

Quick Descent

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The answer to the meta is an 8-letter word that suggests things might be looking up

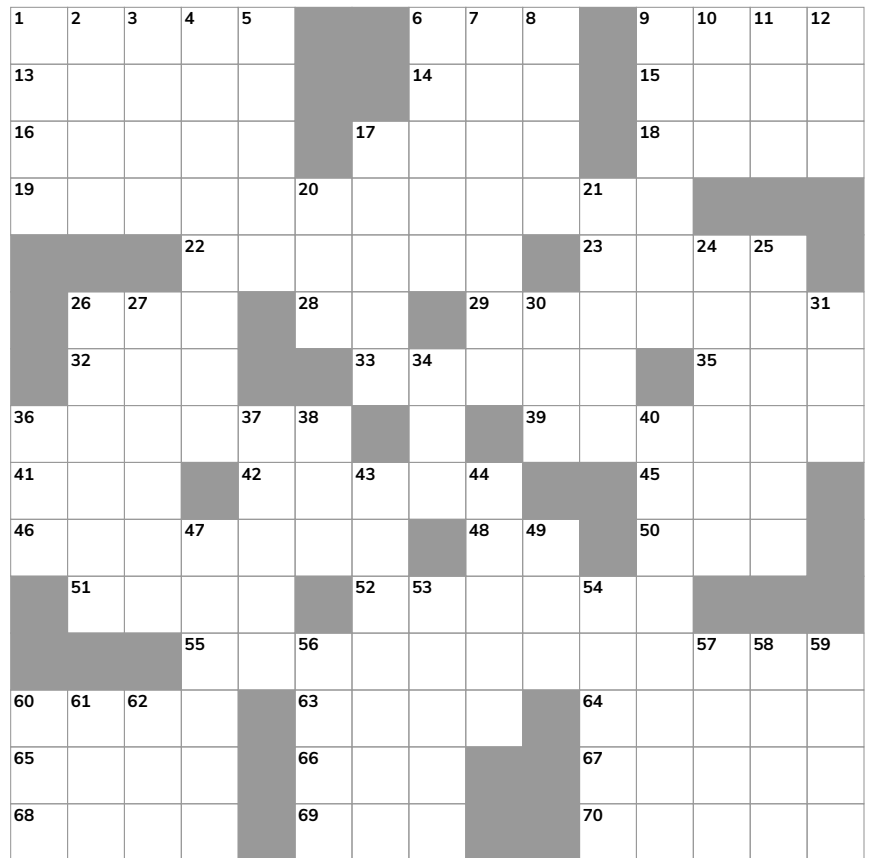
ACROSS

- 1 Location where no development or progress is taking place
- 6 Cooling units, for short
- 9 "Other" category (abbr.)
- 13 Tax form's first blank
- 14 Greek letter used in a Christian symbol
- 15 Peruvian of old
- 16 Bring into the family
- 17 Aviation prefix
- 18 Comic routine
- 19 Mains electricity controller
- 22 Vehicle stoppers
- 23 Butts into head-on
- 26 "Patience ____ virtue"
- 28 See 48 across
- 29 Sting's first band
- 32 Kangaroo pouch
- 33 "____ Al" Yankovic
- 35 Mythic bird in "Sinbad the Sailor" stories
- 36 Mild-flavored winter radish usually characterized by fast-growing leaves and a long, white root
- 39 "You got that right!"
- 41 ____ al-Fitr (holiday at the end of Ramadan)
- 42 Generic title for someone seated at the Round Table
- 45 Barrister's headwear

- 46 South Pacific country whose capital is Vila
- 48 I am; you are; 28 across/she/it ____
- 50 Suffix meaning "sorta"
- 51 Bumper sticker: "____ if you love Jesus!"
- 52 Breakfast rolls
- 55 Society gossip paper pseudonym in the Bridgerton novels
- 60 Muppet who visited Grouchland and had to face a giant chicken (this scene used to frighten my daughters when they were a lot younger!)
- 63 Quod ____ demonstrandum
- 64 "Lisa Bonet ____ basil" (palindrome)
- 65 Org. that certifies Gold and Platinum status for songs and albums
- 66 Sea, to Jacques Cousteau
- 67 Thus far
- 68 Email command
- 69 Out of the ordinary
- 70 Release eggs, as a fish or frog

DOWN

- 1 Onomatopoeic word used in a Batman fight, possibly one involving a gun
- 2 Opera set in Egypt
- 3 Top admirals (abbr.)
- 4 Withheld, as information
- 5 -
- 6 "____ there yet?"
- 7 Corpus ____ (city in Texas)
- 8 Chimney accumulation
- 9 Unfortunate accident
- 10 Pen fluid
- 11 Chem. or biol.
- 12 Family pet, perhaps
- 17 Crooked
- 20 College cheer
- 21 Words to live by
- 24 ____ dancing, in which dancers wearing bell pads on their shins wield sticks and handkerchiefs (if it sounds English, that's because it is!)



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- 25 Bunyan's "____ of Despond"
- 26 Old Testament prophet with 66 chapters to his name
- 27 Refused
- 30 Groups of mins.
- 31 -
- 34 "A mouse!" (or, what a crossword constructor might say when they discover their grid has an unchecked letter and 2-letter words)
- 36 Actor ____ Patel, who did an excellent Australian accent in "Lion"
- 37 Japanese city (and surname of a tennis player)
- 38 Trivial complaint
- 40 Bottle cap that unscrews
- 43 Color at one end of the spectrum associated with a type of gem
- 44 -
- 47 Sell in a hurry
- 49 Honorific heard in dojos, sen____
- 53 Oscar or Tony
- 54 Pre-bar exams
- 56 Trial version
- 57 ____ Dunham of "Girls"
- 58 Archaic word for "enough"
- 59 -
- 60 EMT destinations
- 61 Be untruthful
- 62 Fellow