

Largish Quiz Thing

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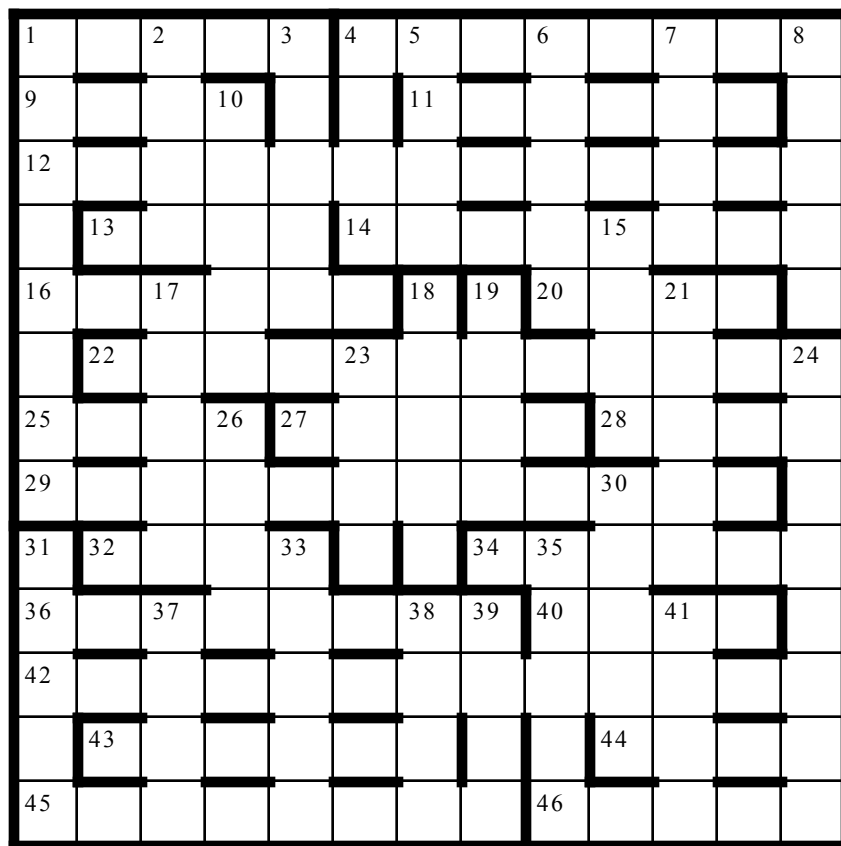
Welcome to the Largish Quiz Thing! In this puzzle, all Down clues work normally, but the Across clues form three “special rounds”:

(1) Musicianship Round: For each of the eight clues in this round, you must enter a word or phrase in the grid that stands in a certain relation to the clue’s answer, rather than the answer itself. (Answers and/or entries here will often be non-dictionary phrases.)

(2) Video Display Round: Each of the eight answers in this round must be entered with a question on display in a single square.

(3) Lightning Bug Round: There are only seven clues in this round, and they are all “quick” (noncryptic).

When the grid is complete, for each (2) entry, where the “display” square is the *m*th from the start of the entry and the *n*th from the end, find the *m*th letter from the start and the *n*th from the end of the *clue*. The *m*th letters will say what the relation from (1) and the question from (2) are; the *n*th letters will say what the clumped-together (3) entries are doing.



ACROSS

1. A bowl’s contents perhaps feed the Hessian
4. Guard is caging parrot next to large, noisy fowl (2 wds.)
9. Mother of, say, Levi in the second half of Genesis
11. To one in a law office having an obligation
12. Person who invests in the theater’s one set
13. Tricky, tired coot misused term for Motown (3 wds.)
14. Act nice and get into empty tub by beige train (3 wds.)
16. Do indicate tripe-filled muck left in Wichita (3 wds.)
20. Pig devouring university, church, and city on the Chang River
22. Liquor Ms. Bara put into weird drink-can for nighttime entertainment (4 wds.)
25. Round figures indicating, say, the size of an empty set
27. Land around Doha with an emir’s leadership
28. Long wail uttered with volume by, say, a feline beast
29. Wistful remark mentioned stiff bird-seed-flavored frozen dessert (4 wds.)
32. Nastily pick apart brewer and low-rent author (2 wds.)
34. Erratic, low sigh includes normal outbursts of emotion
36. Name for a girl from gym class eating omelette-like starters for supper (2 wds.)
40. With that, I agree to exhibit many stripped-down watercraft for, say, an Omani (2 wds.)
42. Doth cover oneself in superficially exotic pork particles and boast of victory (4 wds.)
43. Rise up so as to go against the current government
44. Quickly, make a short cut with (for instance) shears
45. A prez of Eastern is unfortunately here now
46. I wish you’d shut up debtors in rooms in gyms

DOWN

1. Cleaving 150 uncoated rings twice (8)
2. See fruit (4)
3. Carroll’s mome creatures digested trash (5)
4. Be very quiet in front of (say) LBJ’s veep (4)
5. Start to cast *The Lion Queen* (4)
6. Makes vases using one’s tongue (5)
7. Flip over endlessly sweet oaf (4)
8. Fib, for example, about a feudal vassal (5)
10. Enthusiatic about deradicalized Seussian elephant (3 2)
15. Drops director Spike’s name when speaking in the appropriate way (4)
17. Outspoken, curvy Mark Swinton of Hollywood (5)
18. Discussed an individual who satisfies a lecher (5)
19. Strangely dank region bordering Minn. (1 3, abbr.)
21. Harlequin and Columbine, at first, have to eat little (5)
23. Small lower part of the lower leg (4)
24. Don’t keep filling drinking vessels with shots from a short distance away (8)
26. Evening in French or Brazilian city is upsetting (4)
30. Old signs displaying swinish comments? (5)
31. Bird barely seen under a bench in church (5)
33. Nitrogen only destroyed synthetic fiber (5)
35. Doesn’t have to be loose-lipped (5)
37. Reportedly employ sheep (4)
38. Incorrectly rate Johnson on *Laugh-In* (4)
39. Thy yellow-orange city in Sumer (4)
41. End up capturing the heart of Wayne Newton’s little brother? (4)