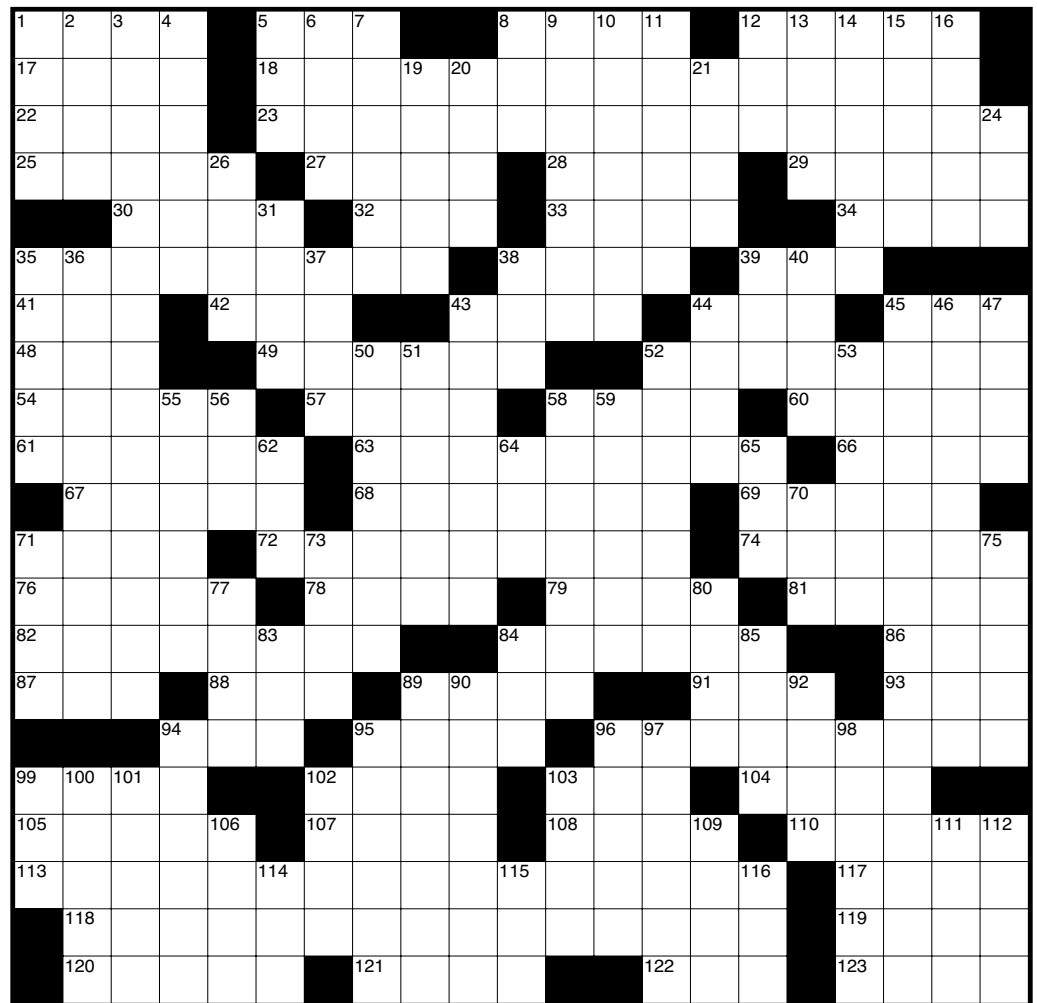


What Are You, a Comedian?

