



# Bryant Park Reading Room Coffee & Crosswords Tournament Puzzles 2019

The fourth annual Bryant Park Crossword Tournament was held in September 2019 at the Bryant Park Reading Room, a lovely outdoor corner of the famed park in Midtown Manhattan, just behind the main branch of the New York Public Library. A record-breaking crowd of over 100 solvers in this Puzzability event competed on three puzzles, and the top three contestants then duelled it out in a championship final. All puzzles, including an additional warm-up puzzle, were by Mike Shenk.

Our Coffee & Crosswords event features two skill divisions, Espresso and Cappuccino. The 2019 tournament, and the Espresso Division, was won in a dramatic photo finish by Glen Ryan, who also won in 2018. Chris Adams took second place and Jon Delfin took third. Cappuccino Division winners were Corey Booth in first, Brandon Lomuto in second, and Suzie Spaulding in third.

All five puzzles from the 2019 tournament are included here. We hope you enjoy them.

*The folks at Puzzability:*

*Mike Shenk*

*Amy Goldstein*

*Robert Leighton*

**WARM-UP: Tree's a Crowd**

**ACROSS**

- 1 Xenophon's X
- 4 Job holder?
- 9 Place for some training
- 14 Took cover
- 15 Burger topper
- 16 Impressed and then some
- 17 *They have trunks*
- 19 Newsmaker of 1917
- 20 Accident site markers
- 21 Occupies the throne
- 22 Hymn closer
- 24 Faust's sale
- 25 *They have leaves*
- 30 Italian luxury brand
- 31 Pillow covers
- 32 Subway station posting
- 35 Radius partner
- 36 Flat-bottomed boats
- 37 "Peter Pan" pooch
- 38 Yr. end
- 39 "Keen!"
- 40 Valuable deposits
- 41 *They have roots*
- 44 Seething state
- 45 Bowler makeup
- 46 Cow chow
- 49 Big purchase of 1867
- 53 Friendly señorita
- 54 *They have branches*
- 57 Delight in
- 58 In the thick of
- 59 Agnus \_\_\_
- 60 Source of wild laughter
- 61 V member
- 62 Legolas or Galadriel, e.g.

**DOWN**

- 1 Toque wearer
- 2 Sledding spot
- 3 Notion
- 4 Sherlock solves a scandal there
- 5 "Hang on!"
- 6 Place for carry-on bags
- 7 Park place?
- 8 USNA grad's rank
- 9 Freeway closers
- 10 "Desire Under the Elms" playwright
- 11 Mixed drink, of a sort
- 12 Castor or Pollux
- 13 Cravings
- 18 Soviet paper
- 21 Clue board nonet
- 23 Mixed drink, of a sort
- 24 USN nuclear sub class
- 25 Tater
- 26 Name on Perry Mason book covers
- 27 Place where you might see dirty hands
- 28 Snap
- 29 Contact a contact
- 33 Rice who writes
- 34 "I'm not interested, thanks"
- 36 Durable fabric
- 37 Sweet drink
- 39 River from Lake Erie
- 40 Hamlet's cousin
- 42 Kingdom of Ferdinand and Isabella
- 43 Gets smart
- 46 Bathrobe closer
- 47 Wishy-washy reply to "Will you?"
- 48 Not prerecorded
- 50 Hypotenuse, e.g.
- 51 Boat's backbone
- 52 "Like that's gonna happen!"
- 54 Fall behind
- 55 "As I see it ..." in a text
- 56 Raspberry's cousin

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**PUZZLE 1: Coffee Breaks**

**ACROSS**

- 1 Exclamation of epiphany
- 4 Org. that facilitates adoptions
- 8 Savory taste
- 13 It's between the fish and bull in the zodiac
- 14 2019 WNBA All-Star Game MVP Wheeler
- 16 Famous
- 17 Antepenultimate Greek letter
- 18 Caddie or bellhop, for example
- 19 Goopy campfire treat
- 20 Tweet identifier
- 22 Grooms, as eyebrows
- 24 Ticklish Muppet
- 25 Tucker's "Rush Hour" costar
- 26 Golf course warnings
- 28 Moves like a moth
- 32 Fundraiser participant
- 33 Kensington Gardens carriages
- 34 Multi-movie role for Keanu Reeves
- 35 Rocks for refiners
- 36 It makes the morning papers
- 37 Valhalla VIP
- 38 Ostrich's Aussie cousin
- 39 Flows into
- 40 Target Field baseballers
- 41 Puts on a new coat?
- 43 Losing plans
- 44 Louver piece
- 45 Student driver, often
- 46 In the neighborhood
- 49 Broadly speaking
- 53 Rice-\_\_\_ ("The San Francisco Treat")
- 54 Sports shocker
- 56 Cow call
- 57 Newscast wrap-up
- 58 Fashion designer Emilio
- 59 Neither follower
- 60 At \_\_\_ for words
- 61 Plane boarding area
- 62 Mamie's man

