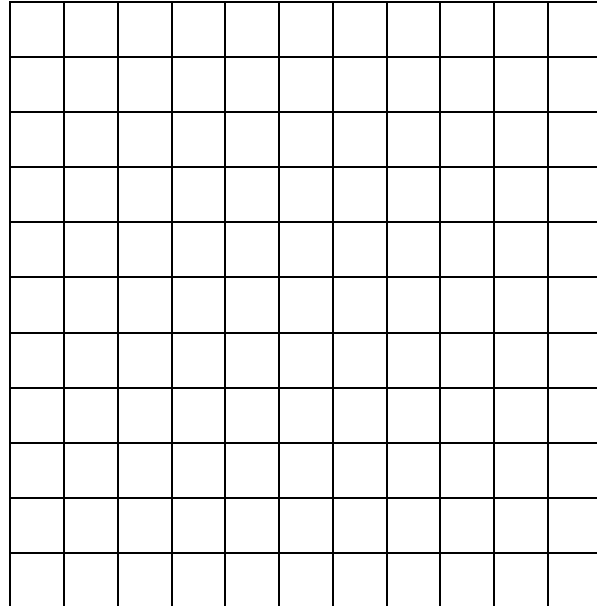


Puzzle # 68 – January 2007 "New Beginnings"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from three to eight letters and include four proper nouns and one foreign word), 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 their first letters are changed. The twelve new letters, taken in order, spell a familiar three-word phrase. I thank Kevin Wald for help with the clues.



Across

1. Winner making one error in course
2. The Spanish go back with rare looker
3. Notice this site and get attached
4. Model talks about a triangle
5. Lad eats kernel of nut for uplift
6. Copy 150 + 1
7. Small insect pin
8. Expressed a thought long in force
9. End of last animal reel
10. Hear a lot about a sea in central Asia
11. Power is back, rejuvenated
12. Eats cooked hair
13. Start to study recent record of activity
14. Left unopened door secure
15. Keeps rejecting true claims
16. Container for finished bowl
17. Conflict about eastern clothing
18. Temper the lust for travel
19. Gets even with a golfer from Pedreña
20. Arrived with large caisson
21. Thin slab of wood with top cut off
22. Scene in lyric poem about core of prison
23. A little bit of soda to mix
24. Excitement is loud, always

Down

1. Finished with a little dress
2. Crown has large cover
3. Take off from Parisian canal
4. Combat bundle includes two shirts
5. Fill up with fuel containing hydrogen
6. Light originating in Seattle, shimmering and radiating from the center
7. Base mineral held up
8. Inventor chopped carrot with energy
9. One way you initiated indifference
10. There's no reason to have to breathe noisily
11. Large dress returned for money
12. Where birds mate in little knots
13. Inappropriate doom for a devil
14. A god brought up in a valley
15. Geneva struggling to even the score
16. Helen informally expressed wish to have ladies around
17. Misguided pariah was the first to be beaten back
18. At first Sam, then Fanny, talk back
19. Rudely evict a viverrine
20. A narrow strip of land with scattered rainfall
21. Drink for an engraver
22. Gem of singular quality
23. Temper sound before beginning of run