User-Friendly

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We used a computer to construct this puzzle. First, we wrote the clues. Then, the spelling of the answer words was read into a microphone. Soon, out came the diagram! Unfortunately, there was a flaw in the process, which systematically caused twenty spelling errors (in nineteen words.) You must take this flaw into account when entering those words into the diagram.

Though several clue answers are unusual, all can be found in Webster's Ninth Collegiate Dictionary, though 10 across does not appear there as an entry.

Enumerations are withheld.

Across

- 1 Dummies endlessly adjusted for size
- 5 Hawaii featured in William's fancies
- 10 Beginning entry quoted under "Useful Species": the horse
- 11 Coherent whole: I'm uncut, no assembly required
- 12 Alternatively, most of mold with uranium added gilded metal
- 14 Little is lacking from beast's soul
- 15 Cut off bit of lettuce from salad
- 17 Clean rip off, with no initiator
- 18 Sharpen sound mix with liquid
- 20 Blinder obscured with dark streaks
- 23 Veteran's Administration mistake: "Um... Duce employed Hoover?"
- 27 It can be silly!
- 29 Someone seeking a mate around the university surmounted difficulties
- 32 Lived clean (in water, but not hot)
- 33 Change fourth of vegetable compress
- 34 Weird resort covering more territory
- 35 Like some bread? While consuming, swallow
- 36 Current hearing was informed
- 37 Despicable effort to follow friend
- 38 Jade green frames: evidence of education

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Down

- 1 Tom's comments confused some about Wicker's first letter
- 2 Merv + Uta: IUD involved two people in control?
- 3 Characteristic of certain small particles I help to secure
- 4 Trimmed a procedure to reverse moisture deposit
- 5 Wild fun: snip off the ends of curls, let fly
- 6 State: "Catch a tuba, hugging it backwards"
- 7 Certain Indian surrounded by stealth in dugout
- 8 Bossy dialogue heard to shift?
- 9 Small, pretentious wise guy
- 13 Deli offering (free) peeled end of pickle in terrible bun
- 16 She scolds: "The German is more cunning"
- 19 Final solution: take cup off stand
- 21 Funny translation of Sigma Nu
- 22 Kitty's nap is over this may improve the dog
- 24 Cleverness: finding you, finally, in a place like Chicago
- 25 Made a sound like a bird around midweek
- 26 I am bleeding at first, and regret stain
- 28 Small map mischarted Palestine, omitting area where one is protected
- 30 A color that's in? Sienna qualifies
- 31 Burn wrapper of cheap cigar