

# Pointing Towards Success

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The answer to this week's meta is a 7-letter word.

## ACROSS

1. Plain
5. Birds who might try to sell you their wares?
10. Deride
14. State with a caucus
15. Like some modern-day Persians
16. One's partner
17. Feb. 14 celebration
18. Vitality
19. Carded
20. Fashion line with a Medusa logo
22. Sage
24. First Hebrew letter of the Tetragrammaton
25. Ponder, with "over"
27. Mac vs. PC, for one
28. It's tired
29. Gobsmacked
32. Country that shares a border with Guatemala and Mexico
35. Kilmer of "Top Gun" fame
36. Every one counts
40. One source for oil
41. Intro to an address
42. Angers
43. Potent prefix

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44. "Bet you can't eat just one!" sloganeer
45. Turn away
46. Carol
47. Cardinals' home, for short
48. When here, do as the natives do
49. It comes between reduce and recycle
51. Strive (for)
52. Word on a stub
55. Unit for rent, in a hotel
57. Company whose snooping may be blocked by a VPN
60. Forbidden "snack" for a toddler
63. Parental doctor in "Stranger Things"
65. In text speak, alternatively
66. Animal whose name derives from the Welsh for "dwarf dog"

68. Jai \_\_\_\_
69. What's left
70. "Bah!", quaintly
71. Griffin with a lovely bunch of coconuts
72. \_\_\_\_ leches cake
73. They may be growing
74. Place for crafty merchants

## DOWN

1. Dole out
2. "This ain't my first \_\_\_\_"
3. Hugo or Nebula
4. Places where the watermelons grow, in song
5. Focus of some recent medical research in gene editing
6. Princess with a fork in her hair
7. What a tongue or tail might do
8. \_\_\_\_-it-all
9. Alexa alternative

10. Feeling when life has a certain je ne sais quoi
11. Charitably fund a chair
12. Kagan currently in a 6-3 minority
13. "Official Red \_\_\_\_," carbine action, 200-shot, range model air rifle, with a compass in the stock and this thing that tells time," from "A Christmas Story"
21. Stun
23. Toothy tool
26. She famously played an elf of Rivendell
28. Movement championed by Martin Luther King, Jr.
30. Turner and King Cole, for two
31. Lucerne landmark
32. Blessing
33. Toy that may be tickled
34. Word with bee or power
37. Snack someone might have up their sleeve?

38. \_\_\_\_ of endearment
39. East in Ecuador
41. Boaters, bowlers, or beanies
44. Tigers of Baton Rouge, for short
45. Type of show often subbed or dubbed
48. They may be tickled
50. Sunny season on the Seine
52. What many U.S. women lost the right to do on June 24
53. Grandparent, perhaps
54. Antlered animals
56. Doctor down under?
57. Fjord, sound, or canal, for example
58. Roebuck partner
59. Outhouse
61. Org. for Dudley Do-Right
62. One source for oil
64. Signature item
67. Where you find outdoor things indoors