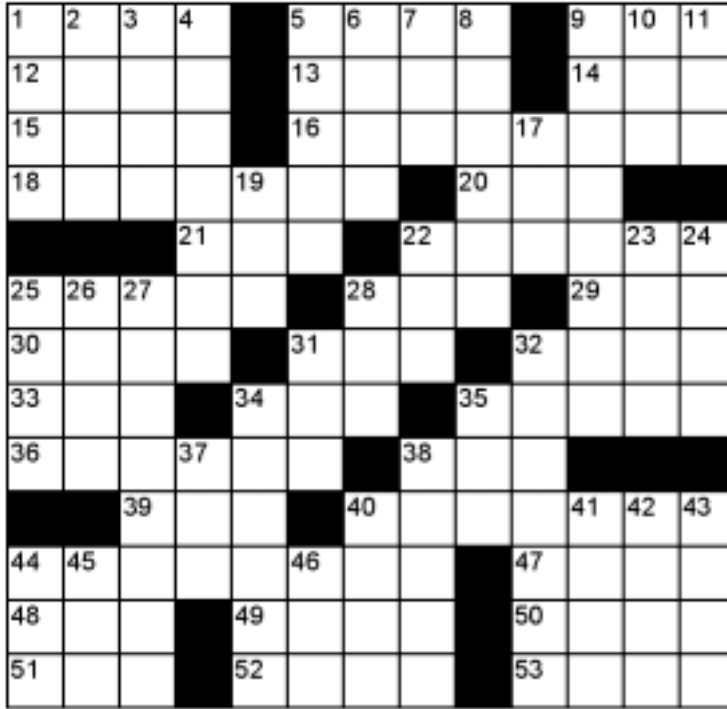


Spotlight on "KP"

This is a tricky puzzle, BUT WAIT—Don't just turn the page! I'll give you a couple of hints, if you need them.



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Across

- 1 Leave out
- 5 Half (prefix)
- 9 Blood test that looks at a muscle enzyme
- 12 Prefix meaning "vessel"
- 13 River associated with Shakespeare
- 14 "That guy!"
- 15 Prefix meaning "peculiar"
- 16 Aches resulting from whiplash (2 words)
- 18 Writing tablets kept at hand in the office (2 words)
- 20 Related to work (abbr)
- 21 Writer Tan
- 22 Round, flat-topped hat
- 25 Mediterranean island near Naples
- 28 World chess champion Mikhail
- 29 Course of study for immigrant to the US (abbr)
- 30 Smell ___ (2 words)

- 31 Genius, for short
- 32 Prison
- 33 Alternate form (abbr)
- 34 Performing star Calloway
- 35 Moisten with cooking juices
- 36 Blood test often used to examine the liver, for short (2 words)
- 38 ___ semper tyrannis
- 39 Jean-__ Godard
- 40 Virtual necessity for your hiking or camping trip
- 44 Gasoline engine component (2 words)
- 47 Feel sore
- 48 Ad ___
- 49 College located in New Rochelle, NY
- 50 Notation indicating an unknown author
- 51 Chop off
- 52 Kiddies
- 53 Drug salesmen, familiarly

Down

- 1 Roman poet
- 2 Built
- 3 Egyptian goddess of fertility
- 4 Participated in (2 words)
- 5 Useful around the house
- 6 Nights preceding holidays
- 7 Soft-soled shoe originally worn by Indians, for short
- 8 Puddle of printing fluid (2 words)
- 9 Garbanzos
- 10 Piece of orthopedic hardware
- 11 Metric distances (abbr)
- 17 Nat'l org for roentgenologists (abbr)
- 19 Heart attack (abbr)
- 22 La ___, South American capital
- 23 "___ true?" (2 words)
- 24 Women's magazine
- 25 Vena ___
- 26 Inland Asian sea
- 27 Valuable Monopoly property (2 words)
- 28 ___-fib (orthopedic shorthand)
- 31 Existed
- 32 Early host of The Tonight Show
- 34 Control center for an airplane
- 35 Long-popular disposable pen
- 37 "Ben-___"
- 38 Epic tales
- 40 Try for an infield hit
- 41 Teen-agers' skin ailment
- 42 Lamb or veal cut
- 43 Kesey and Starr
- 44 ___ Na Na
- 45 Infection characterized by a rash
- 46 Restroom, in London slang

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Hints:

- 1. Six squares in the answer receive two letters each. In those squares, use the two letters in both the Across and Down words.
- 2. The same two letters go in each of the six special squares.



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