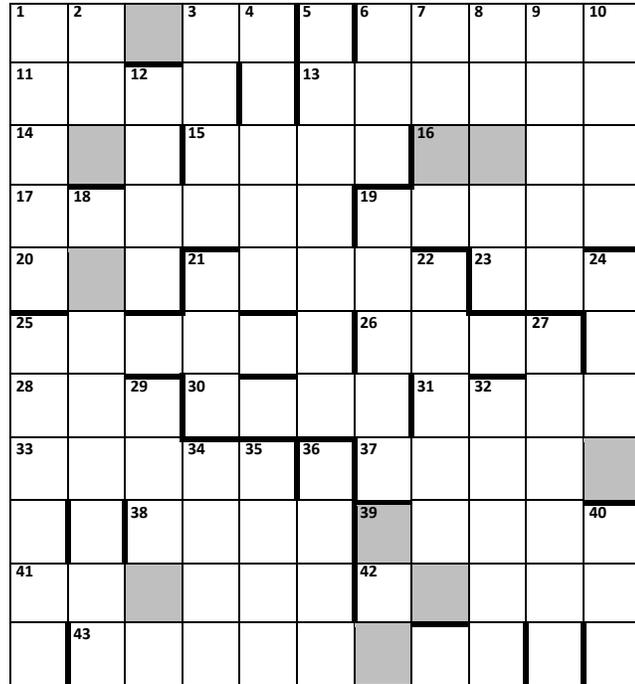


## Linked Pairs

Solve the clues below and enter the answers into the grid according to the numbers. The answers include five capitalized words and one archaic word. Punctuation in the clues may or may not help the solver.

Six of the clue answers have to be modified before entering into them into the grid. How they need to be altered is defined by the answer word immediately after or immediately before the word to be changed. In each case, the pair of clue answers forms a common two word phrase.

When the crossword is completed properly, the letters in the shaded squares, reading from top to bottom and then left to right, will spell out a similarly altered two word phrase.



### Across

- 1 Like this clue, sounds like skins and shirt - **first**
- 5 Association with company and mum about it, no, in back.... - **communion (enter the 'first' letter only - c)**
- 6 ....with company again, and again with a refresher - **cocoa**
- 11 Fleece, search vessel for a renegade, first go - **Argo**
- 13 Take opposite of, first top avoidance - **putoff**
- 14 Pleased about removal of, sped to area of grass - **lea**
- 15 Cleaner, maybe he will finally have an old music storage device - **help**
- 16 Turn top turn for top, a soft rock - **tufa**
- 17 Uncle rings a pastry - **samosa**
- 19 Comes out of the Pentagon, erstwhile absentee - **goner**
- 20 Soon every rabbit eats tops - **ere**
- 21 Writer of article, point to Standard Operating Procedure - **Aesop**
- 23 Three odd letters, terbic - **tri**
- 25 Precocious boy, top left, quite the opposite - **bright**
- 26 Able, extremities off kosher, symbol extremities, first I'm sad - **blue(move the B to the 'right' - lueb)**
- 28 Tease bride from Germany, out and about - **rib**
- 30 Attach top half of "X" to badge for example with great enthusiasm - **avid**
- 31 Top marks and top echelon, or return for segment - **mero**
- 33 Use the Vatican, state after a lion comes back, not on - **avail**
- 37 ES is part of essences Pa, in essence as well - **Spain**

- 38 There's nothing on the street, softly finish - **stop**
- 39 Authenticates sting, odds and evens, angst - **signs(change all Ss 'to' Ps - pignp)**
- 41 Can't lie about a missing buyer - **client**
- 42 Almost first about article, returning for bowl - **arena**
- 43 Educational division some ecclesiastical members enjoy, tops fitful rest - **semester**

### Down

- 1 Article on fathering, starting like starting, sees half of it is unfounded - **false**
- 2 Hotness I redo, premier half - **ire**
- 3 New York or London, area is finally with rings, hydrogen is also part of it - **Soho**
- 4 See this is missing painfully particular things - **these**
- 5 Quietly start like a saint, one hundred are synthetic.... - **plastic(put the C 'up' - cplasti)**
- 6 ....One hundred to raise the green part - **cup**
- 7 Two twos, audibly coming and going for Herr - **Otto**
- 8 Shop, area commanding officer with the international organization for terror, bisected - **counter(take the ER 'off' - count)**
- 9 Propound also, finally finish first, English queen - **offer**
- 10 Nadal is disoriented and remote - **afar**
- 12 Grouse for example or grumble about making example, tops - **game**
- 18 Board at La Guardia maybe, or maybe a railway is circumventing, valid without passport maybe - **arrivals**
- 19 Firsts, go with Lady, didn't stop firsts - **golds**

- 21 General is against short instance, missing - aga
- 22 Cat drops a pawn, added forward and backward operation - pump(put IR 'on' - pumpir)
- 24 Press on, goes after most of taxing group - iron
- 25 Support direction of church, head off in different direction - branch
- 27 A thrown stone on the brink, almost 30, rock place - brinny
- 29 Musical, count vessel but change final direction - Basie
- 32 Transcendental, constant period of life, right showing intense desire - eager
- 34 It is for me, returning part - item
- 35 The Nice outside, on Ranger perhaps - lone
- 36 Prefers nothing, nothing from vessels - opts
- 39 Gently hit father, the tops.... - pat
- 40 ...the same father has the right seventy or maybe seventy one - par