

# SHIFTING SOUNDS

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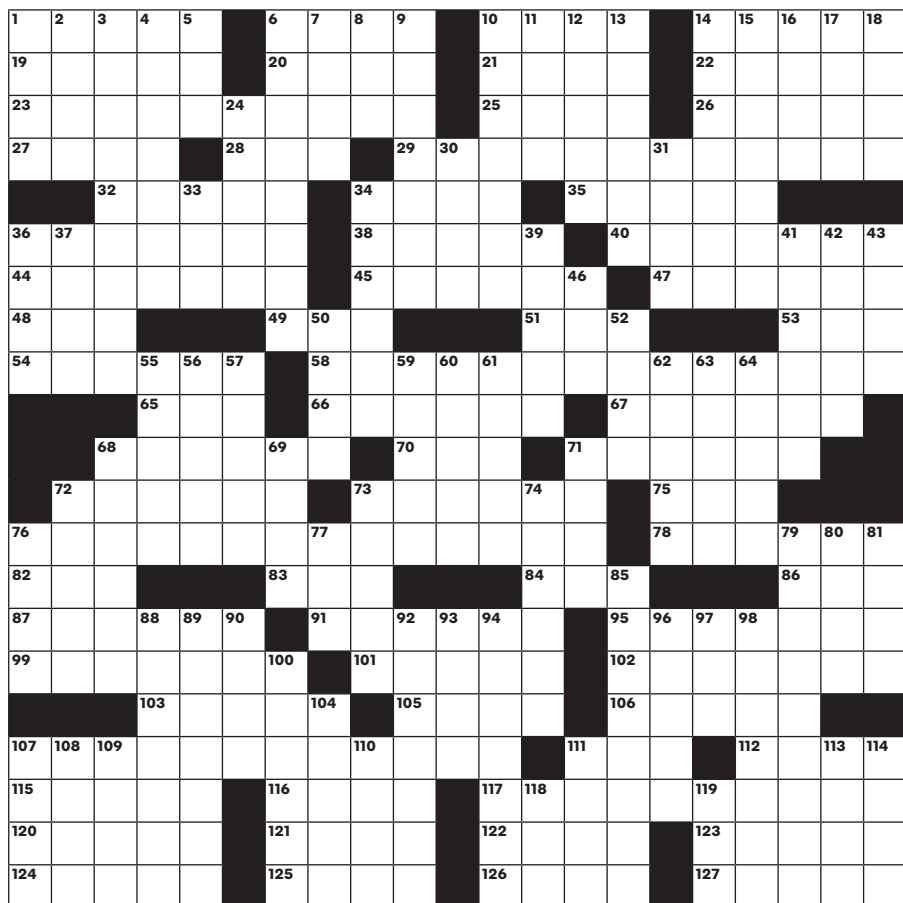
## ACROSS

- 1 Smashing
- 6 Wide-eyed in wonder
- 10 Woofer output
- 14 Casual vodka order
- 19 Bubbling
- 20 Pricey
- 21 Alma mater of Grant and Lee: Abbr.
- 22 Board-game piece
- 23 Dog's order at a malt shop?
- 25 The "day" in "seize the day"
- 26 "Arrival" visitor
- 27 You can see right through it
- 28 Part of H.M.S.
- 29 "Game of Thrones" patriarch has difficulties?
- 32 Zora Neale Hurston's "\_\_\_ Eyes Were Watching God"
- 34 Stand-up comic Kondabolu
- 35 Drum heard in raga music
- 36 Creator of Christopher Robin
- 38 Beat out by a hair
- 40 Big name in ratings
- 44 Male sailors
- 45 Words of affirmation
- 47 Upscale
- 48 Android alternative
- 49 \_\_\_ Mahal
- 51 Kind of diet
- 53 Chest muscle, informally
- 54 The "S" of 48-Across
- 58 Advised a chess player to attack the king?
- 65 Spanish unit of time with a tilde
- 66 Yoda, to Luke
- 67 Shows as an encore presentation
- 68 A fingerprint can leave one
- 70 Cell no., say
- 71 Strips of weapons
- 72 Coming from two speakers
- 73 Frequent choice for maid of honor
- 75 Deg. for an aspiring attorney abroad

