

# Mini Meta 43

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For each of the first five mini crosswords, one of the entries also serves as part of a five-word meta clue. The answer to the meta is a word or phrase (five letters or longer) hidden within the sixth mini crossword. The hidden meta answer starts in one of the squares and snakes through the grid vertically and horizontally from there (no diagonals!) without revisiting any squares.

Example:

I	M	B	A	D
N	O	L	I	E
D	R	I	N	K
R	A	N	G	E
A	N	D	E	S

DRINK

I	A	M	S	█
P	L	A	T	T
A	L	L	A	H
D	I	T	K	A
█	N	Y	E	T

THAT

█	A	C	I	D
P	R	U	N	E
L	O	R	D	E
U	S	E	U	P
M	E	S	S	█

CURES

█	Z	A	P	█
F	E	V	E	R
A	B	A	T	E
T	R	I	A	D
█	A	L	L	█

ALL

I	P	A	D	█
L	O	D	E	S
L	E	O	N	A
S	T	U	N	K
█	S	T	Y	E

ILLS

█	M	E	G	S
P	I	X	I	E
F	L	I	R	T
F	E	L	L	S
T	R	E	Y	█

ELIXIR

## MONDAY

1	2	3	█	█
4			5	6
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8				
█	█	9		

### Across

- With 4-Across, auto-save feature?
- See 1-Across
- Infuse (with)
- They may be filed or buffed
- Org. behind many narcotics busts

### Down

- He committed the first fratricide
- Opera singer Gluck
- Foaming at the mouth, say
- Preside (over)
- Flat-topped desert feature

## TUESDAY

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### Across

- The USSR's CIA counterpart, once
- Tears for \_\_\_ ("Mad World" pop group)
- Indigenous Arctic dweller
- Actress Carter who portrayed Wonder Woman
- Lightning's pal in "Cars"

### Down

- Country in the Great Rift Valley
- Thin and bony
- One who might eat, drink, and be married?
- Darkroom development
- Gas light?

## WEDNESDAY

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### Across

- "Striped" swimmer
- Spicy Spanish stew
- Target of the wizard Gargamel
- Carried goods
- Fueled by a Red Bull, say

### Down

- Dutch painter Hieronymus
- Cosmetics brand for sensitive skin
- Irksome soup-eating noise
- Commander of the Green Army Men in "Toy Story"
- "\_\_\_ Whom the Bell Tolls"

## THURSDAY

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9				█

### Across

- Design influence for Nintendo's Bloopers and Inklings
- Unit of regret or sympathy
- Flirted with falsely, maybe
- Coal deposit
- Some NFL players

### Down

- Find x, perhaps
- One who makes drone deliveries?
- Annulled
- Madonna and others (in both religion and pop music)
- Hyena's hideaway

## FRIDAY

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### Across

- Allotted earnings
- Egyptian region that was home to the kingdom of Kush
- Central Mexican Indigenous people
- De-squeaked, say
- Second go

### Down

- Good-lookin' one
- Curved hardware store item
- Track meet official
- Koh-i-\_\_\_ diamond
- "SNL" regular Bryant whose name sounds like a number

## SATURDAY

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6				
7				█

### Across

- Anderson Cooper's home channel
- Former transportation secretary Elaine
- Ignition source for some muskets
- Greek sorceress from the isle of Aeaea
- Kind of editor or machine

### Down

- Alternative to a tweet
- Drew in some kids' books
- One found in bars
- Award for top pitchers, perhaps
- TV monitoring gp.