



I was hoping the first thing that you'd notice would be BASECAMP, SUMMIT, and then the 6 mountains: LOA, EVEREST, IRONCAP, ETNA, KILIMANJARO, and KATAHDIN.

You needed to start at BASECAMP ("Good place to start) and then work your way up through each of the six mountains to the SUMMIT. Since there were six mountains and the answer was a six-letter word, that was your clue that you would be taking one letter from each of the mountains. The other key piece of information that I didn't explicitly tell you (unless you asked for a hint) is that the intersections of BASECAMP and SUMMIT with their respective mountains were the starting/ending letters. So the A in LOA/BASECAMP was the first letter of your answer, and the T in SUMMIT and KATAHDIN was the last letter of your answer.

From there, you just had to realize that the A was the last letter in LOA and the T was the 6th-to-last letter in KATAHDIN, so each mountain that you moved up in the grid, you also moved up one letter that you took from that mountain, hence the title "One Up". For example, after LOA, EVEREST is the next mountain up in the grid (it ends on the 14th row) and S is the second to last letter there. Then IRONCAP is the next mountain up in the grid (ends on the 11th row) and C is the third-to-last letter there. And so on and so forth. So, the answer was **ASCENT**, which was fitting because you were "climbing" the mountains during the solve.