- 76 Part of Disney's advertising budget?
- 78 How some pranks might go
- 82 Constellation with a palindromic name
- 83 Scat syllable for Sinatra
- 84 Hula loop
- 86 Academy Award winner for "Moonlight" and "Green Book"
- 87 Dr. Seuss character who becomes "King of the Mud"
- 91 Sushi condiment
- 95 Birds that can recognize themselves in mirrors
- 99 Beyond sad, or beyond happy
- 101 Some piercing spots
- 102 Categorically stated
- 103 Indubitably
- 105 Bellybutton fluff
- 106 Bordeaux wine region
- 107 Decisively defeat a cabinet department?
- 111 Musical knack
- 112 Share on social media
- 115 Like a zealous fan base
- 116 School attended by 20 prime ministers
- 117 Feeling one gets under anesthesia at the dentist?
- 120 Rat in "Ratatouille"
- 121 Word before or after run
- 122 Memo heading
- 123 Prize for a doc, maybe
- 124 Stick a fork in
- 125 Weapon with a bell guard
- 126 Loathsome person
- 127 Indira Gandhi's father

## DOWN

- 1 Comedian Mort
- 2 Instrument from the French for "high wood"
- 3 Bad shot by Dracula?
- 4 Affinity
- 5 Lacking originality
- 6 Follower
- 7 Prepare, with "up"
- 8 Symbol of sturdiness
- 9 \_\_\_ launcher
- 10 Close pals
- 11 "Yeah, right!"
- 12 Process, as ore
- 13 Language with only 14 native letters
- 14 He made his final cameo in "Avengers: Endgame"
- 15 Spilled one's soul
- 16 '30s migrant
- 17 Unwelcome look
- 18 Places to exchange dollars for quarters
- 24 Stand out from the crowd
- 30 Little bits of energy
- 31 Competitor of eBay
- 33 Tree that lines the Central Park Mall
- 34 Debut single for both Jimi Hendrix and Patti Smith
- 36 Flaws and all
- 37 Shout for 44-Across
- 39 Put off for another day
- 41 Building caretakers
- 42 Higher-ups in a hierarchy
- 43 Part of a guitar
- 46 One on the road in "On the Road"
- 50 Maker of Instant Feathers and Hi-Speed Tonic
- 52 Laura of "Marriage Story"



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- 55 Does some broncobusting, e.g.
- 56 Accustom (to)
- 57 Broadband device
- 59 Loosen, in a way
- 60 Banned display of firepower, informally
- 61 Conductor Georg with 31 Grammys
- 62 Passed out in Vegas
- 63 Gambino crime family patriarch
- 64 Attractive but vacuous guy, in slang
- 68 Mary, Queen of Scots, e.g.
- 69 Prod
- 71 Prod
- 72 Philosopher Kierkegaard
- 73 "Salud!" cousin
- 74 Heed an army poster
- 76 "Will you allow me to demonstrate?"
- 77 Plane-ticket info
- 79 Comfy seating at a carnival?
- 80 Downwind, at sea
- 81 New England art inst.
- 85 "Mind. Blown."
- 88 Shot served with salt and lime
- 89 Clean
- 90 Lexicographer Partridge
- 92 Singer Knowles with a 2016 No. 1 album
- 93 Ever so slightly
- 94 Perk from work
- 96 Tex who animated Bugs Bunny
- 97 Diploma equivalent, in brief
- 98 Make an engaging offer?
- 100 British spy Christopher in 2016 news
- 104 Legally prohibit
- 107 Parisian equivalent to "molto" or "muy"
- 108 Increase, with "up"
- 109 Stage prize since 1956
- 110 It distinguishes meaning in many East Asian languages
- 111 Fitch of Abercrombie & Fitch
- 113 Red carpet interviewee
- 114 Traffic-sign word
- 118 Card-game call
- 119 Sun follower?

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