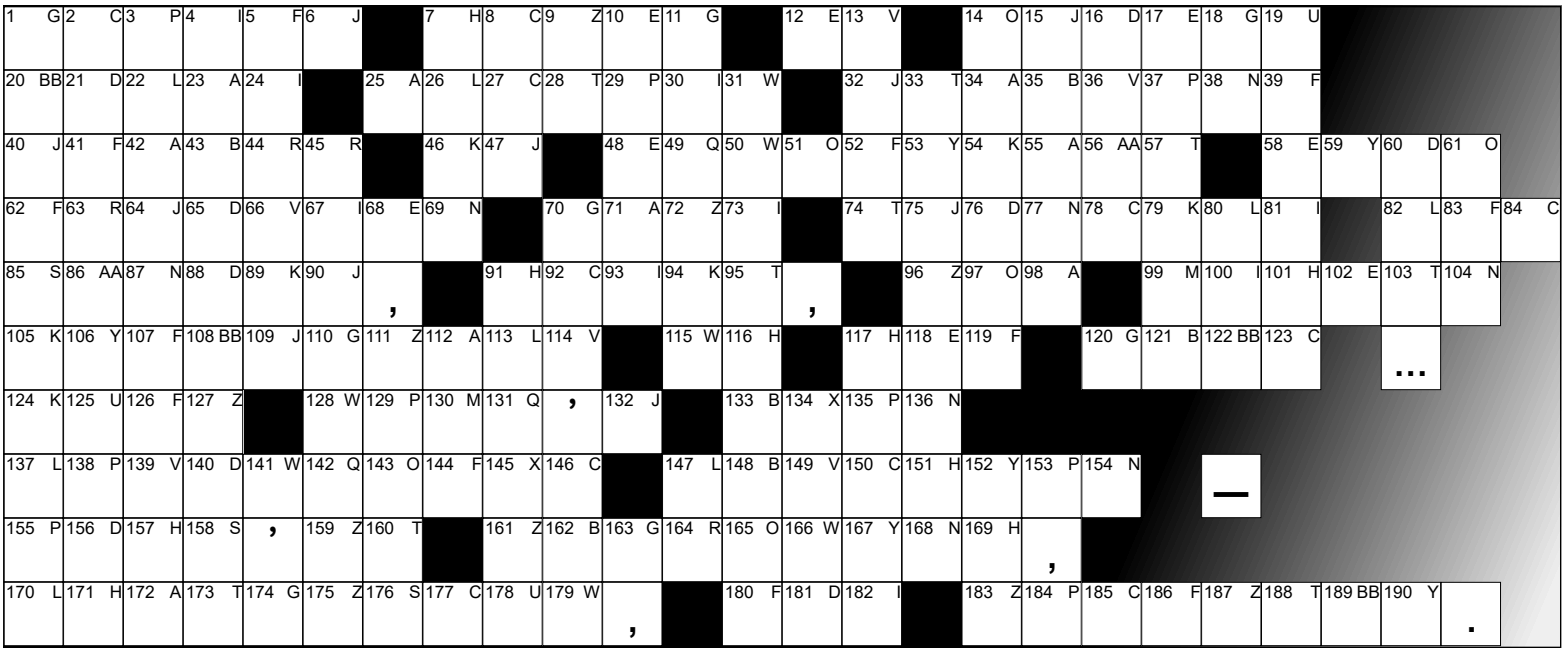
# With idioms, the whole is greater than the sum of its parts



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**A** 25 34 172 42 98 23 55 112 71
*Final "effort"

*All questions with an asterisk [*] denote an idiom of our glorious language.*

**B** 43 35 121 133 148 162
*"__ __ pickle" [... or maybe "pinch"]

**C** 150 146 123 177 92 185 2 8 78 84 27
*Lose one's nerve, particularly on a risky proposal

**D** 156 88 65 21 60 140 181 76 16
*Cash for silence

**E** 58 118 68 12 48 17 102 10
We've used this answer six previous times over the years and that's because this Goshen College agency has won national awards time and time again ... including "Best College Radio Station" this year

**F** 107 180 41 119 186 83 126 5 52 39 144 62
*"Well, son, you did the crime. It's time to __ __ __" [accept the consequences]

**G** 163 11 110 120 174 1 18 70
It tragically separated the Westview boys hoopsters from a state title

**H** 7 151 117 101 116 169 171 91 157
*Outside the boundaries of acceptability

**I** 73 30 100 67 4 24 182 81 93
*"Son, that's a mighty __ __ you're asking for. Maybe dial it down a bit, okay?"

**J** 64 40 90 6 32 109 47 132 15 75
*Measure up under inspection

**K** 46 79 124 89 94 105 54
Greek goddess for whom the moon-destined space mission launched this week was named

**L** 82 170 113 137 22 80 26 147
*He's hiding "in the details"

**M** 130 99 .
For example

**N** 87 168 69 136 104 154 38 77
*"This old tractor is on its __ __ but maybe it'll get me through one last plowing"

**O** 14 165 51 143 61 97
NCAA conference where half the final eight and half the final four were out of

**P** 129 3 37 153 135 155 29 184 138
*Metric of a believable alibi

**Q** 49 131 142
*Start of many idioms: "__ __ [flash, bind, heartbeat, huff, jiffy]."

**R** 164 63 44 45
Morning drink we got from the first trip to the moon

**S** 176 85 158
Wall-climbing plant

**T** 95 74 103 57 28 173 188 160 33
Former Indiana astronaut Jerry Ross took 92 seeds, one for each Indiana county, into orbit so that today each county could have one of these ... and ours locally is at the fairgrounds

**U** 125 178 19
Past tense of "have"

**V** 139 13 66 114 36 149
Relationship of abolitionist John Brown to Hawpatch, Indiana (now Topeka) physician, also John Brown.

**W** 166 50 128 141 115 31 179
*Riding the Good Luck Train

**X** 134 145
Solar rays you might want protection from

**Y** 106 152 53 190 59 167
*"That's the last __ __ the coffin"

**Z** 183 96 175 159 127 72 9 187 111 161
*Good singers effortlessly do it

**AA** 56 86
Dyslexic AI

**BB** 108 189 122 20
*Kind of "ditch," "hurrah," or "laugh"

*Puzzle solution found elsewhere in this edition*

A B C D E F G H I & J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z AA BB