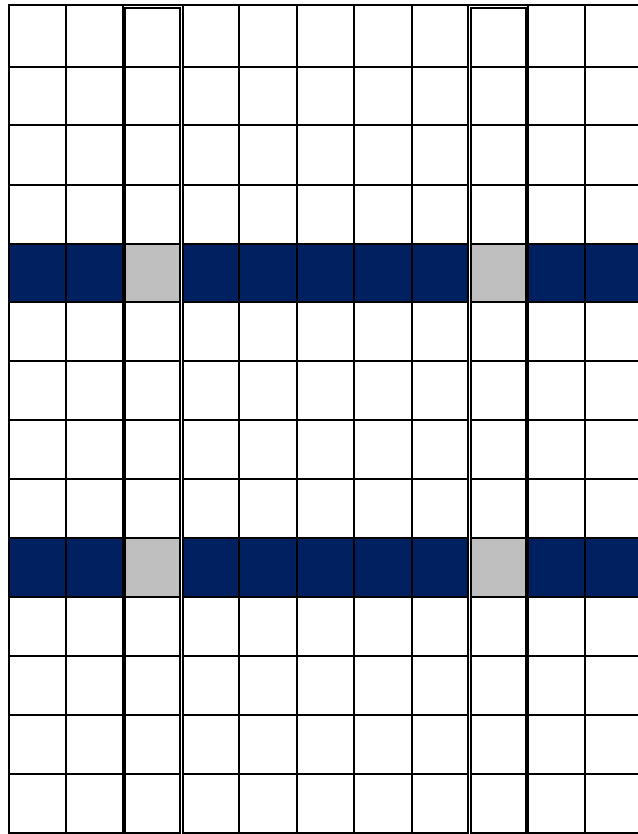


No Plans

Guess the words defined by the clues below. The answers vary in length from 3 to 10 letters and 7 are capitalized, 2 are abbreviations, 1 is an alternate spelling, 1 is foreign and 1 is a prefix. Punctuation in the clues may or may not help the solver.

This puzzle consists of 3 connected grids of 44 squares each. (As such, the grid clues are presented in 3 groups (called X, Y & Z) where each group is for one of the 3 grids. But it is the solvers responsibility to determine which group is for which grid. For each grouping, the first answer will start somewhere in the first row of the appropriate grid and then the other clues will be entered in order starting with the across entries. When you reach the rightmost square of a row, continue at the first square of the next row. When the bottom right corner is reached, the next letter will be in the top left and the words will proceed down the columns. The last few letters of the last down clue will fill in the top row as needed.

Finally, 1 letter from each grouping will need to be omitted to make everything fit. These 3 letters can be combined with the letters you'll need to put in the 4 unclued (grey) squares to make "NO PLANS". The 2 highlighted vertical strings will then give you 2 common 5 or 6 word phrases. What are they?



Group X

- Lightened for friend, the short paper man (5)
- Lofty home is a lake (5)
- Jaded result of being unwashed and revolutionary (5)
- She is a bit intimidated (3)
- Last lingering smell for language (5)
- Land, area of critical care will ripen (7)
- Irish Setter loses heart doggishly (4)
- Extremely trustworthy after raspberry spoils (5)
- Document I rewrote has it all (6)
- Sounds like drug advocate, Timothy is cautious (5)
- Custom made in England so will live for the radial (7)
- Fertile fable without first (6)
- Fish has first example of mixed education (4)
- Stick deodorant is making a comeback somewhat (3)
- Two Greeks combine for Italian religious statue (5)
- Earthly revolution of many a driver! (3)
- Leading edge and getting easier, really keen (5)
- Man of breeding shortly and literally extremely tenderly (6)

Group Y

- Gun has no mass in it so will fail miserably (4)
- State the command for going left to a two (6)
- Santa maybe came from the north going in the portal (5)
- Rolling plaything backwards for Winnie (4)
- Second man came from America I noted (4)
- Noel harassed Jay (4)
- A right string indicator (5)
- Roundup or go back to roundabout, poem (5)
- Top ten regarding knowledge, first take a hike (4)

- Neck cord involving land and air (7)
- Old coin made of blood, I donated... (6)
- ...to this person complete with the ending (5)
- Orbiter becomes one (4)
- One and the other has right for watery mix (5)
- Somewhat professional prefix or average article (4)
- Every other coarser mineral (3)
- Arch, wok oil gets hot for the compulsive (10)
- Point and stick! (4)

Group Z

- Element I take too much of in the end (6)
- Eager to come to an arrangement! (5)
- Stuff a reasonable portion of food (4)
- Dance finally - dancing in the style of Parisians (4)
- Boxer is an example of upended strongmen in action (6)
- The man; the Spanish man; is a down and out (4)
- What is about to soften? (4)
- Canadians came across one Scot, initially... (5)
- ...from Ontario for the Mexican flower (3)
- Towards a Red or Black maybe! (4)
- So be it for the article: "About Myself" (4)
- Spouse I replace last communication capability (4)
- Complained of the procedures of a nerd without third (6)
- Remake a hitch finally for the best chai coffee (5)
- Joint has hydrogen in germanium (5)
- Hunter will observe, audibly alert without extremities (6)
- A girl, a lot interfered with the biter (9)
- Opening English tea is small (5)