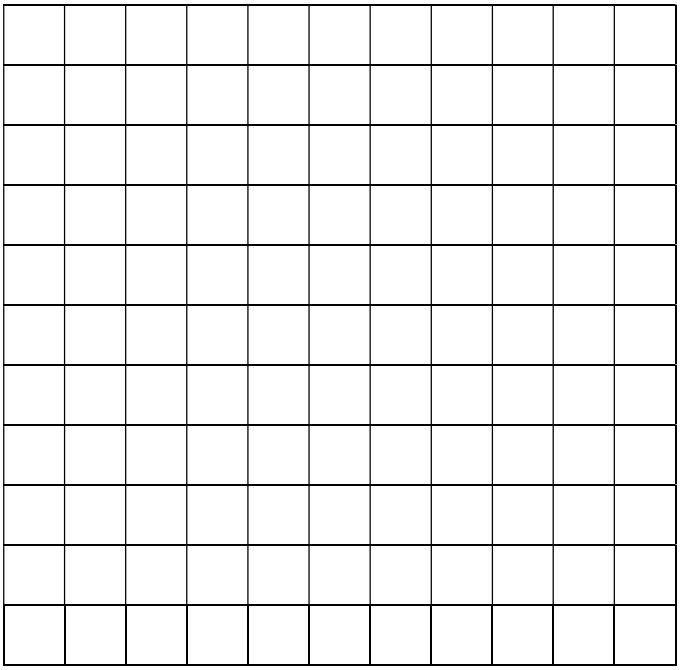
Cardinals - by Peter Green

Guess the words defined by the clues. The answers vary in length from 3 to 8 letters long and of these 9 are capitalized, 1 is an acronym and 1 is an English spelling. 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.

For 5 across entries and their 5 intersecting down entries, part of each word has to be replaced by an appropriate character. In addition, for 7 other across words and 7 other down words, one letter will need to be removed from each answer before it is entered into the grid. These 14 letters, taken in order (across and then down) will provide an appropriate phrase for this puzzle.



Across

1. Show a shirt over a pair of jeans
2. Slap around to sever power
3. Mine a bread product
4. A good quartet rarely contains a fish
5. Homespun, in essence, implies fragility
6. Richard has no rights so I leave for the country
7. Golfers fume or so it's written
8. Indifference is a path you'd enjoy
9. Laura is befuddled to the ear
10. Start a ligature of bones
11. Not in and not vacant passage
12. She has riposted without having sent anything!
13. Diamond anniversary of a horological base
14. Mount the insect going west and east
15. Swellings turn and storm away
16. Pre-audit but don't edit the Indonesian vessel…
17. …or the Indonesian place of cannibalism
18. Castrated male, calf covered in water for the female
19. Colorful divider takes a turn for a bloodsucking insect
20. Bailing out with me!
21. Depose by returning to hug ourselves
22. Some extraordinarily large European wine region
23. Rides a burro to English shady spot
24. Oil cartel aims to stop economies
25. Get up for an enclosed celebration

Down

1. Try to stamp out part of the ship
2. Really fancy flyer regarding the circle in the middle
3. Finally, if you see well, get gasoline
4. I heard Mr. Costello and his first baseman create a video streamer
5. M. Hurok the sun god
6. Concentrate on repair to the brewed tea
7. Tailless miser has opening for something that didn't happen quite right
8. Look both ways!
9. Avian box sits on top of the line
10. Ruminant hears middle C
11. Vis-à-vis dropping the duplicate permit
12. Old coin is found in Donegal, Ireland
13. Initially alleviate some cancers inside fungal sacs
14. A zealous advocate can perform one endless scene
15. The smallest amount is rented I hear
16. Armenian is being guarded in a Madras hotel
17. TV Doctor is almost a postgrad and somewhat ill
18. Insignificant daisy is lacking heart and overgrown
19. A cable from Guyana missing the last half
20. The singer is somewhat of a Fireball
21. Terribly unattractive; lose turn and set in motion
22. Carney will take on an assignment for the collection
23. Ancient City that Saul revisited to find the sea witch
24. Runt troubled by a pirouette
25. Bubbly guy rereads the book
26. Plasma carriers result from a zero rate change
27. Started to live with a weapon