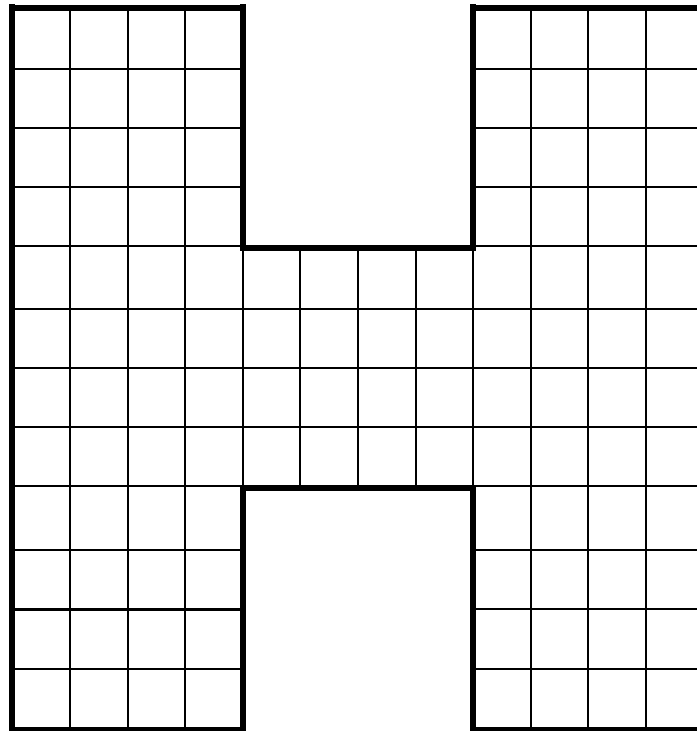


Puzzle

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Instructions

The clues define two series of words. The first series comprises 28 words, all of them four letters long, arranged in seven groups of four each. These groups are numbered to correspond with the seven sections of the grid as shown here:

1		2
3	4	5
6		7

The words in each group should be entered in the appropriate grid sections in the same order as their clues. Some of the words are to be entered normally. Others are to be entered backwards. You must determine which way a given word should be entered.

The second series comprises twenty words of varying length (three to eight letters) to be entered in the grid one after another. They start at the upper left corner and proceed clockwise around the edge of the grid, following the black line until the outer squares are filled. Then they continue around again until the inner squares are filled. Because of their continuous track around the grid, they will of course go right, left, up, or down, and most will turn corners.

When the diagram is correctly filled in, an appropriate message will appear along the two main diagonals reading from upper left to lower right and from upper right to lower left.

Answers include five proper names.

Clues:

Series 1

- 1 Sound state of hair
Move slowly, get sharp
Sealing instrument
Nancy's turn holding sac
- 2 Present in Mother Earth
Royal Navy cheese or chips
Cartoonist's river
Study register
- 3 Impression of pinniped
Singer eager in comeback
Returned competent from island
Mind worry
- 4 Love brings city back
Tennis strokes; why don't we?
Skin screen
Just in: Passion lyrics
- 5 Facilitates disease
Simple street to be on
Flower girl
Nothing English in river
- 6 Sound—bring up to level
Sweetheart Jackson speaking
Sea horse
Thus forth ere long
- 7 Observed new cut
Image of stormy Lido
Contribute 50 before finish
Projection of cheap seat

Series 2

- 1 Label in the Spanish coat
- 2 Silent man's alternative: an outcry
- 3 Fuss with 4th element in brick
- 4 Practice note for funeral
- 5 Indies in upheaval hidden from view
- 6 Fragment of southern gloom
- 7 New age gas
- 8 My uncle non- . . . nonplussed by lecture hall
- 9 For hanging loose—almost
- 10 Again in sack race
- 11 Mount time in source
- 12 Cable man
- 13 One enormous stop
- 14 Heavenly omission of sound
- 15 Attracted and guided around old city
- 16 Cretan princess' song turns finale around
- 17 Who is starting life unhinged and birdlike?
- 18 Stupid earthling hides thought
- 19 Pronouncedly peculiar market
- 20 First in time is later confused with end of time

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