

The answer to the meta is a common two-word phrase illustrated repeatedly in the grid.

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ACROSS

- 1 Summer class?
- 5 You can eat it (but probably don't read it)
- 9 Cowboys quarterback Prescott
- 12 To be, in Paris
- 13 Air
- 15 Comment of incredulity made to the red Pac-Man ghost?
- 17 Computer command that does something with ctrl. and del. and not much else
- 18 Quantity, briefly
- 19 Sad ending?
- 20 Digit that doesn't want to do too much work?
- 24 They're supposed to manage the dorms and not just join in the 3 am dance parties when I'm trying to sleep, and this is completely hypothetical: Abbr.

- 43 Suffer (from seeing too much crosswordese)
- 45 Throw a bath toy across the room?
- 50 Dynamic prefix
- 53 "I did pretty well on my apiary exam. I got a ___"
- 54 Battery that's smaller than AA but larger than AAAA (you're welcome)
- 55 Creep furtively without any real purpose?
- 59 Dreamed up
- 60 Consider
- 61 "In Memoriam: ___ CDs, history's greatest junk mail" ("Vox" article headline)
- 62 Skater and Olympics commentator Lipinski
- 63 A spoonful of sugar, perhaps

DOWN

- 25 Not at sea
- 29 Company with a four-ring logo
- 32 Chemical suffix (you come up with something better)
- 33 Long, for one
- 34 Like 98.47% of clues in a Mikey G puzzle?
- 38 One-million connection
- 39 "I GOT THE META THIS IS NOT A DRILL BUT POSSIBLY A HAMMER"
- 40 Functions
- 41 Refrain from singing?

- 1 Sights of the Southwest
- 2 Whatsoever
- 3 Attempt
- 4 Cut
- 5 They first cost at least a dime in 1974
- 6 Coat opening?
- 7 Liturgical vestment that is totally not crosswordese
- 8 B or C in a British girl group
- 9 Sup (Sup with you?)
- 10 Poses, in a way
- 11 17-Across and others

- 14 When "Star Trek" fans go into a record shop, they enter the ___ frontier
- 16 Your reaction to 14-Down and other quality puns
- 21 Class in which you can get a tan.
- 22 Like one who uses steam to open an envelope, which totally doesn't work (not that I would know)
- 23 Grasped
- 26 Curry and others
- 27 It was founded in 1964 as "Blue Ribbon Sports"
- 28 There are 40 in Lent

- 29 "Yeah, right!"
- 30 It's parallel to the radius
- 31 Part of a phone you would use in ancient history (like the 1980s)
- 32 As per
- 35 Room in Clue
- 36 Cuisine with Tom yum (spicy shrimp) soup
- 37 Finnish city whose name has three vowels including two Us, and this might be crosswordese, so I'm Finnish-ed
- 42 "With ___ in My Heart" (Rodgers and Hart tune)
- 43 It may be hidden

- 44 Named, briefly
- 46 Net, e.g., briefly
- 47 Star sighting?
- 48 Leafy greens that nobody likes
- 49 "Wow, I solved the meta! I'm so amazing!"
- 50 It has 48 countries
- 51 Red fictional character who frequently employs illeism (look what you're learning today)
- 52 Capital of Iran
- 56 Press ___
- 57 Messenger, for one: Abbr.
- 58 What all primes other than 2 are