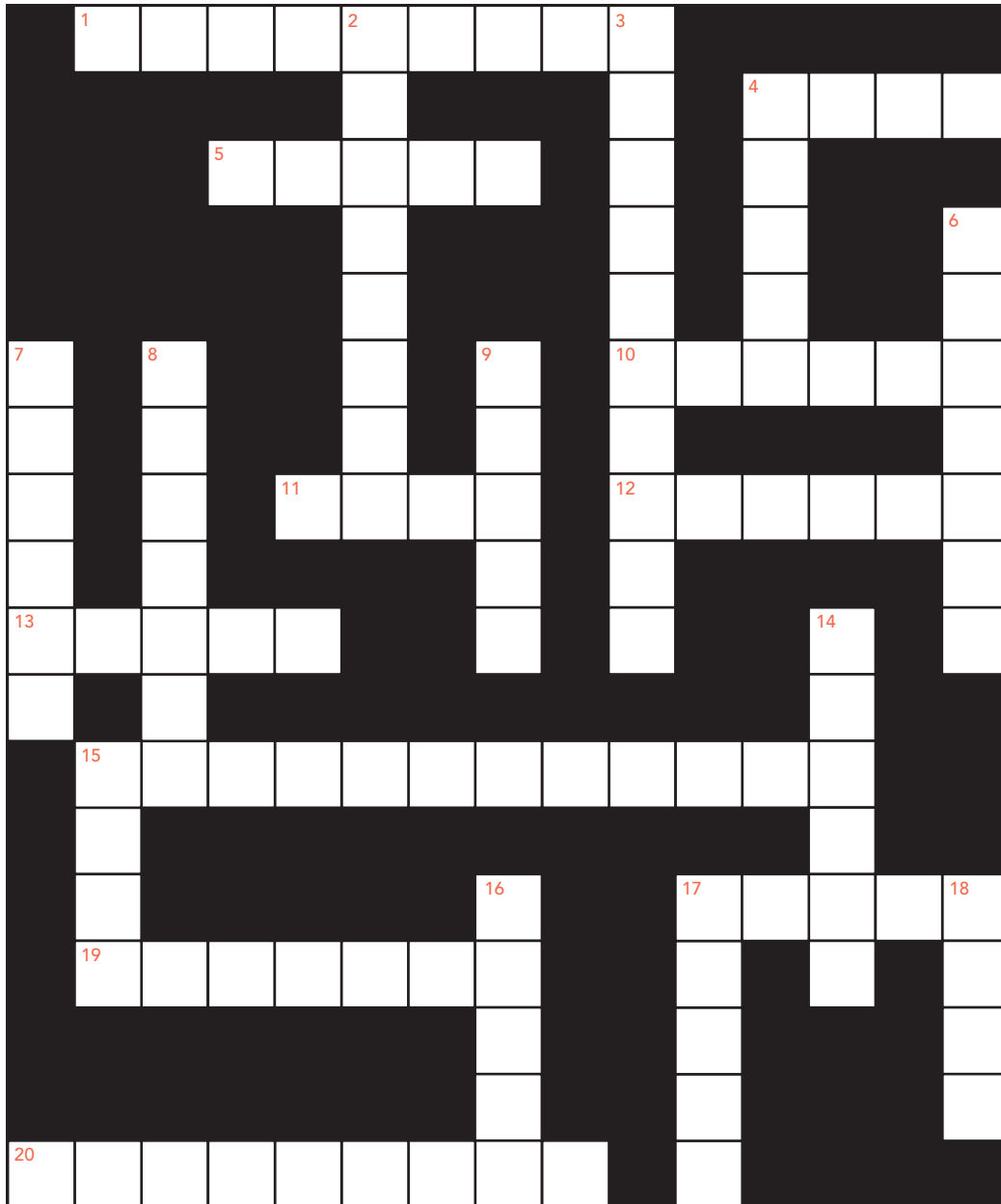




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COMIC CROSSWORD

Complete the puzzle below by answering the clues about opera and *Il Barbiere di Siviglia*.



ACROSS

- 1 _____ Rossini
- 4 The lowest-sounding brass instrument
- 5 The opposite of "tragic"
- 10 Figaro's main occupation
- 11 An operatic vocal solo
- 12 The barber of Seville
- 13 A member of the string family
- 15 *Il Barbiere di Siviglia* is based on a play by this author.
- 17 A musical mode that often sounds sad
- 19 Almaviva's disguise at the end of Act I
- 20 This composer wrote a version of *Il Barbiere di Siviglia* three decades before Rossini.

