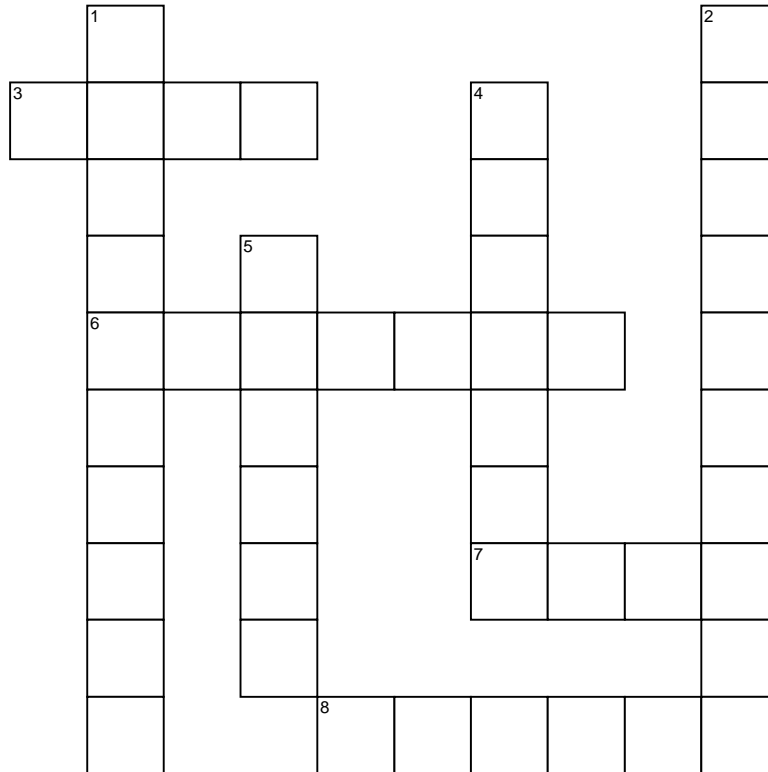


# Animal Tracks

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## ACROSS

- 3** the side of a hill or a steep slope
- 6** a large area of land covered in grass
- 7** a place with many houses and stores where people live and work
- 8** goes to a place

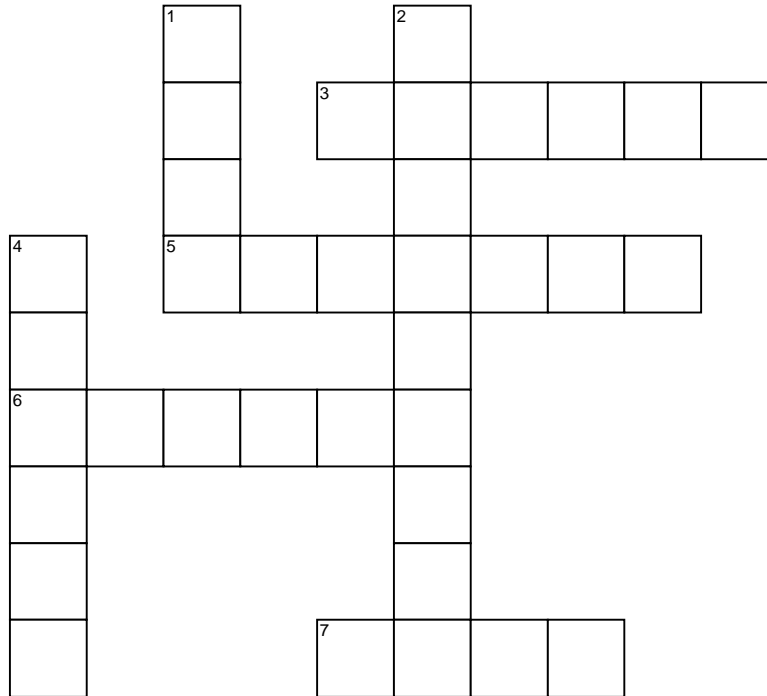
## DOWN

- 1** the marks left by hands
- 2** the marks left by feet
- 4** a place in nature where an animal or plant lives
- 5** like ground that is wet and soft

**WORD BANK:** bank, footprints, habitat, handprints, marshy, prairie, town, visits

# The Bobcat

Level 2.6, Story 2



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## ACROSS

- 3 cut off short
- 5 seen or noticed
- 6 all the young born at the same time to a mother animal
- 7 without any bumps or sharp points on the outside

