

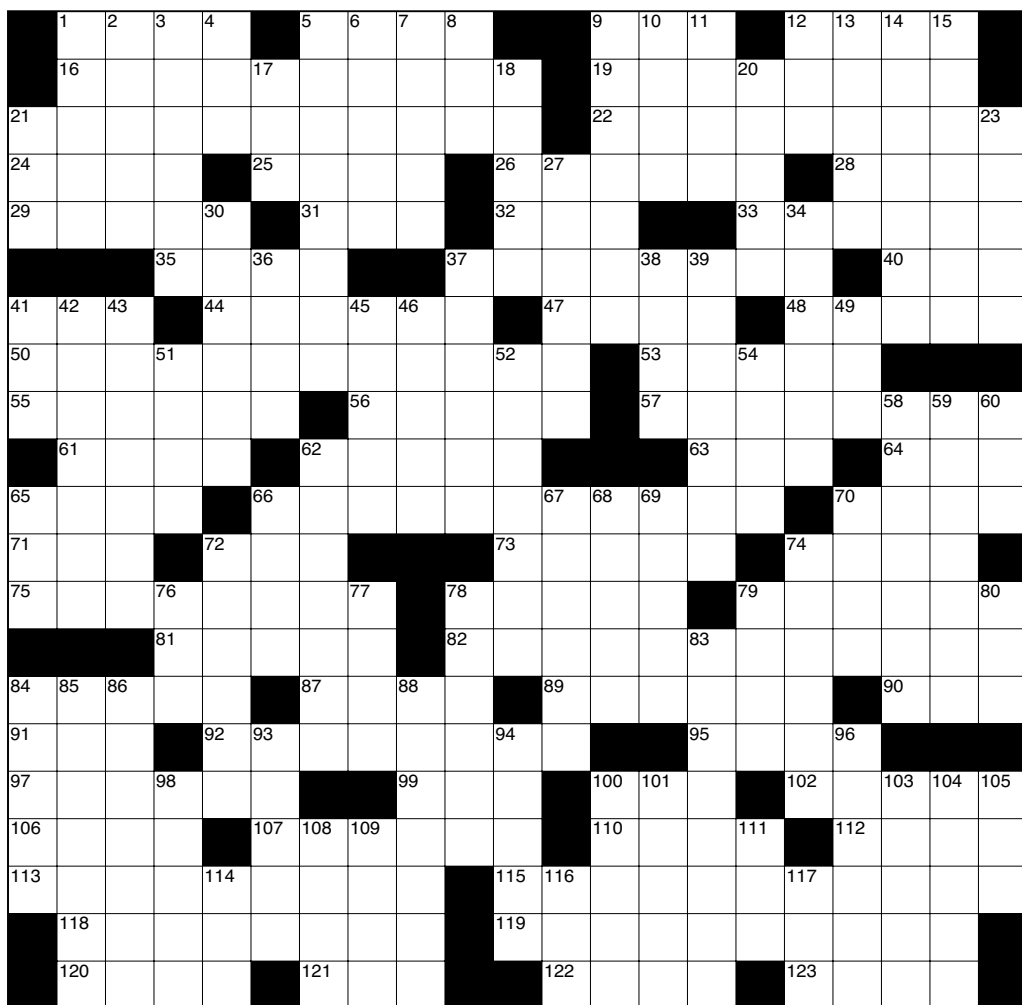
Back and Forth

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HOW TO PLAY: In each “word addition” problem, the answer to the first clue must be **reversed** before being entered into the grid. Thus, “One more time (rev.) + Sun god” translates as *AGAIN* spelled backward, plus *RA*, which forms *NIAGARA*. Every theme answer is a common word or phrase. As they say, sometimes you have to back up to go forward.