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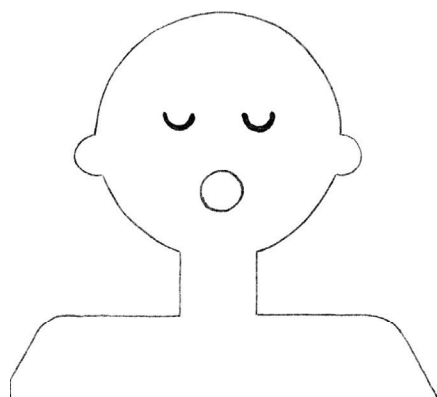
- 2 The person who writes an opera's music
- 3 An Italian term meaning "comic opera" (two words)
- 4 Count Almaviva's voice type
- 6 Dr. _____, who wants to marry Rosina
- 7 A term indicating a lively tempo
- 8 The setting for *Il Barbiere di Siviglia*
- 9 A dynamic marking meaning "quiet," it's also a musical instrument.
- 14 The plucky heroine of *Il Barbiere di Siviglia*
- 15 Don Basilio's voice type
- 16 The rapid alternation of a note and the note above
- 17 Rossini composed many of his operas to star his wife, Isabella Colbran, a famous _____-soprano.
- 18 The city in which *Il Barbiere di Siviglia* premiered in 1816

FUN FACT The characters of *Il Barbiere di Siviglia* also appear in Mozart's 1786 opera *Le Nozze di Figaro*, which was based on playwright Pierre Beaumarchais's sequel to *The Barber of Seville*.

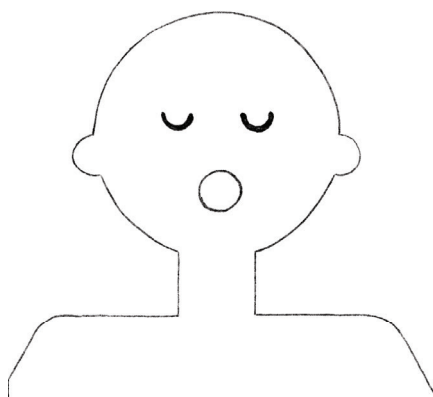
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SHAVE AND A HAIRCUT

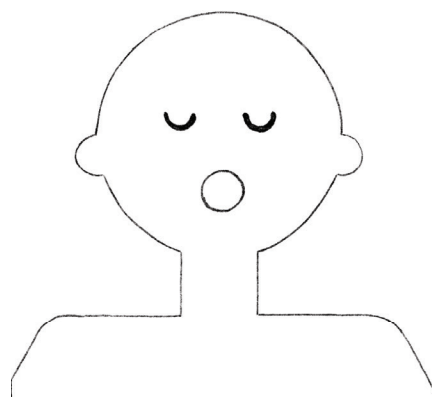
A jack of all trades, Figaro is also the best barber in Seville. Try your hand at hairstyling: Using the heads below, design your own hairdos for the opera's characters.



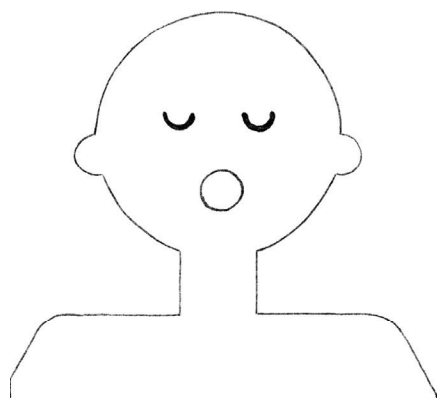
FIGARO



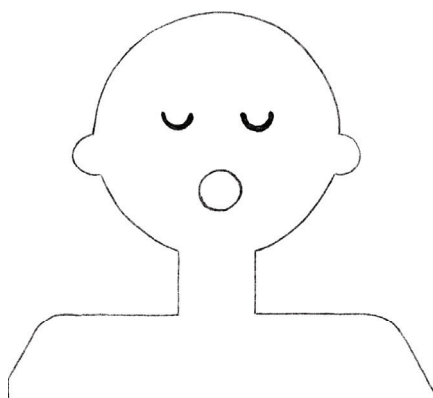
ROSINA



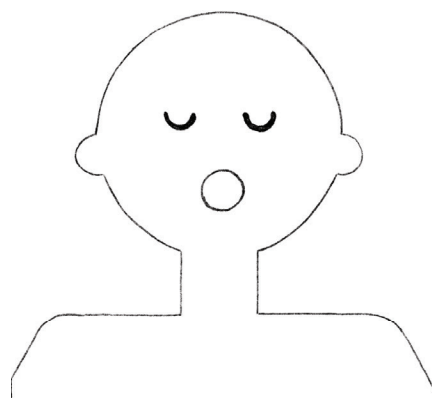
COUNT ALMAVIVA



DR. BARTOLO



DON BASILIO



BERTA



FUN FACT Famous for composing very quickly, Rossini wrote all of the music for *Il Barbiere di Siviglia* in less than three weeks—though he re-used an overture that he had included in two earlier operas, *Aureliano in Palmira* and *Elisabetta, Regina d'Inghilterra*.