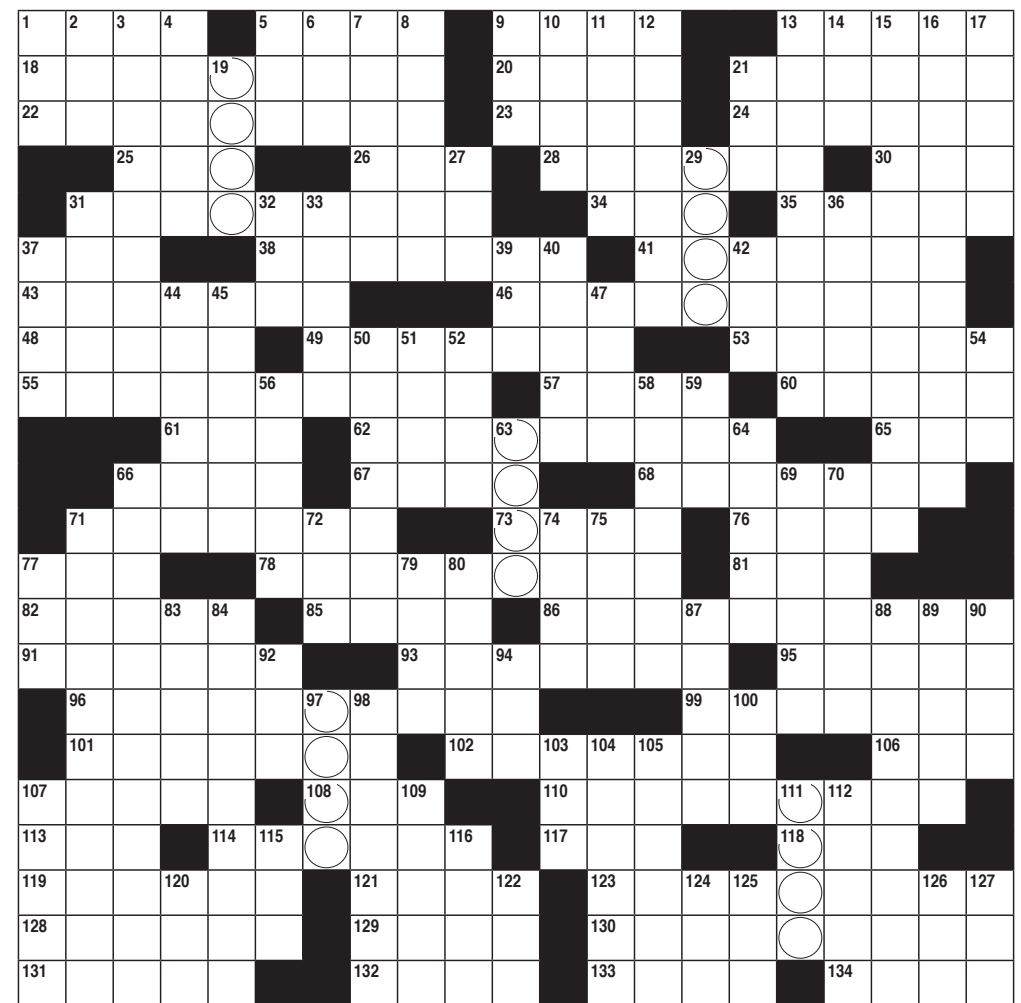
- 1 Something blurred to avoid trademark infringement
- 5 "Well, that's ridiculous!"
- 9 One method of coffee-making
- 13 Fully intends to
- 18 Reason for people to hide
- 20 Bit of ancient text
- 21 Home of Roma
- 22 Expert on nutrition
- 23 Bantering remark
- 24 Feature of Captain Ahab
- 25 Many M.I.T. grads: Abbr.
- 26 End of many a name on the periodic table
- 28 Doctor's hand covering
- 30 Tokyo, before it was Tokyo
- 31 Not wanted
- 34 Pop star Grande, to fans
- 35 French movie theaters
- 37 "Ki-i-i-i-nda"
- 38 "You're on!"
- 41 Black-market, say
- 43 Occasion for male bonding, in modern lingo
- 46 Pressing need when on the go?
- 48 Part of a media-sales team, informally
- 49 "Agreed"
- 53 Philosopher who tutored Nero
- 55 Message made with cutout letters, stereotypically
- 57 Chowder ingredient
- 60 Game in which each player starts with a score of 501
- 61 West Bank grp.
- 62 Social-media avatar, for short
- 65 Thing given as a concession
- 66 Castle defense
- 67 Nobel winner Morrison
- 68 One who has a lot to offer?
- 71 Yellow variety of quartz
- 73 Norse troublemaker

