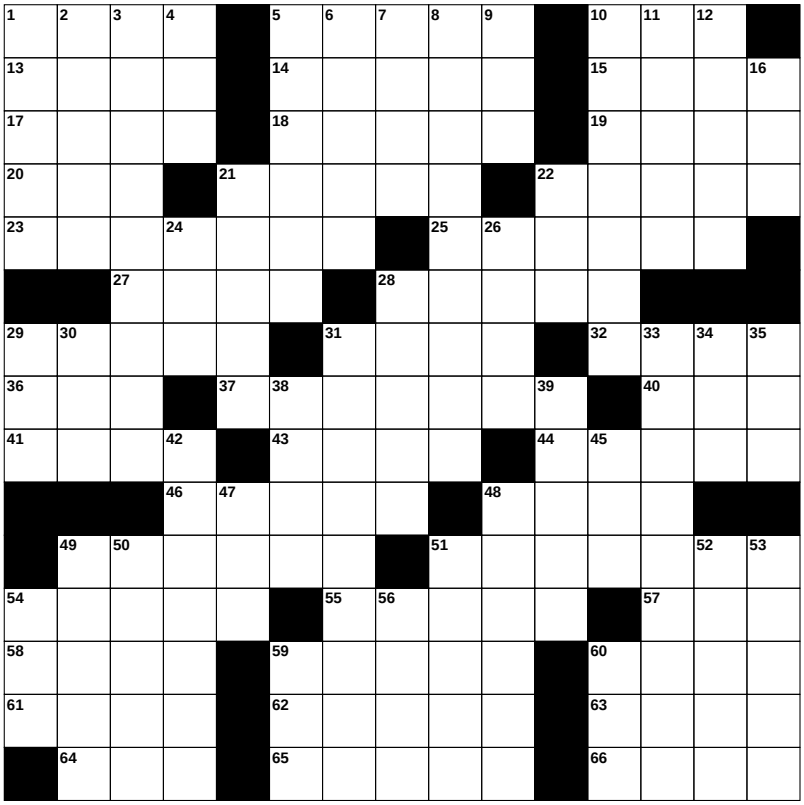
# Sounds Like a Job for the Boss

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## ACROSS

**1** New car fig.

**5** It shouldn't be taken using a thumb

**10** "The Way of ___ Flesh" (posthumous Samuel Butler novel)

**13** Taiwanese tech company

**14** Like the secret life of bees

**15** Articulates

**17** "___, I've a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore."

**18** String instrument that's tricky to play standing up

**19** MLK Jr. attended one

**20** Audit ace

**21** Reply to "Are so!" perhaps ad infinitum

**22** Biting

**23** Landing spot for some medical evacuations

**25** Spice blend that might be used in samosas

**27** Picture which can feature an app's logo, like a child reading under a tree for Kindle

**28** ___ paneer (spinach dish with cheese)

**29** Moving day rental, perhaps

**31** "We ___ Liars" (2014 novel adapted into a 2025 Amazon Prime series)

**32** Baa-ing mas

**36** "___ check!" ("How do I look?")

**37** Do the boss's job

**40** Convenience at a cash-only store, for short

**41** Some Sappho poems

**43** Yard section?

**44** Move like a rickety roller coaster

**46** Handheld meat pie popular in the Upper Peninsula

**48** Virtual assistant whose name is a flower spelled backwards

**49** Common answers from noncommittal folk

**51** Unusual orders on the stock market

**54** Brown pears

**55** 1/16 of a pound

**57** "I Know ___ the Caged Bird Sings" (Maya Angelou's autobiography)

**58** West Coast sch. that sent the first internet transmission

**59** Real-life inspiration for the setting of "The Outsiders"

**60** Sound the alarm

**61** The "luxurious" Fyre Festival, for one

**62** Animal known to enjoy natural slides

**63** Member of the Zeeba Zeeba Eata fraternity in "Pearls Before Swine," for short

**64** Networking connections

**65** "___ be perfect!"

**66** Does some mending

## DOWN

**1** Double, as a donation

**2** Breadth

**3** Get even

**4** No amateur

**5** He might eat nonstop at a barcade

**6** Topple

**7** Stitch's human friend

**8** Tidal wetland

**9** Musical Brian

**10** Bread traditionally baked directly on live coals

**11** Clothing part that can be a sensory nightmare

**12** Bike shorts material

**16** Temp

**21** Olympic speed skater Ohno

**22** Butterfield who starred in the film adaptation of "Ender's Game"

**24** Post-op area after some major surgeries

**26** Sheltered from the wind

**28** "The Lightning Thief" protagonist Jackson

**29** Airborne phenomenon that likely has a boring explanation: Abbr.

**30** Played sardines, maybe

**31** Deteriorated, so to speak

**33** Nintendo series based around a purple-clad antihero

**34** Yadda, yadda, yadda

**35** [Eye roll]

**38** Woodshop clamp

**39** Order "fish 'n' chips," e.g.

**42** Gadgets that can be hidden in pens

**45** www.literature-map.com, for one

**47** They can be strengthened with planks

**48** SLR memory chip

**49** Treat that may be filled with red bean paste

**50** Only character who appears in all seven books in "The Chronicles of Narnia" series

**51** Get-go

**52** Send a javelin flying

**53** Pairs, as with Bluetooth

**54** City vehicle likely to stop near the library

**56** Shopping destination for someone seeking Rare Beauty

**59** Starchy bit in many a hotdish

**60** Lavs