**DOWN**

- 1 St. Louis landmark
- 2 "Very funny!"
- 3 "Lucky Jim" author Kingsley
- 4 Pioneering person
- 5 Some charity tourneys
- 6 Gas station brand with a triangular logo
- 7 One of four in a deck
- 8 Ousts from office
- 9 Short time
- 10 Entire range
- 11 Just
- 12 Midmonth day
- 15 Setting of drawers?
- 21 Sizable sandwiches
- 23 Caprices
- 26 Question often followed by "You shouldn't have!"
- 27 Get the better of
- 28 Armisen and Astaire
- 29 Extreme advice from a relationship counselor
- 30 Jockey's handful
- 31 About half of deliveries
- 32 Active type
- 33 Beautify
- 36 Prison-related
- 37 Winner of four gold medals at the Berlin Olympics
- 39 Nice extras
- 40 What young businessmen must learn to do
- 42 Yoga postures
- 43 Flaw
- 45 Title character who sings the aria "Vissi d'arte"
- 46 Croft who raids tombs
- 47 Pitcher Hershiser
- 48 Pixar film set in Mexico (and the Land of the Dead)
- 50 Luxury hotel chain
- 51 Knight's neighbor
- 52 Went fast
- 55 Dog with a wrinkly, short-muzzled face

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**PUZZLE 2: Green on Green**

**ACROSS**

- 1 Climber's goal
- 5 "Leaving New York" band
- 8 Portuguese currency replaced by the euro
- 14 "... you get the idea"
- 16 More malicious
- 17 \*The Obamas' Bo, for one
- 18 Analyzed syntactically
- 19 \*Baseball, for the U.S.
- 21 Knicks' base, for short
- 24 Flip \_\_\_ (decide randomly)
- 25 Batter's hitless day, in baseball slang
- 26 Haitian island that was a pirate stronghold in the 17th century
- 29 Scathing review
- 31 Post workers: Abbr.
- 32 Parting word in Puerto Vallarta
- 33 Bros
- 35 Blocks traffic, in a way, and a hint to the answers to the starred clues
- 39 1987 Outstanding Drama Series Emmy winner
- 40 Member of a string quartet
- 43 Flour bag abbr.
- 46 Was ahead
- 47 Catalpa tree feature
- 49 Ibex's home
- 51 Far from familiar
- 53 1963 Paul Newman film
- 54 \*The hood in "Boyz n the Hood"
- 58 Jubilant cry
- 59 \*Government official's transport
- 63 Penetrating
- 64 Beto O'Rourke, for one
- 65 Perfume counter bottle
- 66 Hanoi holiday
- 67 Spots for sweaters

**DOWN**

- 1 Service seating
- 2 Vowel that looks like a Roman consonant
- 3 Legislature creation
- 4 Penetrating
- 5 Markdown indicator, often
- 6 Beethoven's Symphony No. 3
- 7 Myopic Mr.
- 8 Tijuana turnover
- 9 Mammal with flippers
- 10 Hold stuff?
- 11 Like running with scissors
- 12 Judged
- 13 Chooses an entrée, e.g.
- 15 Refrain syllable
- 20 Supine-to-standing spring, in calisthenics
- 21 Overseer of NYC subways
- 22 Part of a yard
- 23 Sudoku puzzle feature
- 27 Bevel or level
- 28 Not exceptional
- 30 Chicken's lack
- 33 Frost's summer equivalent
- 34 Leave a tire mark, perhaps
- 36 Stand by a field
- 37 Punch server
- 38 Last year's frosh
- 41 Reed heard in rock recordings

- 42 Recipe direction
- 43 Criticize severely
- 44 Top choice
- 45 Sudden bursts of energy
- 47 Avoid adjudication
- 48 Fascinated
- 50 Walk with attitude
- 52 Map detail
- 55 Hardly fancy?
- 56 Words with disadvantage or discount
- 57 Reduced by
- 60 Beat walker
- 61 TourBook guides publisher
- 62 Hosp. workers