- 76 Spotted
- 77 Fenway team, familiarly
- 78 "However hard I try . . ."
- 81 Child-care expert LeShan
- 82 Parts of ziggurats
- 85 Twin of Jacob in the Bible
- 86 Lifetime-achievement ceremonies, e.g.
- 91 Bequeaths
- 93 Difference between dark and light, in a way
- 95 Bacterium in some raw meat
- 96 Center of a cobbler
- 99 Clorox cleanser
- 101 Leaves alone
- 102 Uses a modern engine
- 106 Kenan's partner on an old sitcom
- 107 The "L" of B.L.M.
- 108 "Geaux Tigers!" sch.
- 110 Love of money, per I Timothy 6:10
- 113 Brand of nail polish
- 114 Appeasing
- 117 School closing?
- 118 One of the former Big Three information services, along with CompuServe and Prodigy
- 119 Words from a present giver
- 121 Sweetheart, in Rome
- 123 "That one's mine!"
- 128 Word often confused with "least"
- 129 Frenzied
- 130 Sweet Mexican dessert
- 131 Backsides, to Brits
- 132 Certain sneak
- 133 Caesar's accusation
- 134 Like a fox

Down

- 1 Counterculture drug, for short
- 2 Geneva accord?
- 3 Newbie

- 4 Chose
- 5 Bit of butter
- 6 Govt. org. with the motto "Fidelity, Bravery, Integrity"
- 7 Dramatic touches
- 8 Comedian Judy
- 9 Nickname for basketball star Julius Erving
- 10 Is sorry about
- 11 Photo-sharing app, familiarly
- 12 14th-century king of Aragon
- 13 Written using an outline
- 14 Witch
- 15 Basketball star nicknamed "The Answer"
- 16 Kind of test with unproven accuracy
- 17 Largest city of Nigeria
- 19 Word ladder, Part 1
- 21 Big milestone for a start-up
- 27 Slangy "I messed up"
- 29 Word ladder, Part 2
- 31 Old food-label std.
- 32 Where an auto racer retires?
- 33 Enjoyed home cooking, say
- 36 "I Love It" duo ____ Pop
- 37 Letter-shaped beam
- 39 When repeated, king of Siam's refrain in "The King and I"
- 40 Result of peace talks
- 42 Some smartphones
- 44 Oppressive ruler
- 45 Lacking + or -, electrically
- 47 "____ and Janis" (comic)
- 50 Whirlybirds
- 51 Óscar's "other"
- 52 Gas that's lighter than air
- 54 Nile danger
- 56 Fire in "Jane Eyre," e.g.
- 58 Like most lions



- 59 Mrs., abroad
- 63 Word ladder, Part 3
- 64 Subsided
- 66 **** and *****, say
- 69 Where to find some cliff-hangers?
- 70 Unpopular legislation of 1773
- 71 N.F.L. referee, at the start of overtime
- 72 ____ Valley (San Francisco area)
- 74 Gem that's also a name
- 75 New Zealander
- 77 Start of some Quebec place names: Abbr.
- 79 French filmmaker Jacques

- 80 Celebrity chef Eddie
- 83 Way to go
- 84 Hot-cocoa brand
- 87 Sublease
- 88 "Be sharp!"
- 89 Frequent tabloid cover subject
- 90 Spot for a houseplant
- 92 Letters on a Cardinal's cap
- 94 Greenpeace or the W.W.F., for short
- 97 Word ladder, Part 4
- 98 Optimistic assertion
- 100 "____ Beso," Paul Anka hit
- 103 Prospector's find

- 104 Start streaming, e.g.
- 105 Internet meme with grammatically incorrect captions
- 107 Shower scrubber
- 109 Eel, on a sushi menu
- 111 Word ladder, Part 5
- 112 Prospectors' finds
- 115 Mel of baseball
- 116 Understand, informally
- 120 Clarifying word on a school-reunion name tag
- 122 Tinder bio info
- 124 Amazon worker
- 125 "Kill Bill" co-star Lucy
- 126 Jazz composer Beiderbecke
- 127 Like a fox

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