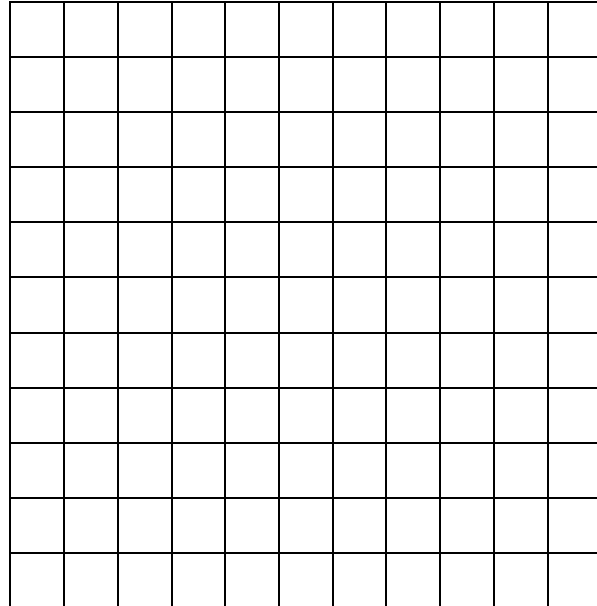


Puzzle #195 — August, 2017 "No Exit"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to nine letters, and four are capitalized) then enter them in the grid one after another in the same order as their clues, starting in the upper left corner. Across words that don't end at the right continue on the next row, and down words that don't end at the bottom continue in the next column. Six across words and six down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is omitted. Those twelve letters, taken in order as they occur in across and down words, spell a two-word phrase related to the mystery entry. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.



Across

1. Distance over me has to be changed
2. Introduction of novel free cap
3. Quiet without capacity for plant genus
4. One in oval playing instrument
5. Visionary takes time to guide
6. Hear cry for dance
7. Not talking about one new memorandum
8. Fur sustains relative
9. A March exam is neither good nor bad
10. Talk about the French lodge
11. *Mystery entry*
12. School preference or choice
13. Handle \$1000 lasso
14. Singer has singular muscle
15. Creature about to have a meal
16. Rap Charlie's chapeau
17. Velocity's one vehicle
18. Muppet overwhelmed by travel motion
19. Rod's bird losing range
20. After shuffling, please pass
21. No rest troubled ancient Greek warrior
22. Stinking? Don't start to complain
23. Raise the roof about outer space

Down

1. Sound of one star exploding with energy
2. E sharp spoiled short musical passage
3. Trip and semi-somersault
4. I am one going crazy in alienation
5. I tottle mad with ecstasy in a gown
6. Romeo: Leo playing the part
7. British contest will get support
8. Victor's ever active liveliness
9. Responds by smashing a crest
10. Stranger with a claim
11. Check brother replacing wife in promenade
12. Papparazzi online about heaven
13. A revised paper issue
14. Henry, in essence, is a piece of work
15. Danger of rod in loose pile
16. Quiet one glowed
17. Get rid of contents of closet
18. People flock in disarray after child leaves
19. Amalgam containing a diatom, for example
20. Iron, for instance, could be involved in comet alignment
21. Emil running with R. Bannister, e.g.
22. Color of false note
23. Cocaine damaged Annie's tooth
24. Game score fluctuating around 100