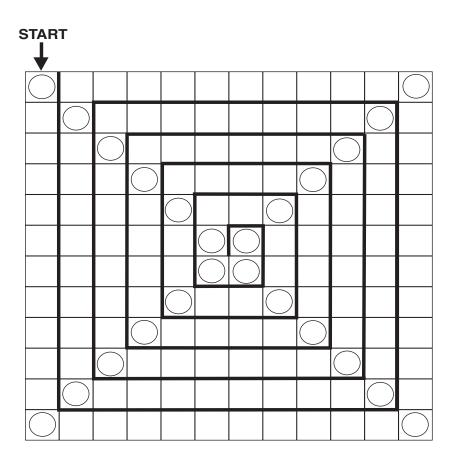
Spiral

Every answer (except the first) uses the last letter of the preceding answer as its initial letter, the chain thus formed following a spiral path to the centre of the grid. The diagonals spell two medical pioneers.



- Napoleon Bonaparte's empress (9)
- Involve in an argument (7)
- Dull, without vitality (10)
- Dynamite, gelignite, eg (9)
- Duke ___, jazz legend (9)
- Musical piece for nine players (5)
- Up-to-date (7)
- Flag or droop (8)
- Wig, toupee (9)
- House annexe (9)
- Student of zoology and botany (10)
- Fast peasant dance from Italy (10)

- Maturity (9)
- Young society girl (9)
- Throw out (5)
- Skin design (6)
- Burden (4)
- Steal from a store (8)
- Florida resort (5)
- Forgo, refrain (7)
- Beau ___, 18th-century dandy (4)
- Sunken garden ditch (2-2)
- Swiss mountain (3)

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Josephine – embroil – lacklustre – explosive – Ellington – nonet – topical – languish – hairpiece – extension – naturalist – tarantella – adulthood – debutante – eject – tattoo – onus – shoplift – Tampa – abstain – Nash – ha-ha – alp.