



The central, 15-letter entry was your one and only hint, but it was a big one. The clue told you that there were 4 other theme entries (which could easily be identified as the longest across entries) and that ITS JUST THE START. So, taking the first syllable/sound from each of those entries gave you **KOOL AND THE GANG**, who reached the top of the charts with their 1980 hit "Celebration" which is precisely why they were "fit for the occasion".