



The title "Do I have to spell it out for you?" hinted at entries that could be "spelled out" more so than they already were in the grid. In other words, you needed to focus on the acronyms. Many of you got that much, based on the title and also based on the entire top row of the grid consisting of acronyms (a good observation!). Once you located the 9 acronyms in the grid, you hopefully noticed that one of the letters of each acronym crossed an entry that was very close to what that letter actually stood for in the acronym. For example, in ESPN, the S stands for SPORTS and in the grid, the S of ESPN was the start of SKORTS. Likewise, the D in DOB stands for DATE and the down entry in the grid for that D was DATA. The letters that would have corrected each one of the crossings (P and E for the two examples here) spelled out the name **PENNYWISE**, which was our meta answer and is also the name of the clown in Stephen King's book/movie "It" hence the capitalization of that word in the title.