

HEAD, SHOULDERS, KNEES, AND TOES

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Each of the 24 Down entries must be modified before entry into the grid according to the title nursery rhyme. Modifications are divided evenly among the following:

- **Head:** The first letter is changed.
- **Shoulders:** The second letter is changed.
- **Knees:** The second-to-last letter is changed.
- **Toes:** The last letter is changed.
- **Eyes:** Two I's are added to the entry.
- **Ears:** A homophone of the entry is inserted.
- **Mouth:** Read as "*M out H*", an M is dropped from the entry, and an H is added to the end.
- **Nose:** Read as "*No SE*", the bigram SE is deleted from the entry.

Modified entries are all 11C and include one proper noun. Tagging refers to pre-modification answers.

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Across

- 1 A detective is wrapped in cloak from head to toe (7, *hyph.*)
- 7 Bette found in Swiss resort following knee replacement? (5)
- 11 Are collars, a couple undershirts, and Ian's cap "costumery"? (6)
- 12 Sorceress nabs model's toe ring (6)
- 13 Sell in small quantities: a liter, perhaps (6)
- 15 Henry breaks into a samba at sea somewhere off of Florida (7)
- 16 Dispense with one-fifty tons (4, 2 wds.)
- 17 Member of the fam is taken aback by book (3)
- 19 As I get dotty, I discriminate against seniors (6)
- 20 Like skin left anesthetized (6)
- 21 Create bridge crossing two valleys (5)
- 23 Guides lectured for English city (5)
- 25 Poe's timeless bird shrouded in echoes (6)
- 27 Cast spade in error, drawing heart (6)
- 28 U.K. network canceled after second-rate premier of *Bridgerton* (3, *abbr.*)
- 31 Notice inside of the ear (4)
- 33 Lubricant for a lock and chain from kiln with no walls (7, 2 wds.)
- 36 He craves a drink around mid-morning (6)
- 37 Director of *Batman's Return*, not *Hitch* (6)
- 38 State launches violent struggles (6)
- 39 Wild dog by entrance of dark cave (5)
- 40 Encourages others with problems getting by (7)

Down

- 1 Manipulate with perseverance without a crew leader

- 2 Lady wearing a black and white robe
- 3 Black houses, close to the expected amount, can be taken apart
- 4 Crowd knocked back some brandy
- 5 Buddy rented out temporary bed
- 6 Check isotherm at regular intervals
- 7 Engine fuel fades with rise of *Center for Solar Energy*
- 8 Small vessel that's red-blooded, but not the heart
- 9 Don't forget end of Victorian period
- 10 Only half salute flag, being cross
- 13 Equipped earthmover top-to-bottom and bottom-to-top
- 14 Record rap battle's finale
- 18 Colorful kitchen pest leads to apartment dweller backtracking and breaking lease (2 wds.)
- 19 Pacifist and mimic eating vegetables
- 20 A long couplet is written up for all to hear
- 22 Craft that goes round and round red snapper
- 24 Mineral with curious sheen contains phosphorus
- 26 Humming sounds produced by bats hurt my senses, initially
- 27 Label street on map incorrectly
- 29 Suggest, as an idea, baking loaf with hint of thyme
- 30 Chief of engineers is unable to divide curves of trig functions
- 32 Scrape off two layers of painting for money in Peru
- 34 Leader to step down from Asian nation? Yeah, right! (2 wds.)
- 35 Zoo in crisis! Bears beginning to uncork Greek liquor