

**WAIT, WHAT?**

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Aid for a small business
  - 10 Dev of "Slumdog Millionaire"
  - 15 Part of a prairie skyline
  - 19 Strict commitment
  - 20 Sidestep
  - 21 "Way ahead of you"
  - 22 Compliment to a runway model?
  - 24 Low card in Texas hold'em
  - 25 Some donations
  - 26 Stable supply
  - 27 Starting piece on a1 or h8, say
  - 28 \_\_\_ Slam (tennis feat)
  - 30 Drain
  - 31 Easily offended by foul language?
  - 34 Kind of high ground
  - 37 Trial
  - 38 Breaks down
  - 39 Spanish "sun"
  - 40 Axel \_\_\_\_, protagonist of "Beverly Hills Cop"
  - 41 X
  - 42 Japanese roadster since 1989
  - 44 Residence that might be named for a donor
  - 45 Question to a tantrum thrower?
  - 49 Costly cuts
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- 51 First two words of "Green Eggs and Ham"
  - 52 \_\_\_ fixe
  - 53 Malbec and syrah, e.g.
  - 54 Role model
  - 55 Wet-Nap, for one
  - 57 Friend with a rhyming description
  - 59 Sighting aptly found in "Are you for real?"
  - 61 "Anything you'd like to \_\_\_?"
  - 63 Relics proving how Noah steered his boat?
  - 68 Something to do for recovery?
  - 69 Pacific island ring
  - 70 Neil with the hit "Breaking Up Is Hard to Do"
  - 71 Carries out
  - 73 Actor Elwes of "The Princess Bride"
  - 75 Trade blows
  - 77 Mild
  - 79 Driver's org., no matter how you slice it?
  - 80 Relent
  - 83 Prepared for a field trip?
  - 86 Interjections akin to "Yeah, su-u-ure!"
  - 87 Bygone forensic spinoff
  - 89 Android alternative
  - 90 Quits at the last minute
  - 91 Org. that awards the Safer Choice label
  - 92 World capital established in 1535
  - 93 Jackanapes
  - 94 Rap producers' favorite vegetables?
  - 95 Masters of slapstick?
  - 100 Retinal receptor
  - 101 Drink after drink?
  - 102 "To live without \_\_\_ is to cease to live": Dostoyevsky
  - 103 Sign of summer
  - 104 Stow cargo
  - 108 Get into gear
  - 109 Title for an oral surgeon's handbook?
  - 113 Certain sexual preferences
  - 114 Italian automotive hub
  - 115 Subject of many an off-season rumor
  - 116 "Young Frankenstein" character played by Teri Garr
  - 117 Tee type
  - 118 4th order?
- DOWN**
- 1 \_\_\_ Rudolph, portrayer of Kamala Harris on "S.N.L."
  - 2 Role model
  - 3 Amigo
  - 4 Rules' partner, for short
  - 5 El Dorado treasure
  - 6 Like apple seeds, if eaten in huge quantities
  - 7 Fresh from a keg
  - 8 Sore
  - 9 Org. that sponsored the design competition for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial
  - 10 MXN, on a currency chart
  - 11 Adele and Cher, e.g.
  - 12 \_\_\_ and Caicos
  - 13 Part of a dean's address
  - 14 "I'd rather pass"
  - 15 Shooting sport
  - 16 All together now
  - 17 Farm-to-table consumer
  - 18 Word that sounds like its first letter
  - 21 Elba who played Macavity in 2019's "Cats"
  - 23 One end of the PolitiFact meter
  - 29 Willing subject
  - 30 "Don't be rude ... greet our guests!"
  - 31 Loonie or toonie
  - 32 Some are named for kings and queens
  - 33 Stately street liners
  - 34 Coat from a goat
  - 35 High point of Greek civilization?
  - 36 Emeritus: Abbr.
  - 37 "It's me ... duh!"
  - 38 "Just sayin'" in shorthand
  - 39 Needleless to say
  - 42 Mississippi \_\_\_ pie
  - 43 Released
  - 44 Thingamabob
  - 46 Brink
  - 47 World No. 1 tennis player between Navratilova and Seles
  - 48 Lived in a blue state?
  - 50 One might be hard to sit for
  - 54 Pipes at some bars
  - 56 Brings out
  - 58 Downfall in many an Agatha Christie novel
  - 60 Buzzed hairstyle
  - 62 Stops harping on something
  - 64 Like a sparsely attended party
  - 65 See 66-Down
  - 66 With 65-Down, "Ditto"
  - 67 Pelvic exercises
  - 72 Give attitude
  - 74 Instruction for a course?
  - 76 Earnings
  - 78 Drew back
  - 80 "Sorry to intrude ..."
  - 81 Certain monkey ... or monk
  - 82 "Jackpot!"
  - 83 One needing new, unburned pants?
  - 84 De-lights?
  - 85 Oil-rich state, for short
  - 88 Appliance with apps
  - 92 Yearns (for)
  - 93 Fashionable pair
  - 94 Cover for "little piggies"
  - 96 "Josephine the Singer, or the Mouse Folk" is the last short story he wrote
  - 97 "Take that!"
  - 98 Kind of chemical bond in salts
  - 99 Vivacious quality
  - 100 What a meta clue might do to itself
  - 103 Chicago mayor Lightfoot
  - 104 Brick made of acrylonitrile butadiene styrene
  - 105 New \_\_\_
  - 106 Showy basket
  - 107 Lifesavers, for short
  - 108 Piece of equipment for gold medalist Lindsey Vonn
  - 110 Marauder of old
  - 111 Lifelong bud, slangily
  - 112 Partner of hem

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