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## PUZZLE 3: Initial Offerings

### ACROSS

- 1 Dryads' homes
- 5 Pinnacles
- 10 Specialized sch.
- 14 Triceps connection
- 15 Cunning
- 16 Soft wheel
- 17 White's "Pros and Cons of Precipitation"?
- 19 Succeed in pitching
- 20 Course requirement
- 21 Labor leaders?
- 23 Overtime cause
- 24 Show a preference
- 26 Doctorow's "Mark of the Persian's Paw"?
- 30 "No! Pagliaccio non son!" for one
- 32 Asset for actors
- 33 Canterbury cans
- 34 Homer, for one
- 36 X, sometimes
- 37 cummings's "the love of lads and lasses"?
- 43 \_\_\_ Center (third-tallest building in Chicago)
- 44 Dry, to Dom Perignon
- 45 Two-wafer treat
- 46 "Ad \_\_\_" (2019 Brad Pitt movie)
- 49 Pastor's preaching
- 51 James's "No Food for My New Old Man"?
- 55 Ave. address parts
- 56 Masters study
- 57 Play a big part
- 58 Angry order from a parent
- 60 Important times
- 62 A different White's "Living Life Like the Queen of Soul"?
- 67 It's roughly halfway between Portland and Los Angeles
- 68 Nostalgically chic
- 69 One hand indicates it
- 70 Have a restless night
- 71 Put out
- 72 Track figure

### DOWN

- 1 "\_\_\_ Boys" (2019 HBO miniseries)
- 2 Copying
- 3 Activity for Madame Defarge
- 4 Balanced
- 5 It might be checked at the door
- 6 Baby panda
- 7 Telemundo's headquarters
- 8 Taron's "Rocketman" role
- 9 Ominous message from the boss
- 10 Targets of planks
- 11 Bonehead
- 12 Not well
- 13 Strike out
- 18 Proficient
- 22 Tear
- 24 Inauguration Day recitation
- 25 Plural that Toyota announced in 2011 was selected by the general public
- 27 Allen from Connecticut
- 28 Reclined
- 29 Needed replenishment
- 31 F equivalent
- 35 Cardinal points?: Abbr.
- 36 Crash investigators
- 38 A bunch
- 39 Spanakopita ingredient
- 40 Tree that yields very hard timber
- 41 Student of Seneca
- 42 Olympic powers
- 46 Maintain
- 47 AirPods output
- 48 Last team added to the NFL
- 50 Site of Vulcan's forge
- 52 Xybots creator
- 53 Sticks one's neck out
- 54 Stews
- 59 El cubo de dos
- 61 Desperate transmission
- 63 One-man Broadway play of 1989-90
- 64 Tool with a blade
- 65 Clunker
- 66 Where operators may be standing by: Abbr.

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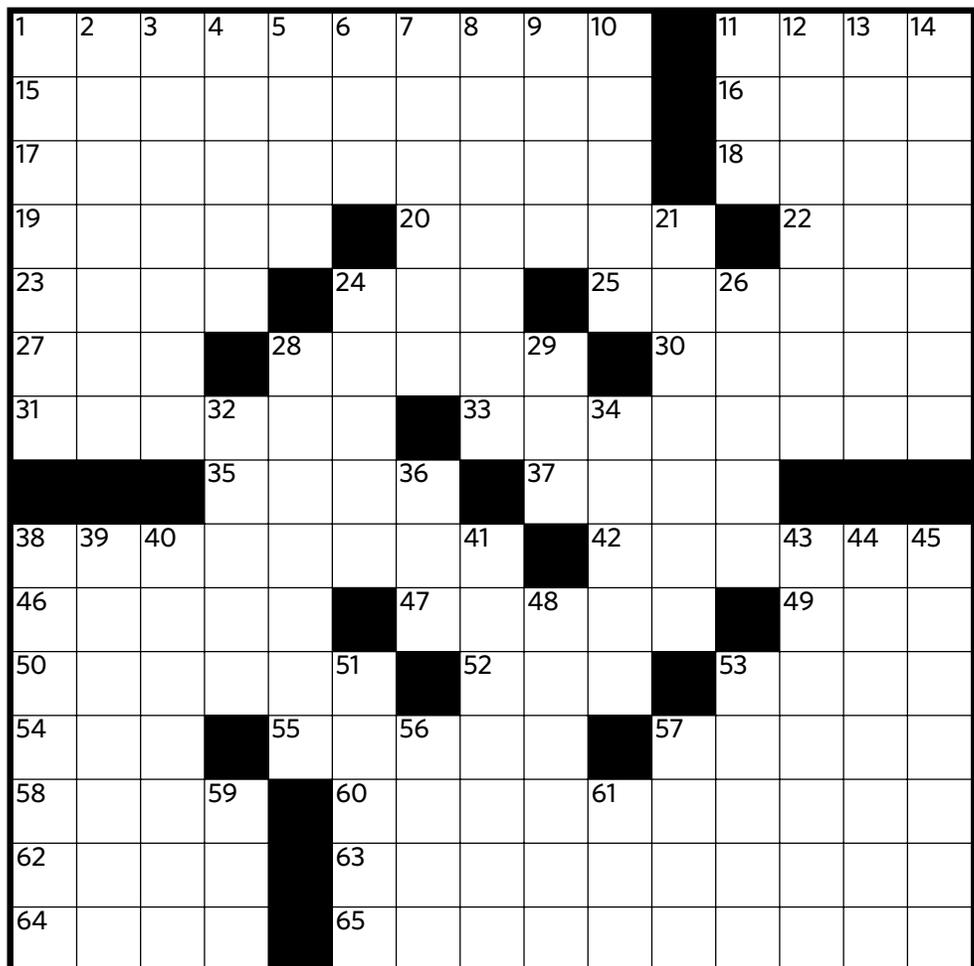
## THE FINAL: For the Championship

