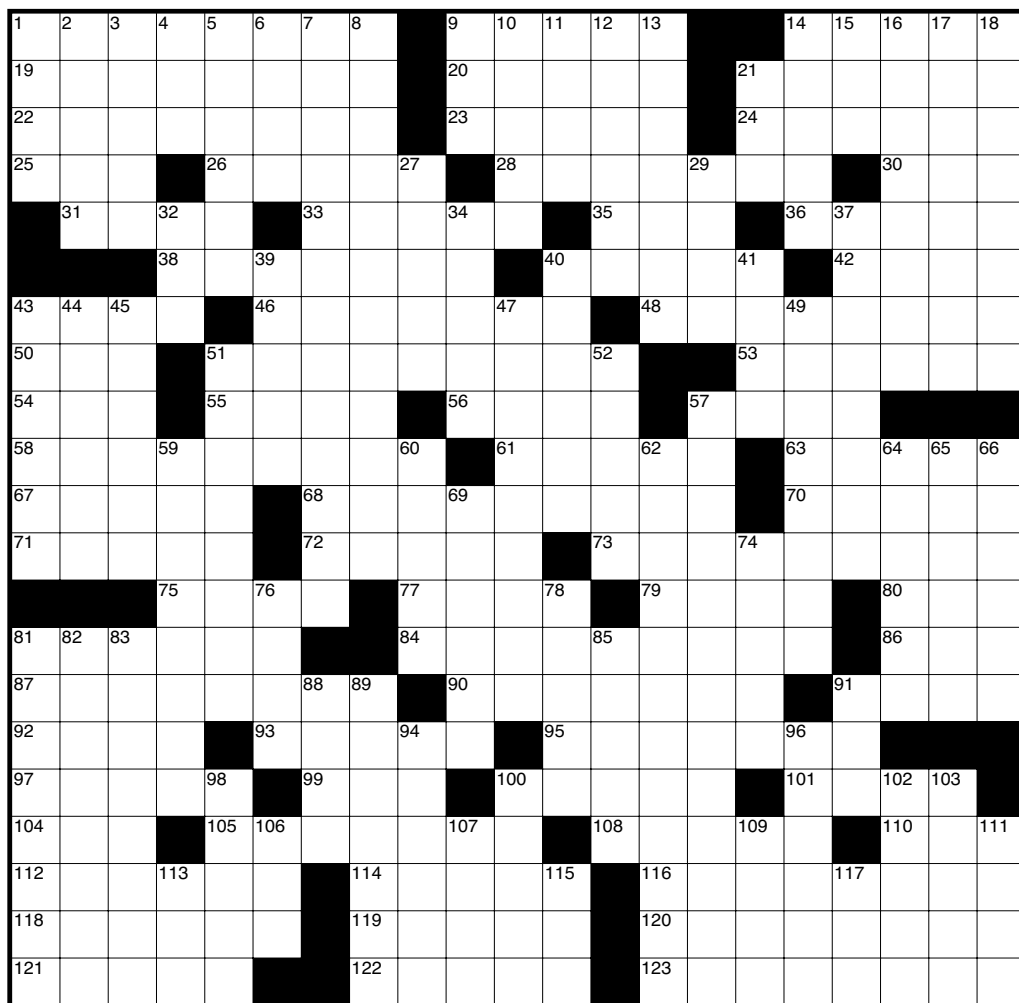


# Choice Words

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## ACROSS

- 1 Hard to pronounce
- 9 "Bones" on the *Enterprise*
- 14 Landing-in-fog aid
- 19 Make lawful
- 20 Chicago hub
- 21 Where Ambrose Bierce disappeared
- 22 Creator of Rosemary Woodhouse
- 23 Southwestern sights
- 24 Like a short play
- 25 Fruit stone
- 26 Govt.-run oil agency of 21 Across
- 28 Baseball field, in the city
- 30 \_\_\_ culpa
- 31 It's in the bog
- 33 Pigmented eye layers
- 35 1989 auto debut
- 36 Get used (to)
- 38 Straw hats
- 40 Stiller's long-time partner
- 42 "What am I getting \_\_\_?"
- 43 In a position (to)
- 46 Suzanne on *Three's Company*
- 48 One who goes over copy
- 50 "This is as far as \_\_\_"
- 51 Abrupt speech patterns
- 53 They work on comics
- 54 Old French coin
- 55 Sampling of opinion
- 56 Dispirited
- 57 Racing's "Brickyard," briefly
- 58 The \_\_\_ the law
- 61 Printed again
- 63 Perform some alpine or Opry music
- 67 Mystery writers' award
- 68 Consequently
- 70 Withered woman
- 71 Witness, in the Bible
- 72 Israel's Shimon
- 73 Bakery workers
- 75 Soda can features
- 77 Banking conveniences, commonly
- 79 Too much, to Toulouse
- 80 Alert of a sort
- 81 Top \_\_\_ (star)
- 84 Game show prize
- 86 "May \_\_\_ excused?"
- 87 TV cop on wheels
- 90 How Oz appears in the 1939 film, as opposed to Kansas
- 91 British gun
- 92 Liven (up)
- 93 Beddy-bye time
- 95 Actor Peter of *A Shock to the System*
- 97 Prop for Rogers
- 99 Certain paper size: abbr.
- 100 Electricity wizard
- 101 Distinctive appearance
- 104 Outstanding
- 105 Former *60 Minutes* guy
- 108 *Snuffy Smith* young'un
- 110 White House monogram
- 112 \_\_\_ land (battle zone)
- 114 Blue shades



- 116 Rising and falling regularly
