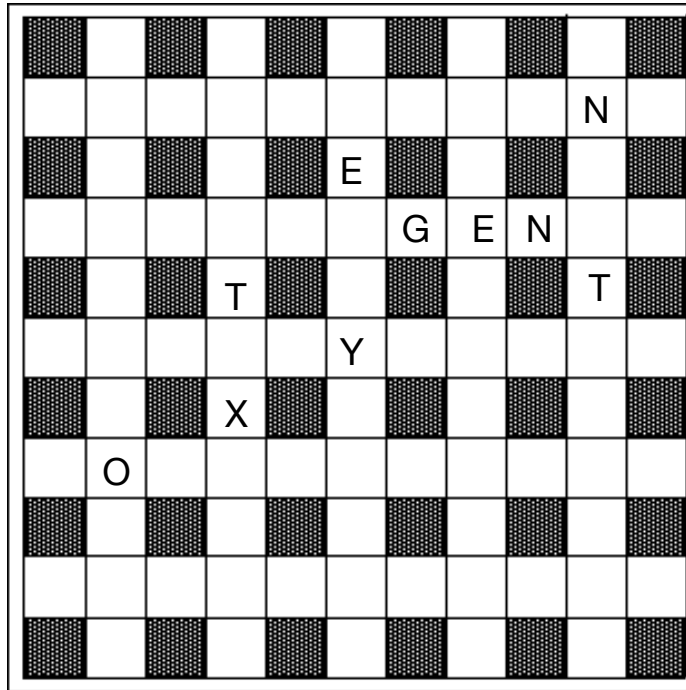


Crisscross Crunch

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This puzzle suffers a tight squeeze. The answer words read straight across or straight down, but they overlap by one, two, three, or four letters. For example, the answer "battLE" might overlap the answer "LEgs" by two letters and be entered as "BATTLEGS." The clues for Across and Down are in **alphabetical order** according to answers, and the word lengths are in parentheses. We've placed some letters to get you started.



ACROSS

- Cake provider (6)
- Tete topper (5)
- Peaches and ___ (5)
- Sadness (5)
- Skip a syllable (5)
- Waist-length jackets (5)
- ___ and species (5)
- Odometer report (7)
- Art for the ear (5)
- Speechify (5)
- Tale-telling Uncle (5)
- Grain type (3)
- Upside down frown (5)
- Mortise partner (5)
- Apache, for example (5)

DOWN

- Two-dimensional measure (4)
- Makes amends (6)
- Putin-controlled peninsula (6)
- Remarkably active (7)
- Biblical escape (6)
- Food pyramid category (4)
- Of the mouth (4)
- Al fresco (7)
- Prepared (5)
- Answer (5)
- Pig sniffer (5)
- Throat bug (5)
- Cowboy moniker (3)
- Curved fastener (1-4)
- Long for (5)

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