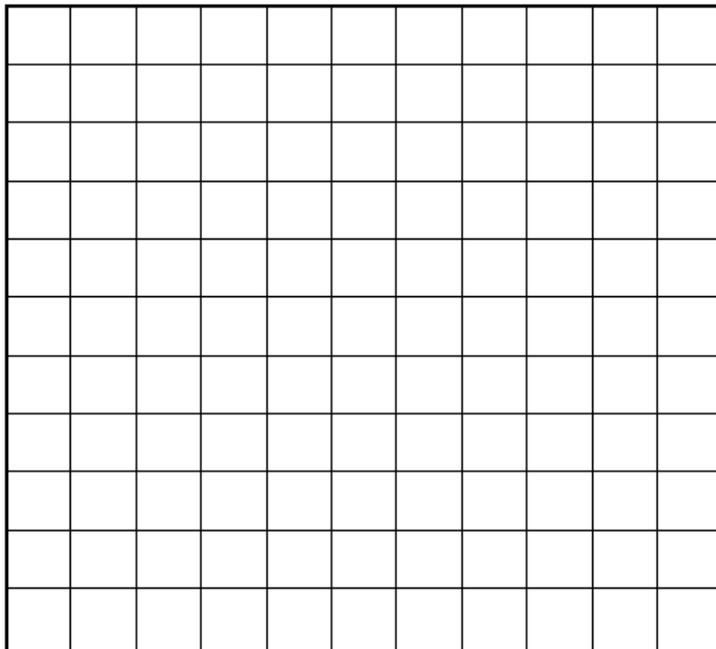


Special Puzzle #2--August 2002 "EXIT"

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 below. Down words that don't end at the bottom margin continue in the next column to the right. Nineteen answer words must be altered before they will fit in the grid. Five across words and five down words won't fit unless one of their letters is omitted. Those ten letters, taken in order, spell a three-word phrase that explain how the other nine words, two of them across and seven down, are to be altered. Answers include five proper names.



Across

1. Deceitful, sick, sour, mad? Start yelling!
2. In favor of wearing one garment
3. Bully is not at post
4. Hamper is heavier housing die
5. Facility in cerium alteration
6. Get keener instrument in coin
7. Start running group
8. Aged couple wins jury's heart
9. Burning end of gaff in river
10. Scene mainly involving lavage
11. Near a narrows, sheltering islands
12. Extravagant English author
13. Copy report about burning heap
14. Tree fowl start nesting again
15. Stealthy, slithering snake
16. Captured egg turned rotten outside
17. Male absolute: speak grumpily
18. Cultivate around middle of brushy shelter
19. Returning at one, catch musical suite
20. Investigate material science's origin
21. Alarmed hooker in snow vehicle
22. Lead successful venture in fruit

Down

1. One egg I consumed, to start off
2. Digesting isn't real for guts
3. Play with favorite trull
4. Badly hurt after torture started in actuality
5. Plead for ending in profit
6. Finish of work consumes poet
7. Expert has start of noxious disease
8. Bower shaft
9. Spinner of fabric adding nothing
10. Part of Cæsarean zone
11. Emperor had scattered rain
12. Fact in France ending with belief
13. Going without one sound maker
14. Everyone hides over there
15. Pitches in earnest, concealing curve
16. Air gut-churning music-maker
17. Enhanced range for emotion
18. Wins set, upsetting watcher
19. A quiet little desire
20. Writes charges by ear
21. Supreme in deviance, take liberties
22. Long morning starting pretty light
23. Had thorns shaped for quick writing
24. Satie edited, putting note back in place