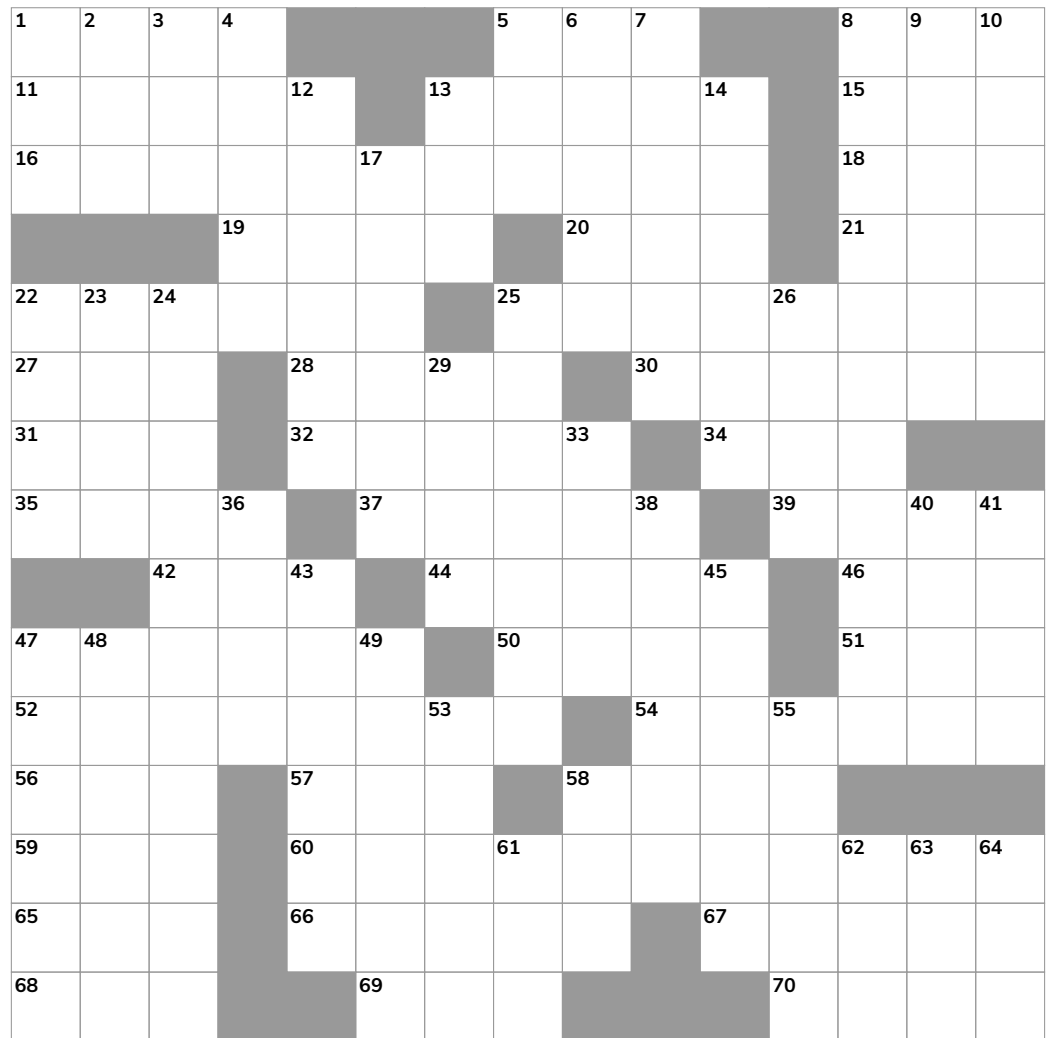


PCC#31 "Chain Reaction"

The answer to the meta is a term used in nuclear physics

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- 1 Ingredient in a bhindi masala curry
- 5 Asset for a singer
- 8 Follow the coxswain's calls
- 11 Use, as a weapon
- 13 Mulligans, in golf
- 15 "Objects in mirror ___ closer than they appear"
- 16 Computer code that runs forever
- 18 Protective cover for a lobster eater
- 19 Spectrum and Xfinity, for short
- 20 Air conditioner capacity, briefly
- 21 Go up and down, as a buoy
- 22 San Diego suburb named for a feature of its geography
- 25 Recording of an online meeting that you can download to watch later
- 27 Spanish or Italian for "one"
- 28 Cutting-___ (like the latest technology)
- 30 More tidy
- 31 Corn eater's discard
- 32 Approaches
- 34 Monogram of "A Brief History of Time" physicist
- 35 Work with yarn and needles
- 37 Trail left behind by a wild animal
- 39 "Follow your ___!" (phrase in Froot Loops ads)
- 42 Webpage ID
- 44 Prevent, in legalese
- 46 Facial feature
- 47 Pounce on
- 50 Cold War rival of the USA
- 51 Linguistic suffix with "morph" or "phon"
- 52 Deny responsibility
- 54 Drop wiper, say
- 56 Baseball Hall-of-Famer Mel who was the target of Leo Durocher's "Nice guys finish last" sentiment
- 57 Actress Whitley who played Yolanda on "Young & Hungry"
- 58 One of seven in the original "Sonic the Hedgehog" video game
- 59 "___ favor" ("please," in Spanish)
- 60 Where you might learn how to play the game "Last Word, First Word"
- 65 Writer Sutherland whose "Wings of Fire" fantasy series has many epic dragon stories to tell
- 66 Critically endangered bird of Sulawesi with a masculine-sounding name
- 67 Fairy-tale shoemaker's helpers
- 68 Fuel additive brand that sponsors NASCAR
- 69 Queens and Brooklyn location: Abbr.
- 70 Previously cut, as lumber



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- 1 Have something outstanding
- 2 They're all in the family
- 3 End color of the visible spectrum
- 4 "Hyperbole and a Half" and "Solutions and Other Problems" writer Brosh
- 5 Common sushi ingredient
- 6 Vinegary stew of Filipino cuisine
- 7 Cheer for
- 8 Hard-to-escape predicaments
- 9 Black-and-orange bird
- 10 "The Phantom of the Opera" and "Cats" composer Andrew Lloyd ___
- 12 "Along for the Ride" and "The Truth About Forever" novelist Sarah
- 13 Blog feed letters
- 14 Froths or foams on the sea
- 17 Trick-taking card game similar to bridge
- 22 Gambling asset
- 23 "Author unknown" byline
- 24 Surface with only one side that looks like the infinity symbol
- 25 Game theory concept exemplified by poker and gambling
- 26 Curry favor
- 29 Stare open-mouthed
- 33 Heavy drinkers
- 36 Star ___ (company that makes treadmills)
- 38 University where Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn studied math and physics
- 40 Actor Liu of "Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings"
- 41 Weapon with a blunted end
- 43 Rapper on "Lady Marmalade" with Christina Aguilera, Mýa, and P!nk
- 45 Eric in "The Little Mermaid," for example
- 47 Takes in, as a rescue dog
- 48 Pass on, as dancing to a song
- 49 "Tell it to me in ___'s terms" ("Use language that's more common")
- 53 Say something indirectly, as a suggestive writer
- 55 ___ short (takes a chance on a stock market drop)
- 58 Where to see lions and tigers and bears
- 61 ___ center (building for community activities)
- 62 Singer Max with the songs "Sweet but Psycho" and "Kings & Queens"
- 63 Work with needle and thread
- 64 Abbr. for a nine-digit ID of personal use