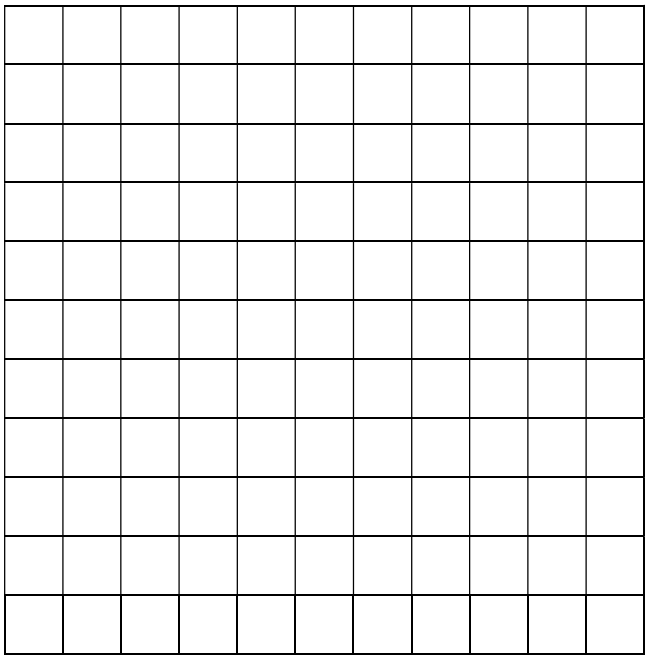
Help!

Guess the words defined by the following clues. The answers vary in length from three to eleven letters long and of these, 2 are capitalized, 1 is an abbreviation, and 3 are 2 word phrases. The punctuation in the clues mayor 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.

Based on 2 rules, 4 across words and 5 down words will have to be shortened to other valid words before they are entered in the grid. The 9 removed parts, taken in order from the across and then the down clues, will indicate how the mystery entry is commonly communicated.



Across

1. Steamship covers many time periods
2. Shelter you, or too lacking of nothings
3. Set-up forest, characteristic without right
4. Subscribe to *"Insider"* to put money on
5. Of the east, a territory!
6. No action word that is, includes the first toothy misalignment
7. Grass piece leads somewhere - or doesn't
8. Tepid or boiling gemstone
9. Beginnings once, removed each rock
10. Occupant will come back in if given energy
11. Title of *"The Pagan"*
12. Bring back salad without final oh
13. Least shortened part of abomination
14. *Mystery Entry*
15. He is a seaman going to the east
16. Challenges seed if scattered
17. Stylized colorer will do it over!
18. The Sudan has a western custom
19. Period belongs to man to complete a specific objective ....
20. .... or the other period with topper
21. Physical unit for example goes back to Nebraska
22. Edge sent back to a red giant
23. Blasted lab with color!
24. Damper brakes - hot pads
25. Gathered a gathering for the news guy
26. Extremely modest good woman follows English beverage

Down

1. Reverse without last and right cut!
2. Apiece of a piece, a challenge
3. Adds herbal mixture and gets trash
4. Desk of a nabob marching westwards
5. A learner will say *"darn"* and ...
6. ... be first to outfit the prison
7. Bruce comes back for the fish
8. Gallery with sculptures - first for style
9. Dad abhors complicated instrument panel
10. Demon is somewhat better going up!
11. Agitate good man I rescued initially
12. A point for a period of weakness
13. Gangling animal came home, yes
14. Monument made of burnished steel
15. Goodness debunked initially to patronize
16. More charming copper, termite lacking a biter
17. Going insane lacking northern vegetable
18. Pass her expressions!
19. Letter of France, escapee
20. Initials mostly off all the surrounding water
21 One hundred bits of serotonin
22. Initial medium is hydrogen and it's bad slugging
23. Return cadet to detail somewhat randomly scattered
24. Require it to drop in, coming back crazier
25. Angry at myself, the god and the heartless
26. Sense a poem magically remove barrier!