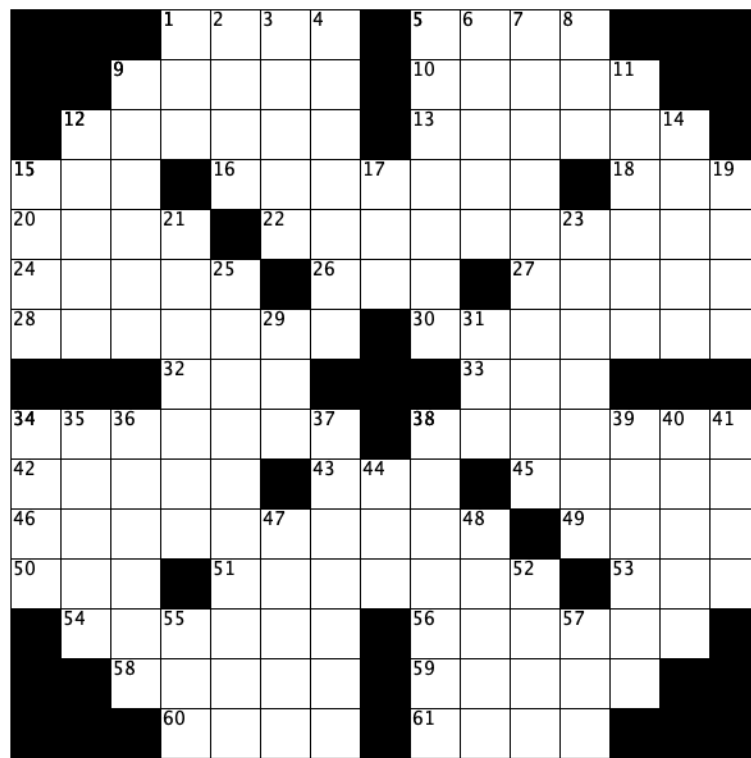


Trust Me!

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ACROSS

1. ___ to the occasion (step up)
5. Spanish house
9. Baby's first word, perhaps
10. Prefix meaning between
12. Encryption code to conceal the meaning of a message (MI5/MI6 spelling)
13. Towers in Spanish
15. Not happy
16. Non-threatening disguise for a spy, or so I imagine (2 wds)
18. Accounting initials for the Cost of Acquisition of an asset
20. Good spot for a spy's dead-drop: a hole in a ___ trunk, so I've read
22. Set of techniques of espionage, not that I would know any
24. Dutch cheeses
26. Not closed, poetically, e.g. "Wilt thou not ___ thy heart... ? : Emerson
27. Prefix relating to the sun, as in the ___-centric model of the solar system
28. Telephone eavesdropping method, or so I've seen on TV
30. Virginia city that's home to the George Bush Center for Intelligence, not that I've been there
32. Agent for short, but not the spying sort
33. US gov's foreign intelligence service, for which I am not an asset
34. Cause to be more humble
38. Transmitted, as a message (2 wds)
42. Submarine sandwiches, AKA "Po-Boys", "Hoagies" and these
43. Water of the Seine
45. Classic drawing toy with a display and 2 knobs, one that traces vertical lines and another for horizontal lines: ___ Sketch (2 wds)



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46. If the sequence of grid letters (reading across, row after row) formed a decryption key, what would the ciphered message "2, 6, 9, 15, 26, 44, 50, 62, 64, 84" mean? (5 wds.) Trust me!
49. 8 fluid ounces (2 wds.)
50. It comes before sec. (school) (abbr.)
51. Au ___, French for "nothing on"
53. "___ you sure about that?"
54. Gadget guru, like "Q" in the Bond movies
56. WWII German cipher machine
58. Thick carpets of the 1970s
59. Loans backed by real estate (abbr.)
60. "Coup d'___": sudden regime change, that a foreign agent had NOTHING to do with - honest!
61. Airline most likely to have Mossad agents on its flights, one imagines (2 wds.)

DOWN

1. Hip Hop music genre
2. Texter's abbr. meaning it's just their opinion

3. Small fish... or to extract metal from ore by heating it
4. Bit of medication taken by tilting one's head and letting it fall into the canal (2 wds.)
5. Fortress overlooking a city
6. Cathode's opposite
7. Bitter poison, good against rats but not ideal for covert assassination (don't ask me how I know!)
8. Irish airline ___ Lingus
9. "Frankly ___, I don't give a damn": "Gone with the Wind" (2 wds.)
11. 1990 Arnold Schwarzenegger/Sharon Stone film or 2012 remake: "Total ___"
12. 3x Billboard Top Female Rap Artist winner: ___ B
14. Given name that differs from Bulgaria's capital by only the last letter
15. Crock-pot meal
17. Portable computer format: -top
19. "Kids, don't touch that, it's not ___!" (2 wds.)
21. The E in prog. rock group ELP, or poet cited in an Across clue

23. Boaters' get-together
25. Headwear for a spy trying to blend into the crowd in Texas
29. King Kong, for one
31. Good card to have up one's sleeve
34. Micro-circuit contained in a bug or spy cam
35. Sniper's aim on the target's chest
36. Ground troops, or game pieces in RISK
37. Most tidy
38. Above all others, e.g. a court
39. ___ razor, philosophical principle favouring simplicity
40. Kirk's communications officer, only female on the Enterprise's bridge
41. "Don't deny saying it, we have you on ___"
44. College in Tempe Ariz. (abbr.)
47. Tundra's neighbour to its South
48. 1983 Streisand film
52. Spanish for league, as in La ___ Nacional de Futbol Profesional
55. Guevara of Cuban revolution fame
57. Hair goo