- 118 He played Mingo on *Daniel Boone*
- 119 Bonkers
- 120 The Devil's disciples
- 121 Madrid mister
- 122 Remove certain organs from
- 123 Secretaries, at times

## DOWN

- 1 Movie promo
- 2 Tear anew
- 3 Semiprecious stone
- 4 Presidential nickname
- 5 Introduction to a maniac?
- 6 Phony-baloney
- 7 Astronomer's projections
- 8 "Open 24 Hours"
- 9 Soccer \_\_\_
- 10 Mind game
- 11 Hermosillo home
- 12 C source
- 13 Response to "Will you take out the trash?"
- 14 Oscar de la \_\_\_
- 15 Budget cutter?
- 16 Mitsubishi model
- 17 He takes the prize
- 18 Certain muscles
- 21 Pastoral sound
- 27 Desertlike
- 29 Knowledge

- 32 Mr. Vigoda
- 34 State in NE India
- 37 *Bewitched* co-star
- 39 32 Down, for one
- 40 Magoo and others
- 41 Tennis score
- 43 Usher's domain
- 44 Chuck Berry classic, "Johnny \_\_\_"
- 45 Bar with comfortable chairs
- 47 Grocers of old
- 49 Cockney of the comics
- 51 Peloponnesus power brokers, once
- 52 IHOP dispenserful
- 57 In the form of a question
- 59 Places for fuel
- 60 Unit of capacitance
- 62 Not right now
- 64 "Easy \_\_\_!"
- 65 Put your clothes on
- 66 Fall off
- 69 Cut a little, again
- 74 \_\_\_ patterns (eye art)
- 76 Crawlers in a can, for example
- 78 "\_\_\_ bleu!"
- 81 Air show attractions
- 82 Long-distance number
- 83 Greenland settler
- 85 Slightly wet
- 88 Secluded valley
- 89 Home of Lamb and Woolf

- 91 The Simpsons disco guy
- 94 Prize for the wall
- 96 Almost never
- 98 "For sale by \_\_\_"
- 100 Rib
- 102 Bonn's river
- 103 Assertive one, perhaps
- 106 Fool
- 107 Makes deletions
- 109 Make deletions
- 111 Actress Harper of *Tender Mercies*
- 113 Part of a Latin conjugation
- 115 The Red or the White
- 117 Chop (off)

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