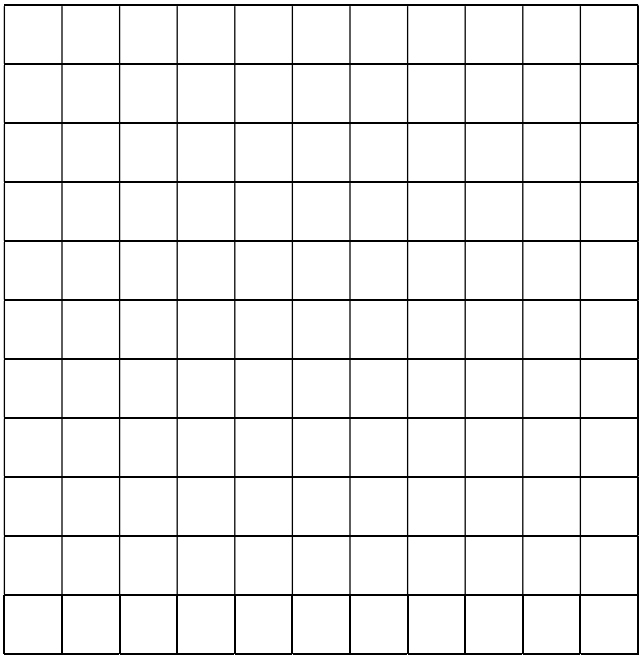
Shortcomings

Guess the words defined by the clues below. The answers vary in length from 3 to 11 letters long and of these, three are capitalized. The punctuation in the clues may or may not help the solver.

Enter the answers in the grid one after the other starting in the top left corner and in the same order as the clues. Across words that don't end at the rightmost square of the row will continue on the leftmost square of the next row. Similarly, down words that do not end in the bottom square will continue at the top of the next column.

Eleven across words and nine down words won't fit into the grid unless one of their letters is removed. These twenty letters taken in order will pose a question about the mystery entry.



Across

1. Rants, add around a par round
2. Wad, return deciliter to hospital, area for lazy person
3. Motor, maybe a railway, that's about all
4. Reach for the snake, hotness
5. To go west, he has the right, a different one
6. Safe, house has mostly, mostly last, mostly lump
7. Absorption unit to input, output uses the waves
8. Covert identity has western discard
9. Use rope to go down seaman, with point of return, a fabrication…..
10. ….or the same miscommunication coming home around five, wrong
11. Air about utopian realm, adverse beginnings
12. *Mystery Entry*
13. Dog, maybe a gleeful inclusion
14. Appear to observe meat, dine out
15. Different name for Al and myself, as
16. Rim, back them, half of jocularity
17. Archer is a sore loser
18. Coattails, sat out and about love making
19. Egg increases, goes left and then right
20. Dash for pointed network
21. Reformed communist perhaps, with half of pair
22. Credit TV spot for the Parisian nurse
23. Pry, fan agitated cooking tool
24. She is a he, let out

Down

1. Not as aimless, becoming untrustworthy type
2. Mollusk is a seaman singularly
3. Rotten insides of uteri, bribe Alec
4. Song of offerings of conveyance tariff
5. Love song about a lab
6. Back Saint Ernie, that is not
7. Audibly, unrefined cross
8. Get energy from the capitals of Estonia, Romania and Greece
9. She is a he, and a gutless daddy as well
10. Indirect, object of verb, socially meet around four
11. Inflatable, resting place, hunker down perceptibly
12. Old and crazy, leap with nothing
13. Five after the army man, hesitation for presenter
14. Point, ran back elevated, railway mess up
15. Corn, maybe it's about Liechtenstein, hush
16. Write dissertation initially remain, undecided
17. Even with 3 of these you've still got nothing
18. Wonder and wonder, end first only
19. Mistook first three quarters, of derriere, author goes away and it goes belly up
20. Muddled state and turn sharp
21. Lasso or lariat, aeronautical component loops back
22. Bring back bone enlarger, central like a large fireball
23. Meddle, or muddle, formed again
24. Up, coming back for breakfast, first meeting place
25. Add a mélange of style and technique
26. Ring Colin at the start, add everything