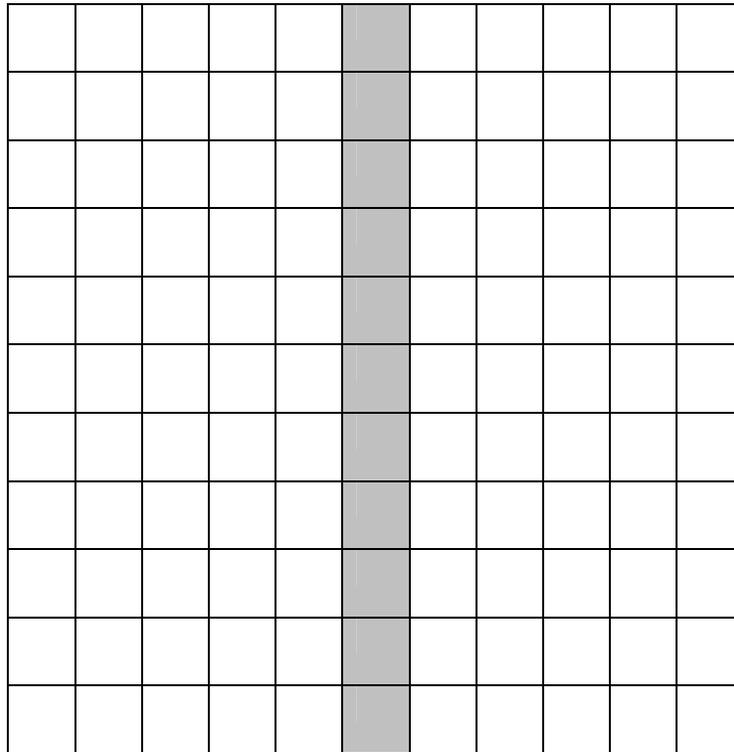


Puzzle

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Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from four to eight 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. The first down word is a clue of sorts to the two words (not defined below and one of them missing a letter) that belong in the shaded column.

Clues:

Across

1. Number associated with Epiphany or Mg
2. China studies science of wrong?
3. Seed observed—about a thousand
4. Two lines allowed after stroke
5. The artful one from Los Angeles
6. Showing off speed around residue
7. Carries on tracks
8. Briefed orator about headgear
9. Kind of summer club
10. Musical performance needs are recorded
11. Big Bill Finch
12. Spare list
13. Go away with a boast
14. Half dance with parasites in cup
15. Start of grand line increase
16. Endless, hoarse rows
17. Count Archer
18. Serve one lower
19. Smell of small change
20. Dramatist: somebody not feeling well
21. Influence hall

Down

1. Slept so unsoundly bare-breasted
2. Shining silver base
3. Joyful failing in forest clearing
4. Russian wind blows urban
5. Unsightly scene looks mineral
6. Cowards carry five books
7. Hear badly; from time to time, menace
8. Heard, signaled, gave up
9. American pull
10. Carbon fuel ring
11. *Danse Macabre* on the Meuse
12. Expensive way to begin a letter
13. Toss drink with gin
14. I deliver perfection
15. South Carolina formerly for defense
16. End of April, start burning coal
17. Show disapproval introducing rude bumpkin
18. Arab contest in Polish river
19. Born to sail on high ground
20. Vet only worked for innovation

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