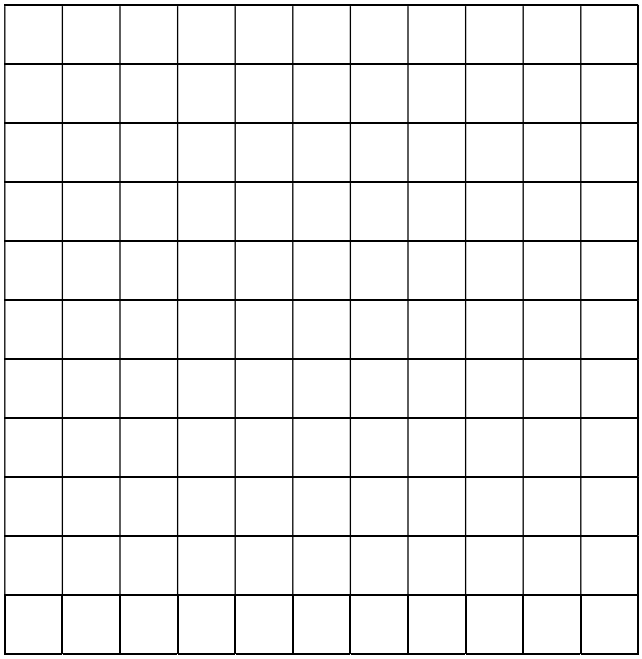
Shortcomings

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

Down

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