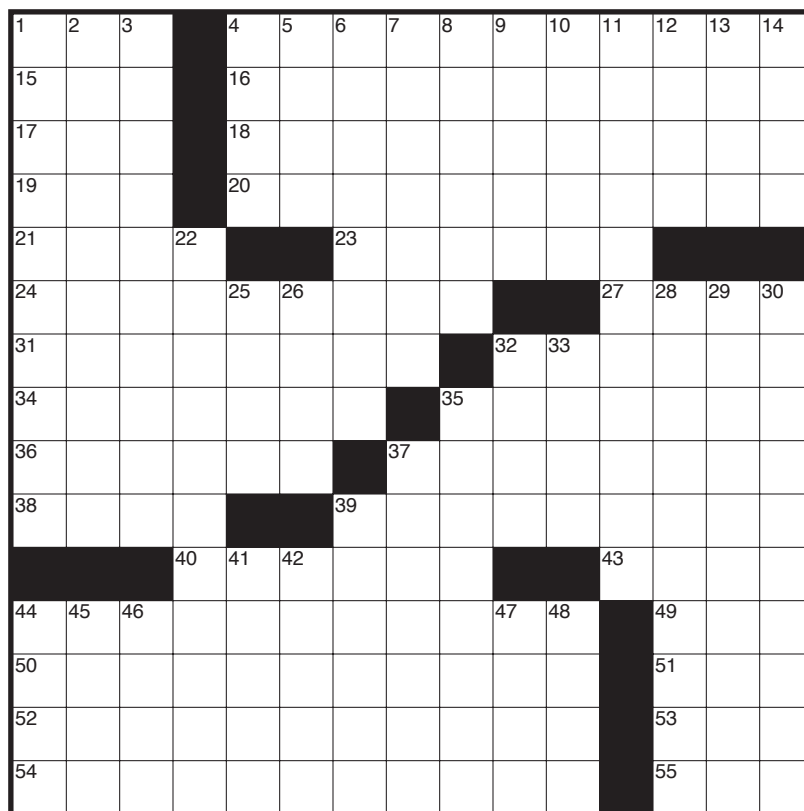


VOWELLESS CROSSWORD #1

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ACROSS

- 1 Verb that can mean both "split apart" and "stick together" (6)
- 4 German state whose capital is Mainz (9-10)
- 15 John Lennon song with the lyric "You may say I'm a dreamer" (7)
- 16 Money that can be counted on every year (10 6 6)
- 17 Tableland (7)
- 18 F. Scott Fitzgerald's last completed novel (6 2 3 5)
- 19 Dancer who starred in *Flying Down to Rio* (7)
- 20 Deepest, most hard-to-reach areas, as of the soul (9 8)
- 21 Run-down dwelling (5)
- 23 Subway entrance, often (9)
- 24 Mentioning one's upcoming birthday, perhaps (8 1 4)
- 27 Naturally illuminated (6)
- 31 Places where casino patrons might place bets on "odd" or "red" (8 6)
- 32 Home to Brown University (10)
- 34 Amounts pledged by money borrowers (11)

- 35 Tool used to make beef suitable for hamburgers (4 7)
- 36 Refuse holder (5 3)
- 37 Clips that can be found on-line? (11)
- 38 All in the same place, like shopping (3-4)
- 39 What sentimental movies may tug at (12)
- 40 Make money (4 1 6)
- 43 Reckon, as a bill (5 2)
- 44 Train system that has a terminal at Penn Station (4 6 8)
- 49 Elephant of children's literature (5)
- 50 Psychological experiment that involves quick verbal responses (4 11 4)
- 51 Stand on one's back legs, like a horse (4 2)
- 52 Where winter runs from June 21 to September 21 (8 10)
- 53 Not joking (7)
- 54 Singers who received a Grammy for their song "Jump (For My Love)" (3 7 7)
- 55 They can be built up on Monopoly properties (6)

DOWN

- 1 Northwest is one (7 9)
- 2 Most of John Grisham's novels, for example (5 9)
- 3 Someone who invests in early-stage, high-potential companies (7 10)
- 4 Ridged, tube-shaped pasta (8)
- 5 Offer one's unrequested opinion (4 2)
- 6 They existed about 30,000 years ago (12)
- 7 Blue pigments derived from lapis lazuli (12)
- 8 How opposing votes are cast (2 7)
- 9 Superheroes often have secret ones (10)
- 10 Type of cardiac surgery (4-5)
- 11 Vacation spot whose cost covers food, drinks, and activities (3-9 6)
- 12 Taste buds' locations (7)
- 13 Common Mexican restaurant appetizer (6)
- 14 Vegetables often found in stews (8)
- 22 Didn't let up at all (4 3 8 2)
- 25 Extremely quickly (2 1 5)
- 26 Mischievous legendary creature (6)
- 28 The state flower of Wyoming (6 10)
- 29 Places where people can check out books (7 9)
- 30 Working against each other's interests (2 5-8)
- 32 Vegetables often found in stews (8)
- 33 Go camping without any luxuries (5 2)
- 35 Children's song that has accompanying arm motions (2 1 6 6)
- 37 Happy-go-lucky quality (12)
- 39 Dickens novel about the problems caused by industrialization (4 5)
- 41 Agreeable (8)
- 42 Having a bigger potbelly (9)
- 44 Litigant's case (7)
- 45 Dig up (7)
- 46 Cape of ___ (South African headland) (4 4)
- 47 Football player who carries the ball forward (6)
- 48 Some IRS employees (8)