

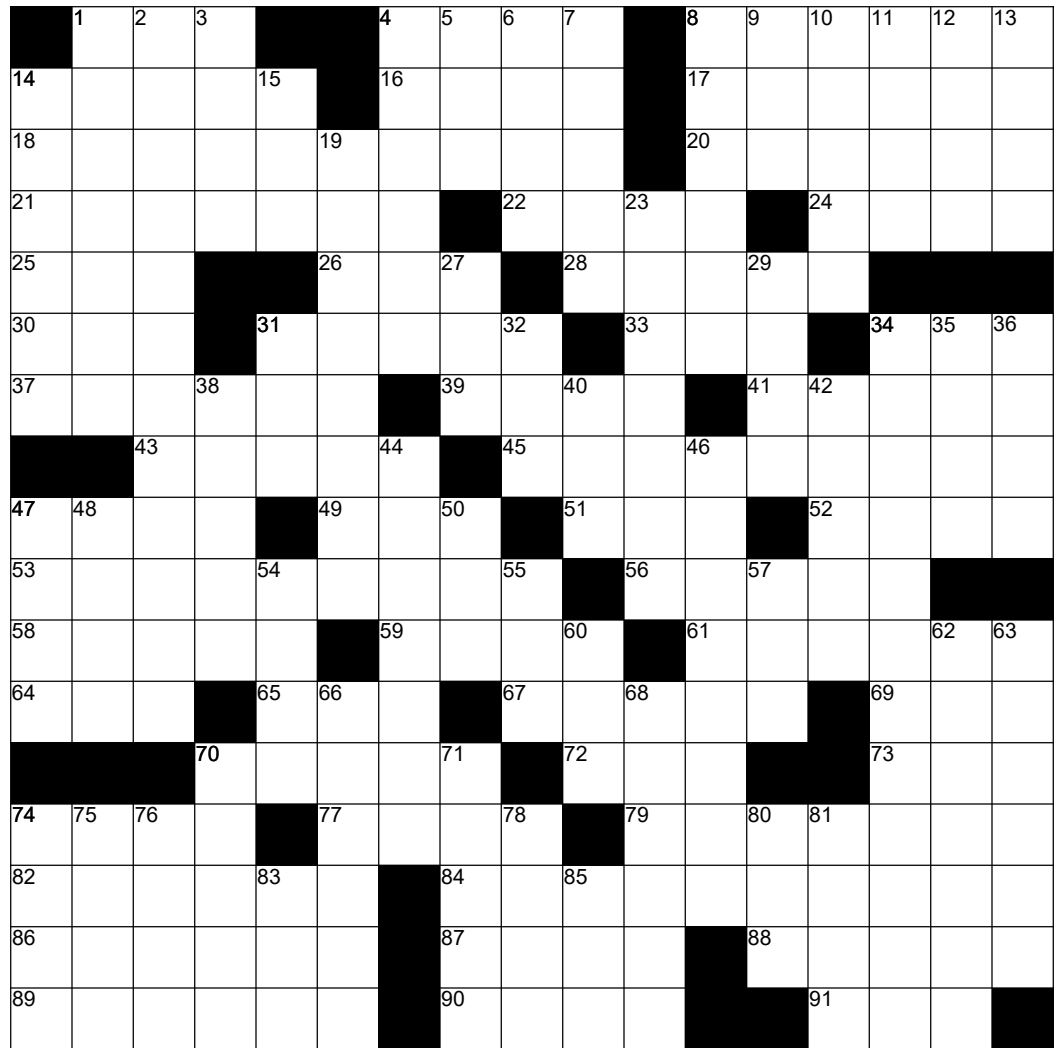
Beyond Comparison

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The answer to this week's meta is a 5-letter word for something you might compare someone to.

