How to solve the meta

The solution to the meta is a word or phrase (six letters or longer) hidden within the Saturday mini crossword. To discover the answer you first need to find the five-word clue for the meta solution by selecting a word in each of the Monday through Friday mini crosswords. Then, in the Saturday mini, find the first letter of the answer (it can be one word or a short phrase) and drag your pointer or finger through the grid to highlight the solution. If you're stuck, select the hint button to reveal the category and number of letters in the meta answer.

Here's a step-by-step visual guide

**Step 1:** Look through the answers in each of the Monday through Friday minis to find the individual words that make up the meta clue. Once you find one, tap or click on the word to select it, and it will appear in the answer bar. If your selected clue is correct it will appear with a green background in the answer bar. If you would like to solve the puzzle without any assistance, turn on 'Pro Mode' in settings. **Note:** One tap/click selects a down answer and a second tap/click selects an across answer.

**Step 2:** Finish constructing the meta clue by selecting a word in each of the Monday through Friday mini grids.
Step 3: Find the meta solution in Saturday’s mini grid. The solution starts in one of the squares and snakes through the grid vertically and horizontally from there (no diagonals!) without revisiting any squares. Tap or click inside the first letter of the word and drag your finger or pointer across the letters (or tap/click on the individual letters) until the complete answer is highlighted. 

*Note:* The hidden meta answer can be more than one word.

![Image of the mini grid with clues and answers]

Step 4: When the five clue words and the answer are correct, you’ll see this!

![Image of the congratulations screen]

**If you get stuck,** select the “Hint” button and you’ll see this:

![Image of the hint screen]

In this example, “ENERGY” is the answer’s category and “(7,3)” is how many letters are in the phrase “NATURAL GAS”.

![Image of the hint screen with additional information]