ACROSS

- 1 Enabling eavesdropping, perhaps
- 5 Some punches
- 9 ___ the question
- 12 “Be glad to”
- 16 **Broke a promise (rev.) + Dined**
- 19 **Chopper (rev.) + Gold digger**
- 21 **Ex-President (rev.) + Pool need**
- 22 **Skiing mecca (rev.) + Less bold**
- 24 Boating term
- 25 Small-town boy
- 26 Passed on, as parables
- 28 “Only ___”
- 29 Johnny’s introducer
- 31 Ky. neighbor
- 32 Ky. neighbor
- 33 Boards
- 35 Face-off
- 37 **Paramour (rev.) + Turner**
- 40 Pad content
- 41 “Lazy River” start
- 44 Maggie’s Jean
- 47 Borodin’s prince
- 48 Turf-war sides
- 50 **Fruits (rev.) + Repeat**
- 53 Career soldier
- 55 Future ferns
- 56 ___ gin fizz
- 57 **McEntire (rev.) + Tirade**
- 61 Garden fertilizer
- 62 Places
- 63 Young ___
- 64 March Hare’s offering
- 65 Haunted-house hangings
- 66 **Uniform (rev.) + Tearing**
- 70 Instruction unit
- 71 Paul in *Exodus*
- 72 Jiff
- 73 Voice (an objection)
- 74 Ran, as colors
- 75 **Department store (rev.) + Pay dirt**
- 78 Of hawks and doves
- 79 Rent sharer
- 81 Piano pro
- 82 **Cash carrier (rev.) + Kangaroo**
- 84 *The Merry Widow* composer
- 87 Escapee from Miss Gulch
- 89 Spots
- 90 Make an effort
- 91 Charlottesville sch.
- 92 **Feudal figure (rev.) + Locks**
- 95 “Why don’t we!”
- 97 ___ beet
- 99 Prior conclusion
- 100 Little fella
- 102 Irish hero, briefly



- 106 Airline since 1948
- 107 Retired Bol of basketball
- 110 Job safety org.
- 112 Cookbook writer Rombauer
- 113 **Big name in Vegas (rev.) + Guitarist Paul**
- 115 **Do roadwork (rev.) + Speech**
- 118 **State capital (rev.) + TV spot**
- 119 **First husband (rev.) + Road sign + Road sight**
- 120 Metro station
- 121 *To Kill a Mockingbird* state: abbr.
- 122 Bygone boomers
- 123 Words of woe

DOWN

- 1 Maid in *Die Fledermaus*
- 2 2000 World Series MVP
- 3 “It’s a deal”
- 4 Mens ___ (legal term)
- 5 Chuck Yeager, e.g.
- 6 Thin as ___
- 7 Tower locale
- 8 Cardinal’s insignia
- 9 King of the kennel
- 10 Trade show
- 11 Effrontery
- 12 Cheer word
- 13 Still alive, in dodgeball
- 14 Restrains
- 15 Sooner than later
- 17 Barracks VIP
- 18 Beyond unusual

- 20 Kim in *Picnic*
- 21 Cheer word
- 23 Holds the position of
- 27 Wishes to be in the shoes of
- 30 Lease prohibition
- 34 Walk trimmers
- 36 Dwarf planet that’s bigger than Pluto
- 37 Hole enlarger
- 38 *Damn Yankees* vamp
- 39 Chicago paper
- 41 ___ *Constitution*
- 42 Spicy hot
- 43 Of simple organisms
- 45 Etym.
- 46 Beyond miffed
- 49 JFK posting
- 51 They might roll over
- 52 Part of the LAPD’s motto
- 54 ___ shui
- 58 Make an effort
- 59 Less prosperous
- 60 Water gate?
- 62 Do a gland’s job
- 65 Took place
- 66 Gas in glass
- 67 Roofer, at times
- 68 Tuning knobs
- 69 “When ___ my fingers ...”
- 70 Sow chow
- 72 Foes of Gargamel
- 74 Gives a lift
- 76 Comes ___ price
- 77 Boy with a bow

- 78 Drinker’s cry
- 79 Korean statesman
- 80 Trick ending?
- 83 2007 “suburban biker” flick starring Tim Allen and John Travolta
- 84 Angler’s boxful
- 85 Speed-reader Wood et al.
- 86 ___ to do (was busy)
- 88 Meat-rating org.
- 93 One-man army of film
- 94 “___ to recall ...”
- 96 Knit or purl, e.g.
- 98 Go ___ pieces
- 100 Tons
- 101 Have ___ (quarrel)
- 103 Trojan War king
- 104 Luigi’s love
- 105 Shade at the beach?
- 108 Goya’s duchess
- 109 Actress Patricia
- 111 Palindromic constellation
- 114 Adder’s kin
- 116 Anatomical duct
- 117 Botanist Gray

* PUZZLE FANS ! *

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