

Do I Have To Spell It Out For You?

The answer to the meta is a fitting four-letter word.

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- 1 One example of things that are more informative when spelled out
- 9 Horse's huff
- 15 Paradiddle, for example
- 16 Hamburger chain founder
- 17 1970s
- 18 She was in a "Rocky" relationship
- 19 Beautiful Barbara from "I Dream of Jeannie" (and all us boys did)
- 20 Joust, as with windmills
- 22 Abbreviated road crossers
- 23 Logic gate
- 24 Michael Stipe band
- 27 It's a gas!
- 29 He derives pleasure from your pain
- 31 Outdoes
- 35 Et al.
- 38 Legally put a halt to
- 39 Pac-Man ghost
- 40 Rich tapestry
- 42 Skipjack, for one
- 43 Dandruff shampoo target
- 45 TL;DR
- 47 Beeper
- 48 Latin American carnival
- 49 Vassal
- 51 Hallux, for one
- 52 Do sum thing?
- 55 Navigator's need
- 58 Mexican money
- 60 Taj Mahal city
- 61 Mountaintop coat
- 63 7/8
- 67 She can be a real mother
- 68 Opioid
- 69 Debunk
- 70 Bridge bid

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- 1 Darrin Stephens and Don Draper, for two
- 2 Life motto
- 3 More crass
- 4 Harbinger of things to come
- 5 Home of the Peacock
- 6 Senate vote
- 7 World descriptor (four times) in the only movie in which Spencer Tracy and Buddy Hackett co-starred
- 8 "Keep it in!"
- 9 He made Geppetto blubber
- 10 Could not possibly be not true

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- 11 Short shorts, short a belt loop, sales tag marking
- 12 Network Device Interface Specification that proves useful when interfacing network devices, and even more useful when trying to fill this portion of the grid
- 13 A drink with no ice or mixers
- 14 Urges
- 21 How an office's local computers are connected
- 24 Issa or Charlotte
- 25 ___ Krabappel, Bart Simpson's teacher
- 26 Cutoff tops
- 28 Caffeinated beverage
- 29 Pop star who was with One Direction, but then went in another direction
- 30 Barcelona soccer star Barjuan, who (to soccer fans, at least) merits one name status
- 32 Poker variation
- 33 Author Morrison
- 34 Part of Scrooge McDuck's outfit (which is odd, because he doesn't wear shoes)
- 35 Adorable affliction of Thindy... I mean Cindy Brady
- 36 Ancient Peruvian
- 37 Street slang for heroin... at least according to the oh-so-hip cops on Dragnet
- 41 Not toooooo bad
- 44 Get ready
- 46 Ireland's national television and radio broadcaster
- 50 Push away
- 52 Stomach ailment
- 53 Artoo, for one
- 54 Prom
- 55 Obey
- 56 That super-healthy berry found as often in crossword puzzles as in smoothies
- 57 Dino, Lassie and Ginger Cat
- 59 "Point ___ return" (lyric -- but not the title -- from a Kansas song)
- 60 Perched on
- 62 Eight fluid ounces
- 64 Skedaddled
- 65 Is for a group?
- 66 Includes in an email