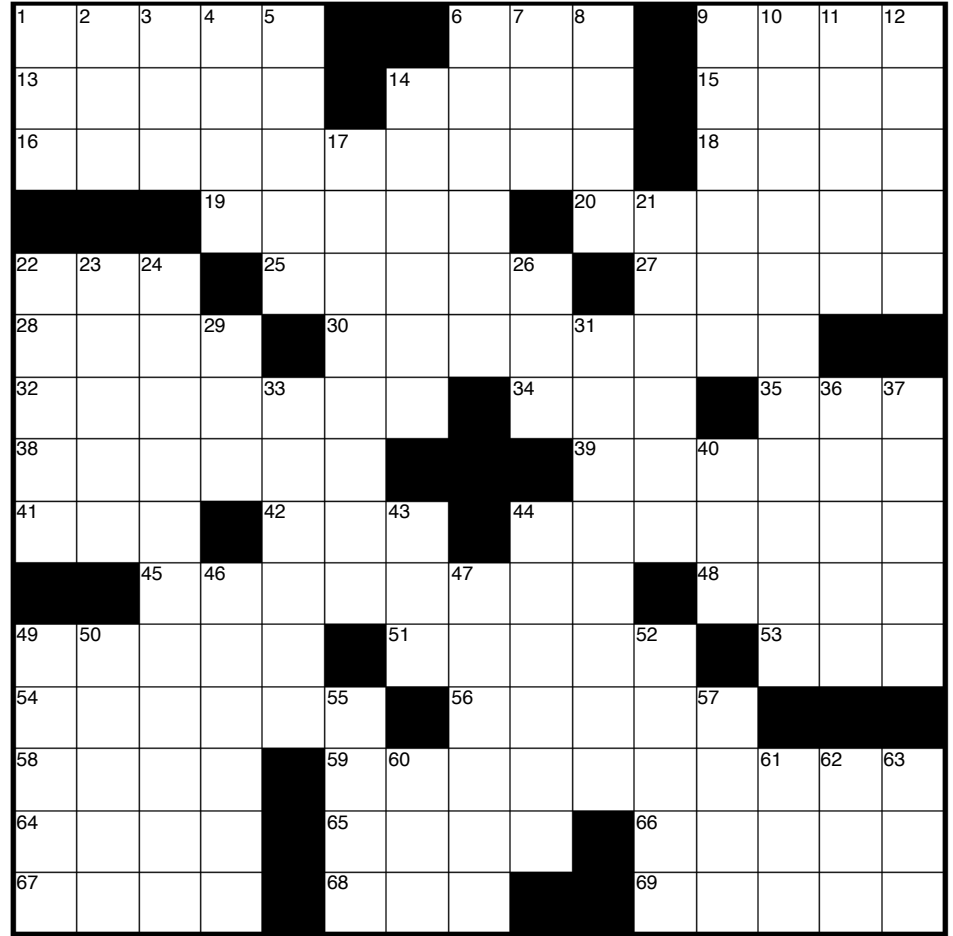


ACROSS

- 1 Unlike the sides of a scalene triangle
- 6 Tree whose name anagrams to the name of two Spice Girls
- 9 Alibi ____ (accountability shirkers)
- 13 Pack animal
- 14 "____ les plaisirs" ("Faust" aria)
- 15 By ____ of
- 16 "My Prerogative" singer
- 18 Roughly
- 19 Place to make waves
- 20 Make greasy
- 22 Blues legend Mahal
- 25 Green garnishes
- 27 Graph parts
- 28 "Step on it!"
- 30 Greets
- 32 Poll
- 34 Water sport acronym
- 35 Hesitant sounds
- 38 Ab attachment?
- 39 Soccer star Alex
- 41 U. 2's?
- 42 Word before rat or burn
- 44 State named for the "Father of Mexican Independence"
- 45 Slightly
- 48 "Auld ____ Syne"
- 49 Barely leading
- 51 They lead to finals
- 53 KLM competitor
- 54 Attacks as a puppy might
- 56 "Party Rock Anthem" group
- 58 NASCAR Hall of Famer Yarborough
- 59 "Wrecking Ball" singer
- 64 Operating system whose name sounds like some "Game of Thrones" characters
- 65 Shade on the Riviera?
- 66 First name of a music mogul that rhymes with a number
- 67 Soprano once regularly seen on TV
- 68 "Super" console
- 69 Lyricist Hammerstein, or an award he won twice

DOWN

- 1 Go out
- 2 It may go after status
- 3 City, casually
- 4 Some Wall St. traders
- 5 "____ Like Sid & Nancy" (Foster the People song)



One of the letters in the grid needs to be changed to make the theme consistent. The meta answer is the theme-related word made with the change.

- 6 Bitcoin, e.g.
- 7 Flo Rida song about "Shawty"
- 8 Very valuable vase
- 9 Words before "Hook Up" in a Kelly Clarkson song title
- 10 "A Whale of a Tale" singer in a 1954 movie
- 11 Follow
- 12 Organ parts
- 14 Kitchen drawers?
- 17 Experience ecstasy
- 21 Simple support stand
- 22 Unspoken
- 23 Cobra, camel, cat, crow, or crane
- 24 "Mercedes Benz" singer
- 26 Sizzling sound
- 29 Many a GI
- 31 Make moist
- 33 Like the Battle of Midway
- 36 Part of a famous 13th-century document?
- 37 Canoodles, in Canterbury
- 40 '60s crooner Donner
- 43 Step on it!
- 44 Part of a 50-Down
- 46 Not so hot?
- 47 "Spill the tea!"
- 49 Sans censorship
- 50 Location of a seduction in "Pretty Woman"
- 52 Controversial historical figure Nicola
- 55 Fed. tax investigator, in Al Capone's day
- 57 Olive, Castor, and Cole of cartoons
- 60 Organ extension?
- 61 "____ Flair Drip" (hit 2018 single for Offset & Metro Boomin)
- 62 ACC powerhouse
- 63 Knight's title on "Game of Thrones"