

Choice Words

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- 1. Roman bath contents?
- 5. Sacred hymns
- 11. Stick in a lock
- 14. "Actually, the horn is really a ___" (dubious but unfalsifiable unicorn assertion)
- 15. Not shrink from
- 16. "How To with John Wilson" network
- 17. Stop at Carhenge / just drive right on by
- 19. We-have-completed-the-puzzle exclamation
- 20. Precept
- 21. Pre-sea "Moby-Dick" setting
- 22. Speck
- 23. "Big" time attraction?
- 24. Flip off the rude Mobil customer / just fill up their car
- 27. 2026 FIFA World Cup co-co-host
- 28. Peak, informally
- 29. Just a wittle swape
- 30. Boring routine
- 31. Of average or even poor quality, in slang
- 33. Lack for some rebels
- 37. Affirm one's faith / just stare dumbly at the burning bush
- 42. "Torqued Ellipses" sculptor Richard
- 43. Apt closing rhyme with "Romeo"
- 44. Conference with widely syndicated talks
- 45. Greek peak in Thessaly
- 48. Booker backers
- 50. Yes to Captain Picard!
- 51. Toss the drunk demanding a booth / just give 'em a booth
- 55. The "brea" in La Brea
- 56. Bird representing daybreak in lit
- 57. 75, maybe
- 58. Cuts down on the Justin's dark chocolate almond butter cups, maybe
- 60. "(___ Had) The Time of My Life"

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- 61. Come over the top of an offer / combine resources in a joint bid
- 64. "Dirty Grandpa"'s Efron
- 65. Not oneself?
- 66. Technically the stern deck (but where's the fun in that)
- 67. Leafcutter, e.g.
- 68. Base vehicle for Ecto-1, the Ghostbusters car
- 69. 457-55-5462, etc.
- 8. Digs with sticks?
- 9. Vt. ski resort with a pretty on-the-nose name
- 10. Distress signal
- 11. "Staaaahp, silly goose!"
- 12. Subside
- 13. One found in Kauffman Stadium or Buckingham Palace
- 18. Period to stay seated
- 22. "Unfortunately it may be the case that..."
- 23. Fails TikTok's viral #SpriteChallenge, say
- 25. Lawful to chaotic, for one
- 26. Costa ___
- 32. Closely watched index
- 34. Occasionally brilliant personal brands?
- 35. "Won't be long!"
- 36. ___ Millennials (generational cohort that continues to embrace skinny jeans)
- 38. Old habit, maybe?
- 39. Thataway ->
- 40. Endpoint of all roads, they say
- 41. A lot a lot
- 46. "OMG OMG I DIE"
- 47. Queen of Soul
- 49. Start to wake up
- 51. 1966 computer program designed to emulate a psychotherapist
- 52. One from Jakarta, maybe
- 53. Build
- 54. Matzoh meal?
- 59. "Love & Basketball" actor Omar
- 61. "That's amazing!"
- 62. Choice words ... that you should mind in today's puzzle
- 63. Vinyl records

DOWN

- 1. 4x4
- 2. Reasonably certain
- 3. Rhode Island's Whitehouse, for one
- 4. Like
- 5. Thunder and Lightning, e.g.
- 6. Title for Patrick Stewart (on- or off-set)
- 7. Gelatinous edible