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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 "l'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 $\qquad$ Kim
25 White House exec. Harris
26 Catcher's glove
27 Floats up \& down, like a buoy
28 As commanded
30 III-fated energy giant
32 Swed. neighbor
34 Tipplers
36 "How Stella Got Her $\qquad$ 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 $\qquad$ Alto, CA
113 "Yes $\qquad$ ?"
114 Mystique
116 Short pants?
119 "30 Minute Meals" host Ray
121 Christmas song
123 "lliad" setting
124 Angel's instrument
125 Singer Rosemary, or her actor nephew George
1265 -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 $\qquad$ tonous
46 Two fives for $\qquad$
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 $\qquad$
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 $\qquad$
107 Chris Barbee often listens to "Like A $\qquad$ ", 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


