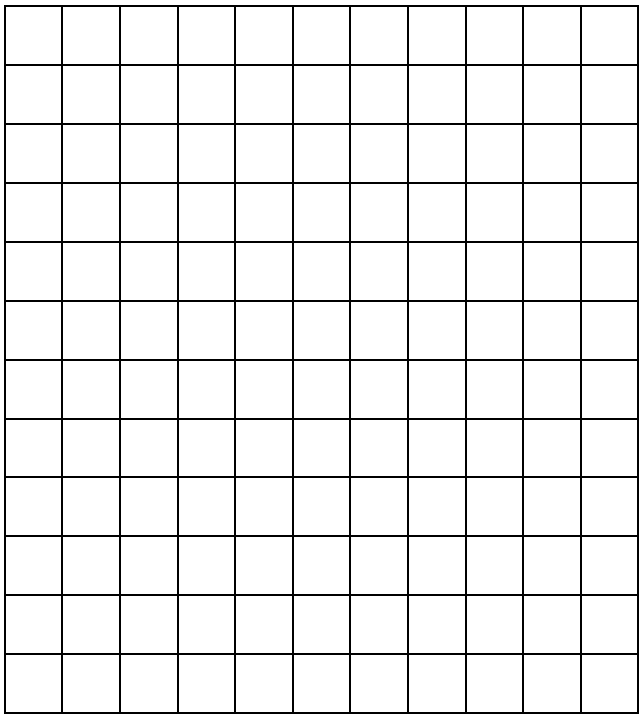
# Back & Forth

Guess the words defined by the following clues. The answers vary in length from 3 to 11 letters long and of these, 1 is capitalized, 1 is archaic, and 2 are multi-word phrases. The punctuation in the clues may or may not help the solver.

Enter the answers in the grid in one continuous string that runs in both directions. For example, Down answers will start in the top left corner and proceed down column 1. At the bottom of column 1, go to the last square of column 2 and proceed up column 2 to row 1 and then proceed down column 3, etc. Similarly for the Across entries.

For 8 across words and 7 down answer words you will need to remove 1 letter from them before entering them in the grid. These 15 letters taken in order as they appear in the across and then the down clues will spell out a common phrase that, in combination with the 2 unclued entries, will thoroughly explain the nature of this puzzle.



**Across**

1. *Mystery Entry*
2. Wash grit away from, parting!
3. Snow patterns from air gusts!
4. Land maybe from in Europe
5. Every other one enlisted instead
6. Drops seamen on volcanic isle
7. Old time waitress is parochial, Al and myself go missing in action
8. Measure the bird and score it
9. Explores endeavors in the press, enter or return again
10. Milk dispenser's pitch for teetotaler to become "*Designated Driver*"
11. Hidden, a wanderer returns somewhat tired
12. Seer will allow metal ring
13. Changed document that's about it being changed
14. Point to remains of uniform part
15. Departed from the Taliban revolution
16. Ball game participators initially setting it down externally
17. Craved, yes to the ear with crazy end
18. A tribute to all mostly
19. Steer course to the point
20. Renal failure finally broke her
21. Cruel and as cruelly materialistic
22. Begun, eventually somewhat odd
23. Observe first rule in being dry
24. *Mystery Entry*

**Down**

1. Fifty plus one thousand and one top the stop
2. Plain nurse will take it in
3. Crafty seaman mostly full!
4. Pangolin loses insect for consumer
5. Shade part not in gear
6. Diverting stuff you abandon finally
7. Prune extremities, vote yes inside collector
8. Centrally odd, our minds press for payment
9. Returning cadet celebrating some officialdom
10. The number over there
11. Turner maybe ate the animal and stumbled
12. Unproductive instinctive force lets Eliot go
13. Five go to Spain for tickets
14. Faithful animal, are tilting backwards somewhat
15. Bird is therefore with hawk headed man
16. Pictures of rescue went less centrally
17. Home for hassium parts of one
18. Want to make bread so we hear
19. Like hard valued thing
20. Flag men maybe sing about brew for Serbia
21. Second prime is right into you in olden times
22. Gnarled grizzlies without sleep that is for daughters
23. Doctor of Divinity from Los Angeles that is a younger Scot
24. Say humbug to leading currency
25. Also due, return for pretentious one
26. She has a right to go to hospital area to be trimmer