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- 1 Some belly laughs
- 5 Embryos, earlier
- 8 Overload safeguard
- 12 “___ sight, man!”
- 17 Poet’s pitch
- 18 Comic’s opening bit?
- 22 About 17 football fields
- 23 Odd reason to do standup?
- 25 Accelerator
- 27 Modena money, once
- 28 Seed coat, or 27 Across spelled backwards
- 29 City of N France
- 30 Get-rich-quick scheme, often
- 32 Place for dyeing
- 33 Spigoted servers
- 34 ___-do-well
- 35 Peeper-thwarting
- 38 Antlered beast
- 39 92 Down for gas economy
- 41 Celeb
- 42 Passing time?
- 43 Belonging to Li'l Abner
- 44 Pirate’s playground
- 45 Hse.-call makers, once
- 48 Parent co. of Sheraton, ___ Corp.
- 49 Tie type
- 52 Mulcahy of *M*A*S*H*
- 54 Actor Hawke
- 57 Old zither-like instrument (backwards, a girl’s name)
- 58 Pryor’s ’do, once
- 60 Concealed
- 61 Propositions
- 63 Surefire, as a standup’s material?
- 66 Very excited
- 67 First name in cosmetics
- 68 Thinks
- 69 Wedding accompaniment
- 71 Wine city
- 72 “Make me laugh,” etc.?
- 74 Half of a funny movie duo
- 76 Bucky Beaver’s 1950s toothpaste
- 78 Asian nation
- 79 Anatomical network
- 81 Ex-Attorney General Ed
- 82 Iditarod needs
- 84 City or state in S India
- 86 Abbr. for a late listing
- 87 Dug in, perhaps
- 88 Televised Tour, familiarly
- 89 Grand ___
- 91 Check-cashing reqmts.
- 93 Concealed
- 94 “Darn Hot” lead-in
- 95 Wilbur’s TV chit-chat
- 96 Cats and dogs make them
- 99 Step into the surf
- 102 Alert people are on them
- 103 The way, in China
- 104 Playwright Connelly
- 105 As ___ (generally)
- 107 Habit
- 108 It means “all”
- 110 Mr. Sulu portrayer



- 113 Considers being a standup?
 - 117 Societal sicknesses
 - 118 Standup’s Microsoft shtick?
 - 119 It heads out on the highway
 - 120 Keep ___ on (watch)
 - 121 Like a well
 - 122 Wild finish?
 - 123 Winged child
- ## DOWN
- 1 Rope material
 - 2 Officer who arrested Arlo in his *Alice’s Restaurant* tale
 - 3 Stays on too long?
 - 4 Play for the impatient
 - 5 Not working
 - 6 Bass ___
 - 7 Pull up out front
 - 8 Tsk-tsk, old-style
 - 9 Double-dot marks
 - 10 Scotsman’s purse
 - 11 Dr. J
 - 12 *Miel*-loving beast
 - 13 Defunct grid org.
 - 14 The key to comedy
 - 15 Transparent linen
 - 16 It may be nicely turned, or twisted
 - 19 Prize for Stern
 - 20 What I saw
 - 21 South American electrifiers
 - 24 Always, to the Bard
 - 26 Letterman’s time
 - 31 Cougar, e.g., for short
 - 35 Of Saigon’s land, in 1960s headlines
 - 36 Request from a standup who’s in the dark?
 - 37 ___ avis
 - 38 Obedience school word
 - 39 “Hand ___ towel”
 - 40 Broadway Joe
 - 43 Injury inflictors
 - 44 “Out!”
 - 45 British comic during the 1980s?*
 - 46 Performed as a standup?
 - 47 Like a wetsuit’s fit
 - 50 ___ a house
 - 51 West Indian whammy
 - 52 Have a ___ bear
 - 53 The L of 13 Down
 - 55 Actors John and Sean
 - 56 Born
 - 58 Kiwi
 - 59 Brigitte’s brothers
 - 62 TV show chunk: abbr.
 - 64 Pitiful
 - 65 ___-de-rol
 - 70 Butt
 - 71 Ethiopian of opera fame
 - 73 Gershwin portrayer
 - 75 Juiciest parts, usually
 - 77 Kal-Kan rival
 - 80 Ontario-N.Y. divider
 - 83 Inner attitude
 - 84 Intro to term or sentence
 - 85 Dutch treat?
 - 89 To take, to 59 Down
 - 90 Work like an elixir
 - 92 Record bk. datum
 - 94 “Mommy, ___ a story”
 - 95 Pulled a “revealing” prank
 - 96 Entire range
 - 97 Singer Milsap
 - 98 Encomium’s point
 - 99 Fem. flyer in the military
 - 100 Betel nut palm
 - 101 Expected by
 - 102 Chowderhead
 - 103 Bean curd
 - 106 Spot
 - 109 The Dew Drop and the Dolly Wright, e.g.
 - 111 Sailor’s saint
 - 112 Nature goddess
 - 114 Letter before ar and ess
 - 115 Dandy
 - 116 “Are we having fun ___?”
- * The answer to this clue was a member of Reagan’s Cabinet.
- * PUZZLE FANS ! ***
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