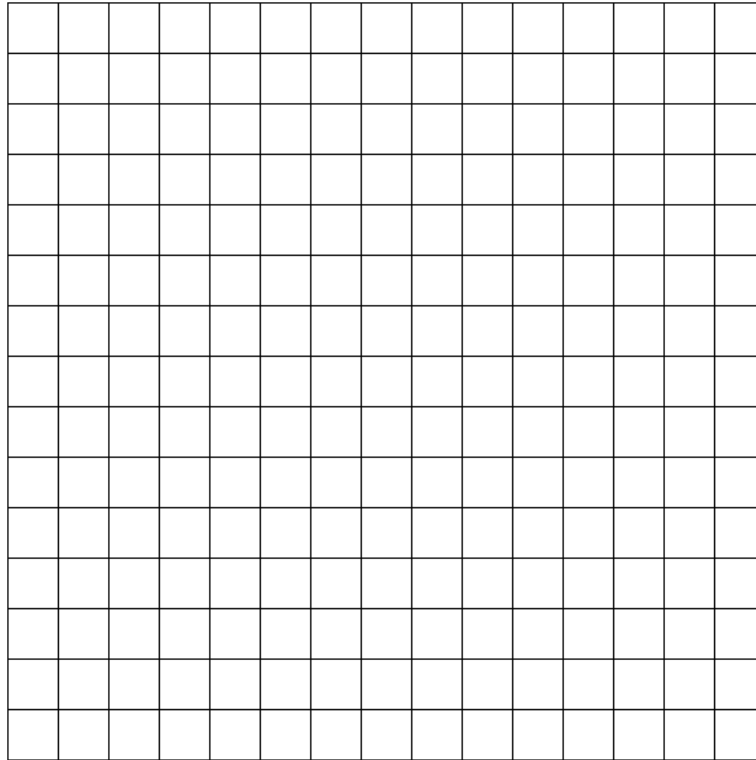


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Clues are presented in conventional order. The completed grid, which has no unchecked letters, displays 90° rotational symmetry including 8 bars and 64 black squares. Two straight lines, whose ends touch the frame of the grid, should be drawn thematically through five identical and symmetrically placed letters. The 21 clashes in the grid must be resolved in favour of the entries that ensure the final grid only contains real words, phrases and proper nouns. The discarded letters can be arranged to provide an alternative three-word title which should be written below the grid.

Across

Fine glazed fabric flips over
Springtime in Scotland brings conflict with English
American fibres fall on back street
Party-goer is amongst extraverts
Parrots' stomachs contain calcium
Lowland fog covers gunners in marsh
Jonathan's guitar, perhaps, one found in obsessive irregular
Rock's incisiveness consumes a wife
Auxiliary control affected Rio Verde
Cleverly silly, in a way
Lady of peace, not once adhering to resentment
Are wearing preposterously small cloths
I spin a leg round on lobe
Be once more about headless discriminator
Liberal liked scum and failed in Edinburgh
Agent that's true to men
Sailor crossing rough sea retreats
Small sailing ship that's winking
The grape relaxes Erastian

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In Devon, say, grapples with republican and pivots
Priest with team (scientists) producing chemical preparations
Hamish's barred rotten European for independence
Dirty jokes repulsed, what a surprise
They heat teas brewing around noon
Share number involved in pillage
Close National Emergency Alarm Repeater, primarily
Resorts existing in times past

Down

Wandsworth has nine in the Spanish manuscript
Soft passage constant before play
Carved part of figure within hollow almost getting old
Cajolers from firm to reduce runs on Sunday
Communist to interfere with old follower of Jesus
Benefits past profit at the heart of historic pound
Lies initially revised extended standard theory section
Lake is strange, giving off energy
Female entertains Irish county
Body check without escape for ideal partner (two words)
Informal round's arisen out of order
Highlanders like appearing in French month
Superior to remain set on point, once
Stag's roar that is going across because it's spoiling for a fight
Law is trammelled in sheer interweaving
Stickler fermenting a succession of drops
Glaswegian scatters ships round Cape
Insular beast, a cross between king and queen? (two words)
The old rose up and remained to expel American
Nerve cells one cut short in fellows
Ancient Celtic warriors, embraced by ruffian natives
Rats making a circuit inside ship
Incite supporter to remove a king (two words)
Old jalopy beginning to cut speed
Take cutting in equal quantities from tree
At which point does warrior begin to lose courage at Culloden?
Scots ditch Kirkpatrick? Yes, funnily enough!