### ACROSS

- 1 Advancement in it can lead to a promotion
- 11 Pods in pots
- 15 Pana'ewa Rainforest Zoo setting
- 16 Fudge relative?
- 17 Tony winner for "Tiny Alice," "Sweet Bird of Youth," and "Lost in Yonkers"
- 18 Temperamental talent
- 19 Half Moon or Shooting Bow, e.g.
- 20 Work with the hands
- 22 Contraction for which one invitation letter stands
- 23 Inconsequential
- 24 Perishable accessory
- 25 House relative
- 27 DDE responsibility
- 28 Administrative center of the Commonwealth of Independent States
- 30 Support staffs
- 31 Like the troopers in Heinlein's "Starship Troopers"
- 33 Monitor's demand
- 35 Captive in Memphis
- 37 Sentence division
- 38 Bugs in programs gave him work
- 42 Homer's relative
- 46 Mexican marinade
- 47 Bouquet garni part
- 49 She steals the Millennium Falcon from Unkar Plutt
- 50 Duty for a trader
- 52 Garden party
- 53 Out of the ballpark
- 54 Masada Natl. Park site
- 55 Provocative post
- 57 Pop
- 58 Sore state
- 60 Still
- 62 Dealer in futures
- 63 Oscar and others
- 64 "Whiskey" source
- 65 "The Mamba Mentality: How I Play" author

### DOWN

- 1 Green ram, maybe
- 2 Like a yeti
- 3 Franklin's partner
- 4 Vito Corleone's firstborn
- 5 William who helped bring baseball back to New York after the Giants and Dodgers left
- 6 Gaping hole
- 7 Come to
- 8 Dishonor
- 9 Ticket, e.g.
- 10 Drum kit component
- 11 Like 2019
- 12 God often depicted with a flute and peacock-feather crown
- 13 Runoff holders
- 14 Stumped
- 21 Include on one's 1040
- 24 Hunt in Hollywood
- 26 Site of emperor Tiberius's Villa Jovis
- 28 Post
- 29 "Eloise" author Thompson
- 32 Literally, "my master"
- 34 Offer of assistance
- 36 Pixar's Flik, e.g.
- 38 "Never ruin a good painting with the truth" sayer
- 39 Winner of Comedy and Drama Emmys for the same role
- 40 Semis at Wimbledon
- 41 Setting for a school mixer
- 43 Fairly
- 44 Adams and Eisenstaedt, e.g.
- 45 Peer review?
- 48 Maid killed with the rope in 1985's "Clue"
- 51 Shot-from-the-hip facilitator
- 53 Apt to remove one's fedora
- 56 Musical part
- 57 Schooner fill
- 59 Pisan prime
- 61 JFK, for one



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## Answers

### WARM-UP: Tree's a Crowd

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### PUZZLE 1: Coffee Breaks

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### PUZZLE 2: Green on Green

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### PUZZLE 3: Initial Offerings

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### FINAL: For the Championship

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