## **Monumental Moderation**

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All things in moderation, including moderation. ~Socrates

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## **ACROSS**

- 1 Part of the body MikeyG wants his students to use
- **5** Al Sisti says "This entry is odd, but all will be revealed below"
- **9** "What's a four-letter word for matte?" asked Mark Woychick flatly.
- 13 An expression used by benchen71, equivalent to a very similar US phrase:

  " -stevens"
- 17 Stare Dr. Tom gets from his wife when he says "I'm just going to work on my puzzles for a while"
- **20** Doing nothing
- 21 Nautical nickname
- 22 Actor Morales
- 23 El \_\_\_ (weather phenomenon)
- 24 "Lost" actor Daniel \_\_\_ Kim
- 25 White House exec. Harris
- 26 Catcher's glove
- 27 Floats up & down, like a buoy
- 28 As commanded
- 30 Ill-fated energy giant
- 32 Swed. neighbor
- **34** Tipplers
- 36 "How Stella Got Her \_\_\_ Back"
- 37 Bylaw, for short
- 39 High point
- 41 Roger of "Cheers"
- **43** Recurring themes
- 45 Word before law or arts
- 49 "Woe is me!"
- **51** Tiny fraction of a min.
- **53** Computer shortcut
- **54** Popular board game
- **55** Texter's sign-off
- 56 Kojak's first name
- **57** Coral formation

- **58** Requirement
- **59** Trips around the track
- 61 Blood-typing letters
- **63** Comprehensive CD collection
- **66** Stop \_\_\_ dime
- 67 Jedi guru
- 68 Good chap
- 70 Alabama and California cities
- 71 Back-to-school mo.
- 72 "Beats me!"
- 74 Birch relative
- 75 Common response when you ask a graduate student (like AnswerPfinder) how they're feeling
- **78** Shoulder warmers
- 81 Modern, in Munich
- 82 Advance again, as money
- 84 Celebrity chef Bobby
- 85 Plotting group
- 86 Size of a nest where a bird lives
- 88 Throng, like ones found in "city sidewalks, busy sidewalks" in that Christmas song by Jay Livingston
- **89** Something you might hear on the radio
- 90 Partner
- 91 How some dares are done
- **92** Goal
- **93** Preferred groups
- 94 Po' \_\_\_ (sandwich that AnswerPfinder has been meaning to try)
- 95 Uphold, with "by"
- **96** High regard
- **99** Petty peeve
- 100 Molded
- 101 Legendary flagmaker
- 102 Shortly
- 104 Forty winks

- 107 Gymnasts' performances
- 110 Big Apple sch.
- 111 Con game
- 112 \_\_\_ Alto, CA
- 113 "Yes \_\_\_?"
- 114 Mystique
- 116 Short pants?
- 119 "30 Minute Meals" host Ray
- 121 Christmas song
- 123 "Iliad" setting
- 124 Angel's instrument
- **125** Singer Rosemary, or her actor nephew George
- 126 5-pointers in Scrabble
- 128 Otherwise
- 130 Atlas pages
- **132** So far
- 133 Pain reliever
- 135 Actress Turner
- 137 Cattle calls
- **139** Group of fewer than ten
- **143** Complimentary ticket
- 145 Bigfoot cousin
- 147 Like the chances of getting heads or tails on a coin flip
- 149 Weak, as an excuse
- 150 PX patrons
- 151 One of the Jackson 5
- 152 Blunders
- 153 "You said it!"
- 154 Has \_\_\_ (is connected)
- 155 DrTom's wife's temper when he emerges from the den 5 hours later
- 156 "Against All \_\_\_ (Take a Look at Me Now)" (Phil Collins song that benchen71 remembers hearing on the radio a lot in his teens)
- 157 "Sounds like Bert Lahr to me," said Mark Woychick cowardly.

- 158 Al Sisti says "This entry is odd, but all will be revealed below"
- 159 Part of the body MikeyG wants (some of) his students to stop acting like (no offense, we love snarky teenagers)

## **DOWN**

- 1 Busy place
- 2 First place?
- 3 Blue Jay or Oriole
- 4 Banished, in a way
- **5** Vintage film channel
- 6 Picnic spoiler
- 7 "High-five!"
- 8 Begs
- 9 Ball girl
- 10 Lounges for a GI Joe
- 11 Cabinet department
- **12** Heed
- 13 "Yoga Zen" composer/producer Brian
- 14 Actor Rhames of "Pulp Fiction"
- 15 Huge, poetically
- 16 "Sorry, we're full"
- 17 Apple mobile or portable items
- 18 Happy-go-lucky
- 19 "Absolutely!"
- 29 Foolish fogeys
- 31 Astronaut Armstrong
- 33 Gifted poet Whitman
- 35 Casual get-together
- 38 Races on horseback
- 40 "Oh, \_\_\_!" (Gershwin musical)
- **42** Referral for further information
- 44 Chris Barbee recalls
  Mr. Whipple using this
  adjective a lot

- **45** With a whimsical outlook, life is never \_\_\_\_tonous
- 46 Two fives for \_\_\_
- 47 Perlman of "Cheers"
- 48 Washer's contents
- 50 List of candidates
- **52** Patient papa
- **60** Obstinately youthful Peter who is Wendy's friend
- 62 University of Cincinnati squad
- **64** American action film
- 65 Corn unit
- **67** Something heard at a sporting event, like cheers
- 68 German appliance brand (Geez, with 81-Across, are there "Naticks" in Germany?)
- 69 "The Scarlet Letter" crime
- 70 Biblical dancer
- **71** Influence
- 73 Where dinner guests' coats may be piled
- **75** Automobile pioneer
- **76** Cafe au \_\_\_\_
- 77 Colors
- 78 Strikebreaker
- **79** Overhead lighting?
- 80 With competence
- 83 Great Lakes Indians
- 84 Move like a butterfly
- 86 Criticize petulantly
- 87 Double-checked
- 89 Actress Lena
- 91 Scottish seaside resort
- 93 Aberration
- 95 Yellowfin tuna
- 97 Snowbirds' December destination
- 98 Desktop option
- 100 Snitch
- 103 DEA agent
- 104 Indian flatbread

- 105 Toward shelter
- 106 In her latest puzzle, for polo pony Whimsy sneaked in the 'creative' portmanteau \_\_\_\_\_
- **107** Chris Barbee often listens to "Like A \_\_\_\_\_", a Bob Seger classic
- 108 Handel's "Messiah," for one
- 109 Most inexperienced
- 110 Pessimist
- 111 Hypothesis
- 112 Developmental site
- 115 Hot streak
- 117 Smash into
- 118 Spoken
- 120 Director Ethan or Joel
- **122** Hastily arrive at, as a conclusion
- 127 Prim and proper
- 129 January, in Mexico
- 131 Hindu guru
- **134** Cornerstone abbr.
- 136 Razor brand
- 138 Hook's henchman
- 140 Half of Mork's good-bye
- **141** Give off
- 142 Camp shelter
- **143** I openers?
- 144 Distress signal
- **146** Schmeel's stomping ground, briefly
- 148 Nav. Rank

