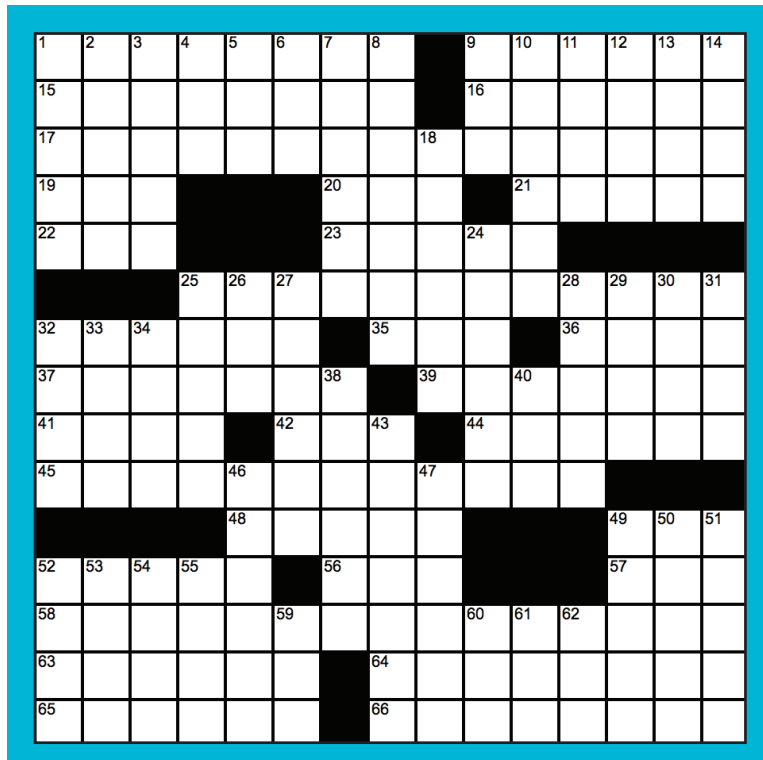


THE NONSENSE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

When we're faced with ambiguity, our emotions become amplified: anxiety is more agonizing and pleasure is more enjoyable. The delight of crossword puzzles comes in part from pondering multiple meanings and resolving ambiguous clues. Mysteries in any form ask puzzlers to fight against the mind's natural tendency to resolve the unresolved, thereby closing the door to uncertainty. While clarity often "leaves us inactive," as Goethe put it, "contradiction makes us productive."



ACROSS

- 1** Different, or with 66-Across, what make the *'d puzzles puzzling
9 Blazing
15 Oswald, maybe
16 Pickled
17 *Kafka fan's inquiry concerning K.'s acquittal
19 Zone neighboring CET
20 A pop
21 Electric pioneer
22 J and Dre
23 Abolish
25 *Ravensburger addict's query re ambiguous images
32 Moolah
35 Cultural org.
36 Paddles
37 Animates
39 Gets ready
41 Chill
42 Your, in Firenze
44 Exit
45 *Jabberwocky lover's musing about a made-up word
48 Ki-moon forerunner
49 "Elastic Heart" singer
52 Investigative analysis

- 56** "Feliz cumpleaños ____"
57 Wile E. Coyote's torment
58 *Christie buff's brooding vis-à-vis conflicting clues
63 Barbary sheep
64 Subtle reference
65 Passes on
66 See 1-Across

DOWN

- 1** Jaws or Grendel
2 Broadway guide
3 Exams for future J.D.s
4 Ink
5 Sorta
6 Controversial cancer test, for short
7 Flubbed a tongue twister, possibly
8 Begin, as an adventure
9 Silver-gray
10 Tony Stark wears one
11 Rhyming Fiasco
12 Egyptian armbands, maybe
13 To fall back, as troops
14 Millay or Ferber
18 Lectures
24 Bacon: "As the births of all living things at first are ill-____, so are all innovations"

- 25** Egyptian fertility goddess, var.
26 A rich vein, perhaps
27 Dumpling soup
28 "____ not gonna believe this!"
29 Façade
30 Provokes to anger
31 Sound of disapproval or contempt
32 Painter with a pet ocelot
33 "As ____ was saying..."
34 Ultra-authoritarian
38 Way of the prophet
40 Org. that assisted Darwin
43 How most coaches want players to play
46 Reject
47 Maroon
49 Gertrude, of Tender Buttons
50 Wearing a fake nose, say
51 Mail-routing abbrs.
52 ____ of words
53 Monopoly token
54 Heart
55 Met offering
59 Gridiron stats
60 Lockheed Martin and Boeing space org.
61 Basket
62 Clairvoyance