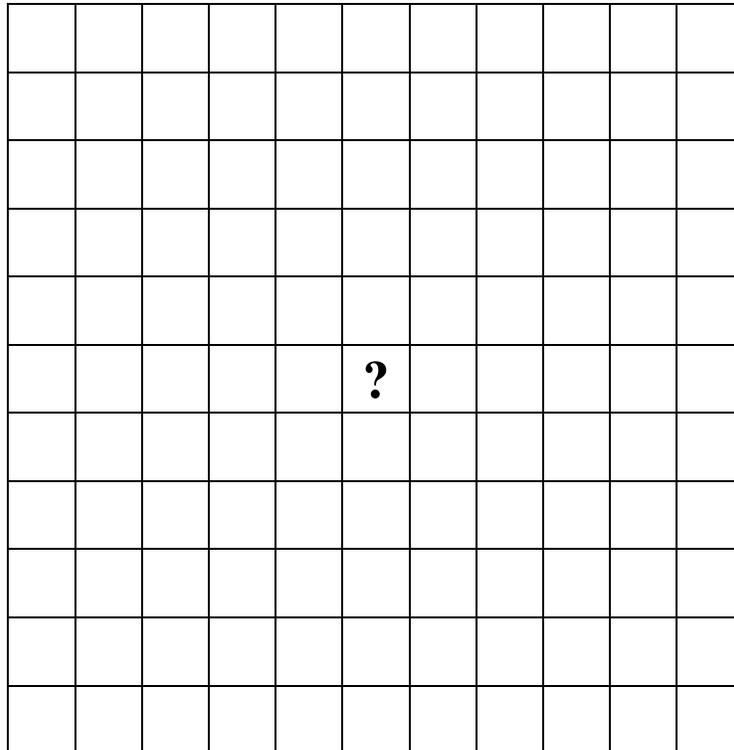


Puzzle

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Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from three to nine letters), 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 margin continue on the next line, and down words that don't end at the bottom margin continue in the next column. Seven across words and six down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those thirteen letters, taken in order, spell a two-word phrase that answers the question posed by the question mark in the middle of the grid.

Clues:

Across

1. Spoil, decomposing in trash
2. Remedy before having one spot
3. Relative of Sam or Tom
4. What's on stage observed in speech
5. Listening, look closely for supporting structure
6. Mother's in from a territory
7. Governor took a chair to speak
8. Just a body of water
9. South Carolina latex makes a good cleaner
10. Proper part of reprimand
11. Hooker's dessert
12. Shrewish woman has Gershwin leave after five
13. Free distance in China to scold
14. Kind of shirt used by drivers
15. Occupying a chair with standard uncoupled
16. Dryer catches the end of our tool
17. Eat without a cool confused cat
18. Quiet stream, but high-pitched
19. Sharpen wines when they turn
20. To be served for Chubby
21. Set of instructions to mend piece after rook
22. Rent fuss causing storm

Down

1. Not upset over certain haircut
2. Flower fed a cheerful color
3. Summary of degrees paper
4. In Jurassic, reptiles moved very slowly
5. Bird without its tail becomes angry and resentful
6. Ask for information in twenty-four pages
7. Stagger dance
8. Think nothing, waste away
9. Bottom of top rates
10. Drugs for fools
11. Muffin bottle restrains military
12. Absolute sum
13. Business deals find a measure of energy in French seas
14. Stay bachelor (single)
15. Melodic airs transformed with two whole notes
16. Earth shaking organ
17. Stop: baseball team backing up
18. Strange wiles of American novelist
19. Pleasant town in France
20. Unorthodox priest band
21. Head notice in *Look*
22. None loses head going after taxi; everybody a gentleman

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