



The clue for 57-Down should've stood out to you. It read, "What might be "broken" that would keep a baseball player "out of the spotlight" ". That should've sounded odd to you because 1). it contained the title of the puzzle, and 2). that is not how any sane person would clue the word "bone" (plus, baseball players rarely break bones. I can't remember ever hearing about that.) Anyway, that clue was telling you to look for "broken bones" in the grid - that is, the letters of BONE arranged in such a way that they were partially separated from each other. There were five of such instances in the grid (highlighted in blue above). If you took the letters between the "bone fragments", that is, the letters that "broke" the bones, and put them in grid order, you got ONTHEDL or ON THE DL, a phrase that makes sense, because injured baseball players are listed on the "Disabled List" (or they were until MLB renamed it the Injured List in 2019).

Some of you stopped there - but you had to be careful because the prompt specifically asked for a 3-word phrase that rhymes, and ON THE DL doesn't rhyme (unless you say it really wrong). But, it did give you instructions for how to get the rhyming phrase - take the letters in the grid that were ON THE DL. There were 5 instances of the letters DL together in the grid, and the letters directly above those spelled **ZIP YOUR LIP**, which is indeed a 3-word phrase that rhymes, and our meta answer for the week.