

Meta hints and solution

Hint 1

The 8 hints in parentheses are short words, and the 8 definitions below are longer.

Hint 2

The solution to the top words are embedded in the solution to the bottom words

Hint 3

Canine = DOG

Site = PLACE

Rod = BAR

Corn Holder = COB

A person may do this on eBay = BID

Not a he or she = IT

Portrayer = ACTOR

Not you = ME

Religious principles = DOGMA

Type of snake = COBRA

Extreme support = RABID

Carrier of cargo = BARGE

Leave out = OMIT

Disease caused by insects = LYME

Home of nuclear energy = REACTOR

Harmless substance = PLACEBO

Hint 4

Insert the 4 meta answers into the slots so the parenthetical words + the adjacent two letters from the answer spell out one of the defined words from below. The letters that remain (from the middle of the 4 answer words) will spell **SCARED STUPID**.