

Bottoms Up!

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The answer to this meta is something said on New Year's Eve. New Year's Day traditionally marks the end of one year and offers the promise of new beginnings. You will be applying the title to seven entries resulting in seven new valid words (you'll know when you've got the right words because the new words will be alternate answers to existing clues). Anagramming these "new beginnings" will provide a clue to finding this meta's answer.

ACROSS

- 1 Egyptian reptile
- 4 Son of Shem
- 8 Airtight seal between components
- 14 Play call for a dual-threat QB
- 15 "___ O'Riley" (usually mistakenly referred to as "Teenage Wasteland")
- 16 Old IBM PC
- 17 Proceed with caution
- 19 Oscar choice for "Sophie's Choice"
- 20 Ubiquitous cookie coming out with "Toffee Crunch" and "Ultimate Chocolate" flavors this year
- 21 Restaurant furniture
- 23 South Africa's "The Big Easy"
- 24 Luxury hotel chain
- 26 Character created by Jean Auel
- 28 Self-deprecating descriptor in "Amazing Grace"
- 30 Leader of the Mughal Empire (not the Muggle Empire; that's Brian MacDonald)
- 34 Makes a move
- 37 Girlfriend to the younger of the Hardy Boys
- 39 Brit. record label
- 40 Grant source (abbr)

- 41 Skin care lotion
- 43 Do-over in tennis
- 44 If the old adage is true, I am superhuman!
- 45 She plays "The Freak" in Wentworth
- 46 French ___, often confused with a different country
- 49 "End of ___," King novel
- 51 Thrust
- 53 Pricey theater seating
- 55 More destitute
- 59 She voiced Bedrock's Betty
- 61 Drawing close
- 63 Cross inscription
- 64 "Seinfeld" character
- 66 Shed pounds
- 68 Container for fun monkeys
- 69 She was Glinda in "The Wiz"
- 70 Bookie's fee
- 71 Poet Stephen Vincent and General Stephen Vincent
- 72 Animated series "Ed, Edd n ___"
- 73 John Lennon's middle name

DOWN

- 1 Canadian Football League team
- 2 Canadian football, for one
- 3 Whistler's mother, for one

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- 4 Blood-typing letters
- 5 Earth tone
- 6 Most proficient
- 7 SNL alum Rudolph
- 8 Temporarily bloated
- 9 Likely
- 10 Long series
- 11 He played a Bond foe with a killer smile
- 12 12/24 and 12/31, for two
- 13 Pick for a position
- 18 Luxury hotel chain
- 22 Chevy model
- 25 Miracle ___
- 27 With 27D, the (disturbing) yellow Teletubby
- 29 Nocturnal mammal that produces a marketable musk
- 31 Fleck or Lugosi
- 32 "___ Corner," holes 11-13 at the Masters
- 33 Lovely Beatles lass
- 34 From scratch
- 35 Michael who portrayed George-Michael on "Arrested Development"
- 36 Bakery treat
- 38 Hang
- 42 "A Doll's House" playwright
- 45 Symbol of density
- 47 Abu Dhabi is its capital (abbr)
- 48 Brad Paisley song from "5th Gear"
- 50 Actress Bloom
- 52 At a slant
- 54 Scottish Highlanders
- 56 Within the egg
- 57 First name of the "cat-is-alive-and-dead" theorist
- 58 "Help" drummer
- 59 Color of slate, per those at 54D
- 60 Merit
- 62 Archipelago unit
- 64 Decline
- 65 After expenses
- 67 Just might