

I was hoping the clue that stood out the most to you would be the clue for 30-Across. It read, "Units that (when combined) compose the letter-named pieces in the game of Tetris". This is definitely an odd way to clue the word BLOCKS. Also, for those of you that have excellent memories (or are proficient at using Google) you may have noticed that Tetris was released in 1984, so it matched the meta prompt. However, a meta answer will never be explicitly mentioned in clues or the grid, so we know the answer cannot be Tetris (but it tells us we're on the right track).

Once you've identified that clue as especially important, the next logical step is to figure out exactly which letters have Tetris pieces named after them. If you didn't know this off the top of your head, you could've Googled it relatively easily (this is the part I thought you might've needed internet for). There are 7 of such letters: **Z J L I O T S**. If we scan the grid, we see that Z and J don't appear in the grid at all, but the other 5 do. So, let's mark those places on the grid:



"Holy Toledo!", I assumed you would say to yourself after shading in these blocks. "It looks like an actual game of Tetris!", you likely exclaimed excitedly to anyone else in the room.

After this point, I think the next steps were pretty clear. I didn't give a whole lot of hints for what had to happen next. You needed to slide down those Tetris blocks to make them fit in the Bottom Line (hinted at by the title!). Like so:



And, in an actual game of Tetris, when you complete a row, it disappears, and everything slides down. So, the second-to-bottom row would then become the new bottom line, and that row reads: GHOSTBUSTERS. Which is indeed something released in 1984, and the answer to our meta.