Puzzle 1

In the crossword grid below, each cell contains a whole word instead of a letter. Each word in a cell creates a compound word with all of the cells touching it. The trick, though, is that clues for each word are provided only for alternating boxes (every box with a letter in it); you’ll have to deduce the others. The numbers indicate which letter of the boxed words are in the final answer.

IMPORTANT NOTE: All compound words read left to right and top to bottom!

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| Q | **5** |  |  |  |  |  |  | R |  |  |
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Above or on top of

1. A tool for cutting
2. A primary color
3. More than two, less than many
4. A (flimsy) container
5. A flying creature
6. Electricity and water mixed in the atmosphere
7. A pair
8. Ambulation
9. A nobleman’s title
10. Often has 6 legs, but could have more
11. A young person
12. Without difficulty
13. A feathered alarm clock (abbr.)
14. To place eggs in a nest
15. The source of expressions
16. A place of worship
17. Handing money over
18. Something to grab onto when opening
19. A storage device
20. Aquatic transportation of any size
21. Slang for cajones
22. To put in a specific location
23. A drinker’s seat
24. One who protects
25. Of the young male persuasion
26. What children are often told to do
27. Half-blinding oneself very briefly

**FINAL ANSWER:** \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_