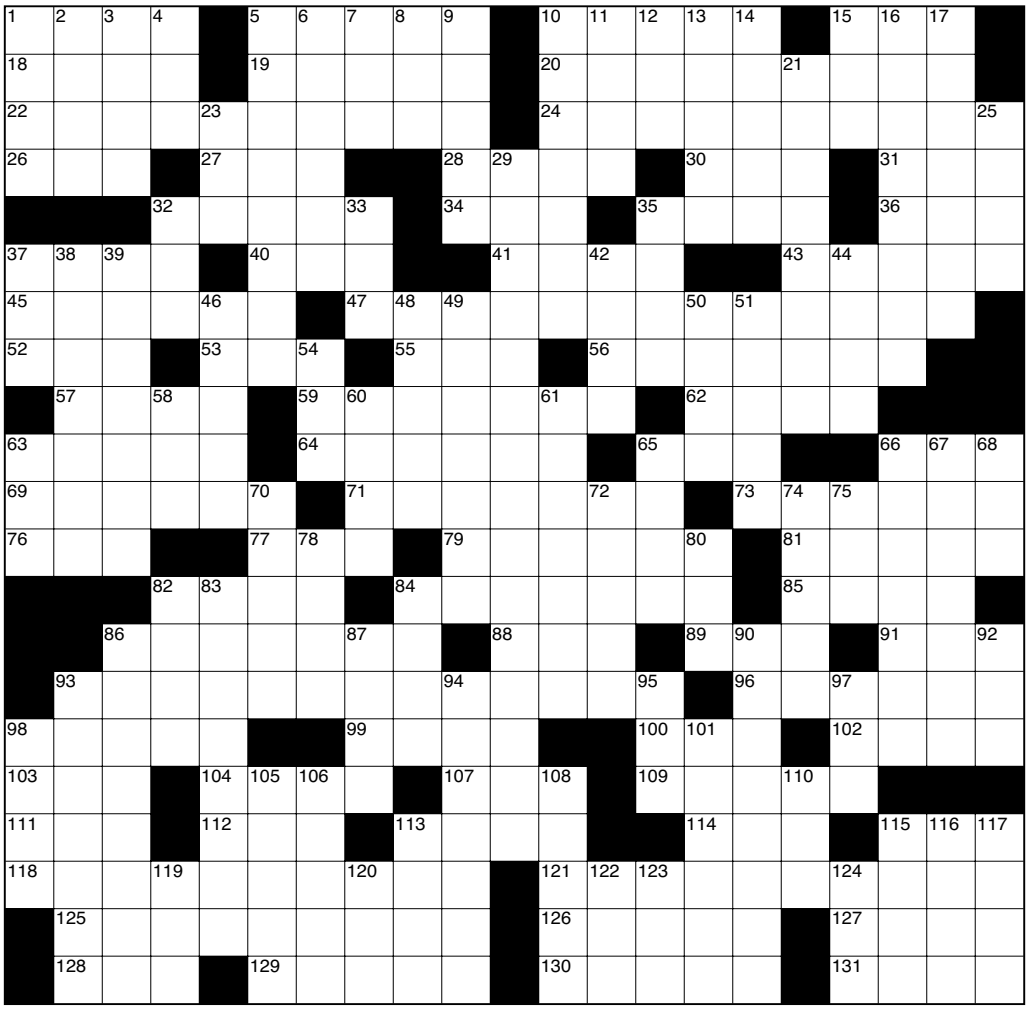
Politeness Quotient

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1 Throw or threw
5 Frost prefix
10 Letters on CDs
15 Govt. org. that helps entrepreneurs
18 Prizm or Probe
19 Egg-shaped (or, to applaud?)
20 Builds
22 Dance royalty
24 Meeklings?
26 Syrup source
27 Expensive pot
28 Golf event
30 *Aujourd'*___ (today, in Tours)
31 United rival
32 Woman's hat
34 Bluegrass genus
35 Ranch paper
36 Electrical unit
37 18th-century essayist
40 Shipping co.
41 P and Q followers
43 Lovable older relatives
45 Eastwood film, ___ *Billy*
47 Country pleasures
52 *Heidi* backdrop
53 Young rapper briefly
55 Actress Joanne
56 Verbal nouns
57 Here, to Hernan
59 Everest guides
62 Attractive
63 Tobacco preparation
64 Slain
65 Charged particle
66 Home of Arthur the aardvark?
69 Incompetents
71 Theme of this puzzle
73 Daisy's bike
76 Dickens
77 Speculations
79 Summer déjà vu
81 ___ *vin*
82 Water pitcher
84 British P.M., 1908-16
85 Spheres
86 Typewriter rollers
88 Money Dept.
89 Nat'l Poetry Month
91 ___ disadvantage
93 Preparatory classes
96 Bayer rival
98 Blacksmith
99 Chinese unit of weight
100 Give the wrong final answer, for example
102 Stimulate
103 It comes after aster
104 Affliction ending
107 Pilot's worry: abbr.
109 Certain subway
111 Knife for Nanook
112 Wonder words
113 In addition
114 Min. div.
115 Amazement
118 Adjective for novels like *The Three Musketeers*
121 Area well-known to students?
125 Cheerleading groups
126 So long
127 Ped ___
128 Flying course?
129 Gallic noggins
130 Salon job
131 Sea swirl

DOWN

1 Tops for bottles or batters
2 Heavenly highlight
3 Start of a Supremes hit
4 Waits at a record store?
5 "How come, Henri?"
6 Bring into balance
7 Title character Norma
8 It comes in handy if you're a lookout: abbr.
9 A fabulist guy
10 Placate
11 Leg area
12 Medit. island
13 "Steady ___ goes"
14 Temper
15 Take to court
16 ___ head against the wall
17 "... ___ you can do for your country"
21 Know-it-all
23 Status follower
25 Hill and Houston
29 Pointers on animals?
32 Binary two
33 Trick of the mind
35 Frank Herbert epic
37 Alley assn.
38 Florida tourist mecca
39 Teacher's surprise
42 Labels
44 Gergen, to Clinton
46 *From Here to Eternity* star
48 Idyllic spots
49 In ___ (late with payment)
50 Bond foe
51 One of five, briefly
54 Scary drug
58 Mystery craft
60 Beer ingredients
61 Joan Baez classic, "Diamonds ___"
63 Blood relative
65 "This ___ the time or place"
66 Peter Schickele's alter-ego
67 Little animal
68 Dallas univ.
70 Seven, in Seville
72 Indubitably
74 Squirrel's find
75 Negating word
78 Part of AM/FM
80 ___ Na Na
82 Robt. ___
83 Samurai
84 Geographical giant
86 Creates
87 Pecan, pine, pistachio e.g.
90 "Because, Brigitte!"
92 Bug or suffix
93 Marlowe and Morris
94 Lacking a large body of water
95 Choice: abbr.
97 Piercing tool
98 Pea or potato leek
101 Betsy and artist Bob
105 On ___ (secretly)
106 Copy
108 Up ___ (good as usual)
110 Puncture opening
113 River of SE France
115 Overly scientific, as writing
116 Make (one's way)
117 Envelope-pushing
119 Hairy Hollywood heavy
120 Chewed Mideast stimulant
122 Palindromic ex-leader
123 Head of a dog?
124 Mike Myers movie, *So I Married an* ___ *Murderer*

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