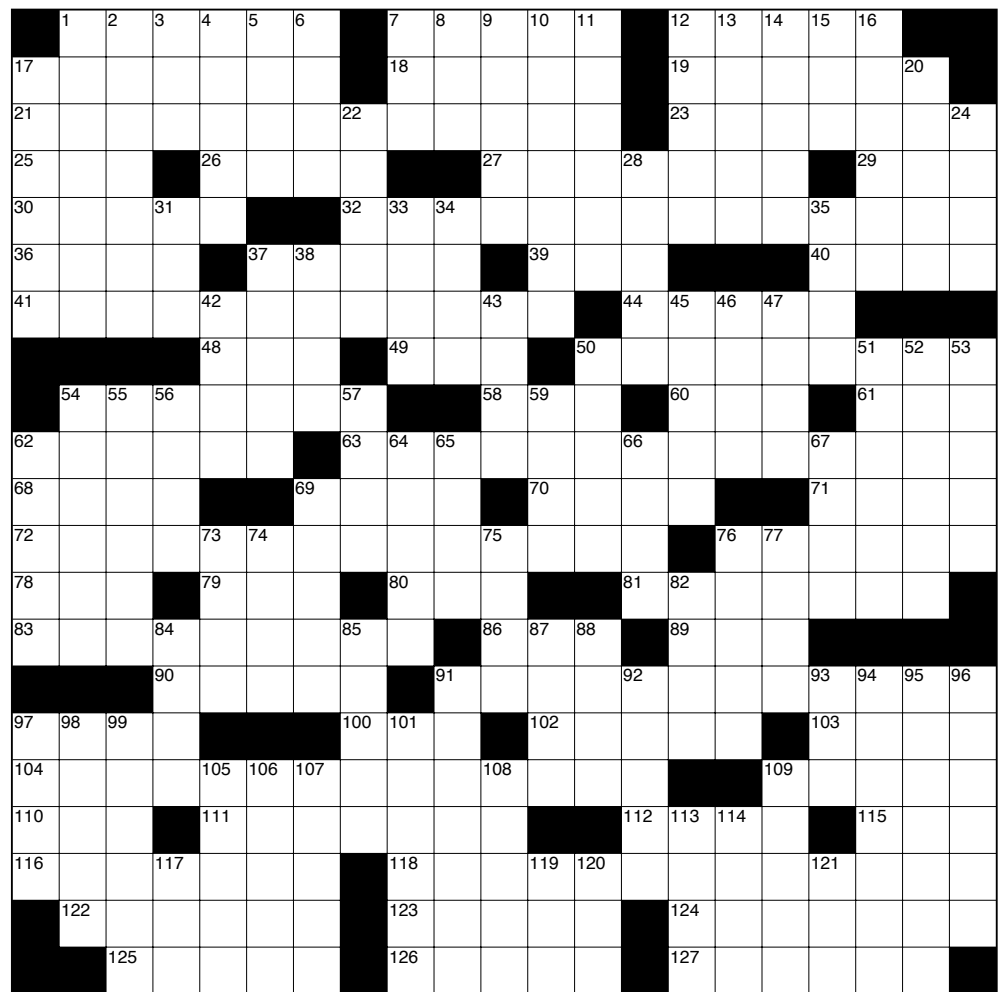


Homophone Syllables *by Merl Reagle*

ACROSS

- 1 Imagined
 7 Iraq's second largest city
 12 Cousin of a clog
 17 More like fresh cake
 18 Elroy's dog
 19 See 12 Down
 21 Category the Pentagon uses instead of "other"?
 23 Separates
 25 Old electrical unit that's 31 Down backward
 26 Tributes in verse
 27 Self-serving aims, often
 29 Test, as patience
 30 Back, as a horse
 32 Process of growing grass for cows?
 36 Inauguration recital
 37 Padre's compadre, e.g.
 39 Grate stuff
 40 Actress Hathaway
 41 Habit of giving your word to everybody but never keeping it?
 44 Performs deep-tissue manipulation on
 48 Subj. with projects
 49 "Livin' Thing" band
 50 Social system under which nothing ever gets better?
 54 NASCAR city, ___ Beach
 58 Knife for Nanook
 60 Shoe part
 61 Intro to "you're swell"
 62 Best
 63 The fan mail that backup "singers get?"
 68 Erstwhile GM brand
 69 Sow chow
 70 Some with controversial salaries
 71 Tawdry gossip
 72 Organically grown herbal medicines?
 76 Subsides
 78 Beehive State athlete
 79 Clinger to a hiker's sock
 80 This may shock you
 81 Peptic rival
 83 Of an age when pork and mutton were pretty much all you ate?
 86 The Braves, on scoreboards
 89 Cigarette hazard
 90 Odometer button
 91 Having a sweet taste that kind of sneaks up on you?
 97 Away from the wind
 100 Carrere of "True Lies"
 102 It has a wet floor
 103 Word after glom
 104 Contemptuous of rubdowns done by women?
 109 Slow critter
 110 Band buy
 111 Thrusting move, in fencing
 112 Ludacris song, "___ Fool"
 115 Radical '70s grp.
 116 Some perfect throws
 118 Pertaining to puzzle events that benefit charities?
 122 NutraSweet's developer
 123 Skunk's defence
 124 Fully grasp



- 125 Type of rehab
 126 Percussion instruments
 127 Group with a whip
- ## DOWN
- 1 Auctioneer's query
 2 Pasta alternative
 3 Priest's ending
 4 Plant's ending
 5 Rummy laydown
 6 "Eater" of Charlie Brown's kite
 7 Intro to "is it hot!"
 8 Sugar suffix
 9 Summer ermine
 10 "Well, you go ___ and I'll go mine" (Groucho)
 11 Perennial failures
 12 With 19 Across, an oil-rich nation
 13 Ball's guy
 14 Model airplane wood
 15 Samurai's sash
 16 Internationally popular comic book character created by Belgian artist Hergé
 17 Hanson's smash single of 1997
 20 Rubber hub
 22 Molded jelly
 24 Lang follower
 28 P.M. whose jacket caught on
 31 Resistance unit
 33 Malaria symptom
 34 Potting need
 35 Hit with a stun gun
 37 Tie type
 38 Words after count or let
 42 Cult followers?
 43 Military stint
 45 Von Bismarck et al.
 46 Safari sighting
 47 Skipped town
 50 Fermentation product, ___ oil
 51 Put a match to
 52 Undercover
 53 Has a powwow (with)
 54 Make wider
 55 TV journalist Mitchell
 56 Tom Sawyer affirmative
 57 Rights defender
 59 Vito's ill-fated thug
 62 "Fe fi" followers
 64 Place to stay
 65 Small-town boy
 66 Sentry's place
 67 Dutch cheese
 69 Rocket from Roddick
 73 "Rock-___ Baby"
 74 Acting signals
 75 Ali, before
 76 One more time
 77 Ms. Krabappel's nemesis
 82 "___ boy!"
 84 Very, to Veronique
 85 Lawyers: abbr.
 87 Brisk pace
 88 Presidential daughter, ___ Baines Johnson
 91 Tied the knot
 92 Pie nut
 93 It's not free of charge
 94 Ready for roasting, rotisserie-style
 95 Use
 96 Comfort
 97 Latin 101 word
 98 Table pieces
 99 Spotted
 101 Out of it
 105 To smithereens
 106 Mondavi rival
 107 Elizabeth I's love
 108 Athenian lawgiver
 109 It's a wrap
 113 Community bldgs.
 114 Pilgrim's pronoun
 117 "Norma ___"
 119 Haul
 120 Treasury Dept. arm
 121 Pay or Cray ending
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