## Idiomatic benchen71

## The answer to the meta is a three word phrase

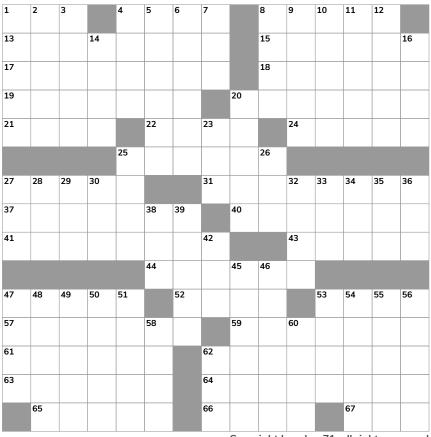
## **ACROSS**

- 1 19th letter of the alphabet
- 4 Regarding
- 8 Symbols on a page of music that you won't hear no matter how hard you try
- **13** Refuse to choose
- 15 Risky situation
- 17 Musical composition of established popularity
- **18** Payment for use of a quay
- 19 Romanian-French avant-garde playwright, Eugene
- 20 Respond prematurely
- 21 What justify the means, for some
- 22 "That's a good joke!"
- 24 "Thanks for baking this bread." "Oh, it's the \_\_\_ I could do." (for pun-lovers everywhere!)
- 25 Speak without restraint
- 27 Speak with restraint
- 31 "I'm onto you!"
- 37 All good
- 40 Eye specialist
- 41 Joanne Harris novel involving Vianne and her daughter Anouk
- 43 Toy bricks that you really don't want to step on
- **44** Jam without written music
- 47 What present-day Jennifer says when she comes face to face with herself in "Back to the Future II"

- 52 Scaloppine meat
- 53 "Don't worry, it'll all
- **57** Easily bruised thing for half the world
- **59** Vianne in 41 across, for example
- 61 Concealed
- **62** Fail spectacularly
- 63 Iroquois tribe
- 64 "That's a fact" rebuttal
- **65** Dada artist, Max
- 66 Italian wine region
- 67 Bambi's aunt

## **DOWN**

- 1 Short form of Esther, Estelle, Celeste, Leslie, or Esmeralda
- 2 Use as a chair
- 3 Get to one's feet
- 4 &&&
- 5 Facial hair that can be twirled if you are a pantomime villain, for short
- 6 Larynx locale
- 7 Multivolume ref. featured in "The Surgeon of Crowthorne"
- 8 Streaming player brand
- 9 Adversary
- 10 Cool giant star with approximately equal quantities of carbon and oxygen in its atmosphere
- 11 "They went \_\_\_-way!"
- 12 Audible breaths
- 14 Singles



Copyright benchen71, all rights reserved

- 16 Nair rival (and in the UK, an apt acronym for someone Not in Education, Employment or Training)
- 20 Oscar winning song from "Slumdog Millionaire"
- 23 Menopause treatment (abbr.)
- 25 Frontman for "Thirty Seconds to Mars", Jared \_\_\_
- 26 Bench-press muscle
- 27 9 down of a hobbit
- 28 "Umbrella" singer, to fans
- 29 Before now
- **30** Active ingredient in marijuana
- **32** Christmas in \_\_\_\_, an Australian winter event for some

- 33 \_\_\_\_-de-France
- 34 Musician's booking
- 35 Aussie slang for being stuck at home during a pandemic
- 36 GPS lines
- **38** Mont Blanc, for example
- 39 Artillery outburst
- 42 Inventor's
  monogram
  (although he is
  becoming more
  well known for
  stealing the work of
  others)
- **45** "Gulliver's Travels" primitives
- **46** What the plumber did to remove the air in the radiator: he \_\_\_
- 47 "It seems to me", online

- **48** Northeasternmost U.S. state
- 49 Future Jennifer, compared to the present-day Jennifer (cf. 47 across)
- 50 Did an usher's job
- **51** Adam Sandler movie, "Mr. \_\_\_"
- **53** Arrow shooters
- **54** Lunar crater named after a Swedish botanist
- 55 Most widely cultivated species of the genus Allium
- **56** Traditional song, "Froggie -Courtin'"
- 58 Tiny pest
- 60 Roasted, on French menus
- **62** Signoff in a group chat (abbr.)