ACROSS

1. Friend, in Paris
4. Rain
8. It's like a power strip, but for computer ports
14. Fire starter
16. ___ marathon (got a serious workout)
17. Talenti product
18. Thieves
20. Without a conscience
21. Stations between 535-1605 kHz
22. Accessible to customers
24. The first D stands for deficit
25. Sound from Bessie
26. Miracle ___ (fertilizer brand)
28. Disappointed with (alternate clue: Former President of Egypt Anwar)
30. Sin
31. Very viscous*
33. Totally cool
34. Horned frogs sch.
37. Instruction that's roughly 95% of every risotto recipe
39. Avoid drowning
41. Apt name for a company that operates flights with "The Weightless Experience"
43. Actor Sal of "Rebel Without a Cause"
45. Doctor's residential stop
47. Field, as fly balls
49. Coke alternatives
51. Seahawks' org.
52. Info plugged into a GPS, slangily
53. One stopping at the Eiffel Tower and the Louvre
56. QB Brett, formerly of the Packers
58. It's one of the Greek letters that doesn't have a single English equivalent
59. Nails
61. Middle points
64. Dot dot dot dash dash dot dot dot
65. 100 cubic feet
67. Material used by Lee
69. Before, poetically
70. ___! At the Disco
72. Came out victorious
73. Sheet used for cartoons
74. Region on the border of Russia and Kazakhstan
77. Actress Wilson of "Mrs. Doubtfire"
79. Black tie and business casual, for two
82. Ice
84. Brass
86. Toast
87. Already stretched and ready to play*
88. According to Wikipedia, "the only known body in space, other than Earth, where clear evidence of stable bodies of surface liquid has been found."
89. Colorado is known for these trees
90. Signs indicating an auditorium has nowhere left to sit: abbr.
91. Common prenatal exam: abbr.



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DOWN

1. Knocking on death's door
2. Many Bob Ross scenes that are painted in lakes
3. Quechuan one
4. A ___ (presumptive)
5. Western hemisphere peacekeeping grp.
6. Be a law ___ oneself
7. Speaks hoarsely
8. You know I love my geography quizzes, so let's do a mini one: The equator passes through it and it's home to the second largest freshwater lake in the world (the first is Lake Superior).
9. About 15 credits taken for about 3.5 months: abbr.
10. Surprise a pufferfish, say
11. More than a little tricky*
12. Oh yay another chance for a geography quiz: Home to six national forests: Ashley, Dixie, Fishlake, Manti-LaSal, Uinta, and Wasatch-Cache
13. Like some easier-to-read fonts*
14. Bygone Atlanta hockey team
15. "How I Met Your Mother" is about how he met his wife
19. All-___ (cramming sessions for students)
23. Item not worn by Bernie in his famous mitten picture (although he probably could've used it!)
27. 12-week US Army course
29. Wood shaping tool
31. What lots of people incorrectly say instead of "aluminum"
32. Elec. energy units
34. Tips from an insider
35. Temperature of water that you might "throw" on a crappy idea*
36. Not attractive in the slightest*
38. Absolutely correctamundo*
40. Positively charged atom, for example
42. Online invitation
44. Region that includes New Caledonia
46. Bang against, as a go-kart
47. Concorde and others: abbr.
48. "___, Silver! Away!"
50. "Just a ___!"
54. "Check ya later!"
55. Like a certain reindeer's nose
57. ___ and vigor
60. Reattach a button
62. This term actually refers to certain species of arboreal rodents, although some people just use it to talk about squirrels
63. Device with a generator and motor that used to be used to synchronize video equipment
66. Taking Rx
68. Notable feature of the Venus de Milo
70. Nom de ___
71. Groups owning shells
74. They keep a PLANTS database of all the species native to America
75. The Speed Wagon and the Flying Cloud, for two
76. "Aw, crap. You look like ___. Are you ___? Because if you are, you have to tell me, and you're not allowed to arrest me for anything you saw before I knew you were ___." ("The Good Place" quote)
78. A long way off
80. It often comes with a plunger in cartoons
81. "I can feel ___ my bones"
83. Driver's "Star Wars" character
85. To and ___