

PLAYING WITH FOOD

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Partly open
 - 5 Drug also known as angel dust
 - 8 “Maybe,” informally
 - 14 Window dressing
 - 19 Tyr, in Norse mythology
 - 21 Org. with both left- and right-wingers
 - 22 ___ arteries (what carry blood to the kidneys)
 - 23 “Hmm ... hard to say”
 - 24 South American financial institution since 1965
 - 26 Reversed
 - 27 Warm up
 - 29 King of Troy in the “Iliad”
 - 30 Currency of Laos
 - 31 1985 thriller with the tagline “A federal agent is dead. A killer is loose. And the City of Angels is about to explode.”
 - 35 Firmly establishes: Var.
 - 37 Part of a return address?
 - 38 Experienced network congestion
 - 39 Used to be
 - 41 “I Love You, ___” (book by Nancy Reagan)
 - 42 Twilled fabrics
- Online subscriptions: Today’s puzzle and more than 4,000 past puzzles, nytimes.com/crosswords (\$39.95 a year).
- 43 Subject of two squares on a Monopoly board
 - 44 Hip-centric dance
 - 45 It keeps a top up
 - 48 “Good ___!” (shout to a batter)
 - 49 Collectible item with stats
 - 54 Bacchanalias
 - 56 Huge financial loss, so to speak
 - 57 First lady
 - 58 Memo opener
 - 59 Elements of neighborhood watch programs
 - 62 Brewed beverage
 - 63 Single historical record
 - 64 QB stat: Abbr.
 - 65 Fool’s gold
 - 66 Lose stiffness
 - 68 Fueled up, in a way
 - 69 California’s Point ___ Peninsula
 - 71 Helpful contacts
 - 72 Food depicted cryptically at 24-Across
 - 74 From
 - 75 Notes after sols
 - 76 Consuming Tide Pods, once, inexplicably
 - 77 At peace
 - 78 Food depicted cryptically at 31-Across
 - 81 On, in a way
 - 83 Brain tests, in brief
 - 84 Significant periods
 - 85 ___ Sherman-Palladino, creator of “Gilmore Girls” and “The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel”
- 86 Overhauls
 - 87 Item creating separation
 - 91 Nail polish brand
 - 92 Viagra competitor
 - 93 Bit of swearing in church?
 - 96 “Pay attention!”
 - 98 Food depicted cryptically at 49-Across
 - 101 Refuge from a flood
 - 102 Youngest Marx brother
 - 104 Skin-care brand
 - 105 Love, in Lucca
 - 106 Food depicted cryptically at 59-Across
 - 109 Romps
 - 112 Riverbank romper
 - 113 Book after Nehemiah
 - 114 Places to collect prints
 - 115 Garish signs
 - 116 Adds more lubricant to
 - 117 Good name, informally
 - 118 Jedi who trained Luke
- DOWN**
- 1 Central American rodent that resembles a guinea pig
 - 2 TV host with two Peabodys
 - 3 Sports brand with a three-stripe logo
 - 4 Sculptor who said, “I invent nothing, I rediscover”
 - 5 Completely defeat, as a noob
 - 6 Deep-six
 - 7 Kirsten Gillibrand, to Hillary Clinton, once
 - 8 Connective tissue that runs along the outer thigh, familiarly
 - 9 Prayer garment
 - 10 Farm enclosure
 - 11 Doing some menial duty, in old army lingo
 - 12 Reinforces, with “up”
 - 13 Puckish
 - 14 Dramatic intro
 - 15 Jedi trained by Luke
 - 16 Jedi related to Luke
 - 17 Grilled sandwich
 - 18 Go by
 - 20 State of drunken confusion
 - 25 Media restriction
 - 28 Goes quickly
 - 32 Venture to state
 - 33 Azalea with the 2014 No. 1 hit “Fancy”
 - 34 Up to one’s ears
 - 36 Caffeinated aspirin brand
 - 40 A tool or a spray
 - 42 Fit of pique
 - 43 Parlor pics
 - 44 Invite to one’s home
 - 45 To the extent that
 - 46 Black Lives Matter gathering, e.g.
 - 47 “Let me pay for that”
 - 49 Bundle of hay
 - 50 “Twilight” protagonist
 - 51 Silver-screen actress known as the British Bombshell
 - 52 TV-MA’s film equivalent

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- 53 Has away with words?
- 55 Stand-up comedian Mike
- 56 Spam spewers
- 60 Many musical chords
- 61 Classic laundry brand
- 62 First-class
- 63 Church recess
- 66 Feeling amenable (found hidden in this clue!)
- 67 Bony projection found just behind the ear
- 70 Cause’s partner
- 72 Gaggle
- 73 V.I.P. above veep
- 75 Knowledgeable
- 76 Parody, say
- 79 Cold storage facilities
- 80 Where crumbs might accumulate during a meal
- 81 Summer Olympics usually take place in one
- 82 Thumb-twiddling
- 86 Kelly on the Hollywood Walk of Fame
- 87 Op-eds, e.g.
- 88 Hit hard, as brakes
- 89 Hook, for one
- 90 Sends an invitation for
- 91 Be against
- 92 Sorted laundry load
- 93 Philippine port with a reduplicative name
- 94 Euphemistic “extremely”
- 95 The so-called “Pearl of the Black Sea”
- 97 Word before hand or jaw
- 99 Quarters costing dollars?
- 100 ___ Center, home of the Orlando Magic
- 103 Father of Anne Frank
- 107 Layer of farmland?
- 108 What yellowfin is marketed as
- 110 “People ___ talking”
- 111 Indy inits.