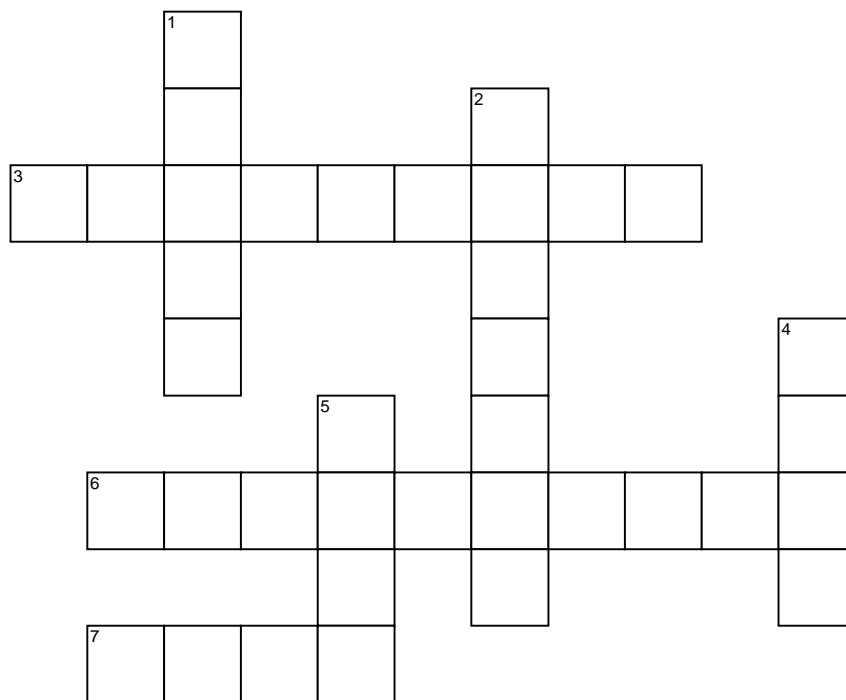
## DOWN

- 1 places where wild animals live
- 2 active at night and asleep during the day
- 4 empty on the inside

**WORD BANK:** bobbed, dens, flat, hollow, litter, nocturnal, spotted

# Collecting Stamps

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## ACROSS

- 3** a book where people paste or tape things they want to save
- 6** a set of things that are the same in some way
- 7** put things in an order or in groups

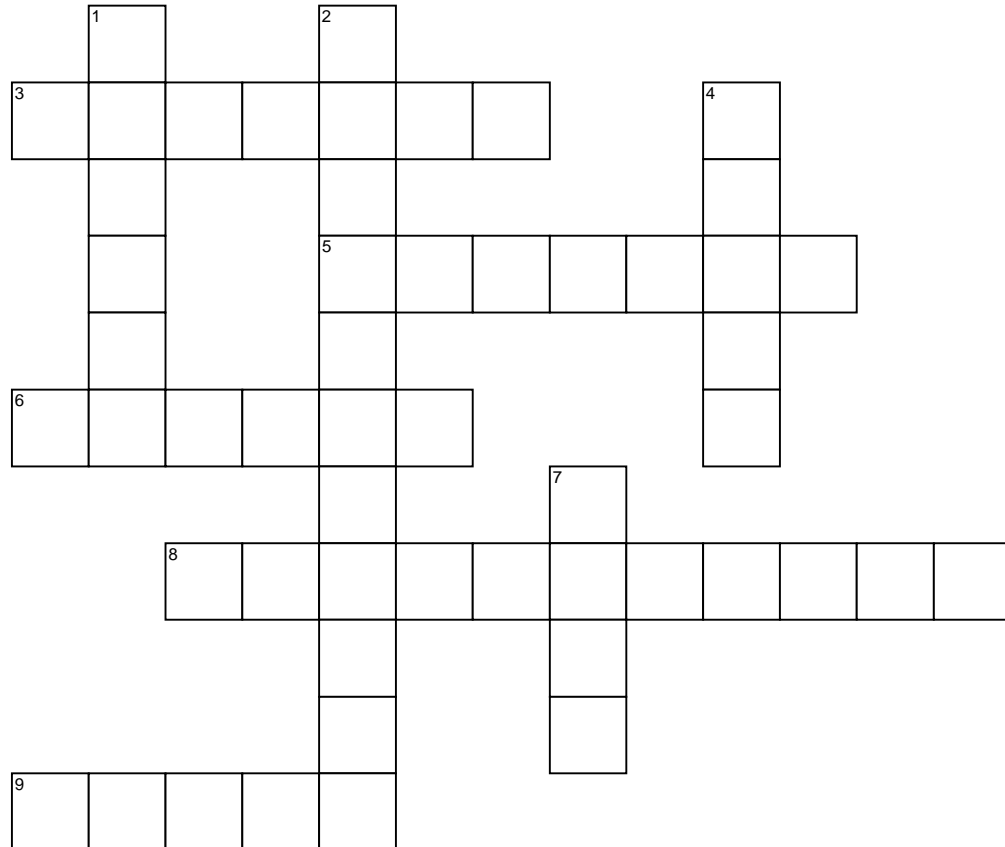
## DOWN

- 1** to take something from one place to another
- 2** to gather things in the same place
- 4** a group of people who spend a lot of time together
- 5** smooth and even

**WORD BANK:** carry, collect, collection, flat, gang, scrapbook, sort

# How to Become a Rock Hound

Level 2.6, Story 4



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## ACROSS

- 3** to gather things in the same place
- 5** formed by a volcano or other strong heat source
- 6** forms or outlines of things
- 8** changed in form by natural processes
- 9** an activity a person likes to do during free time

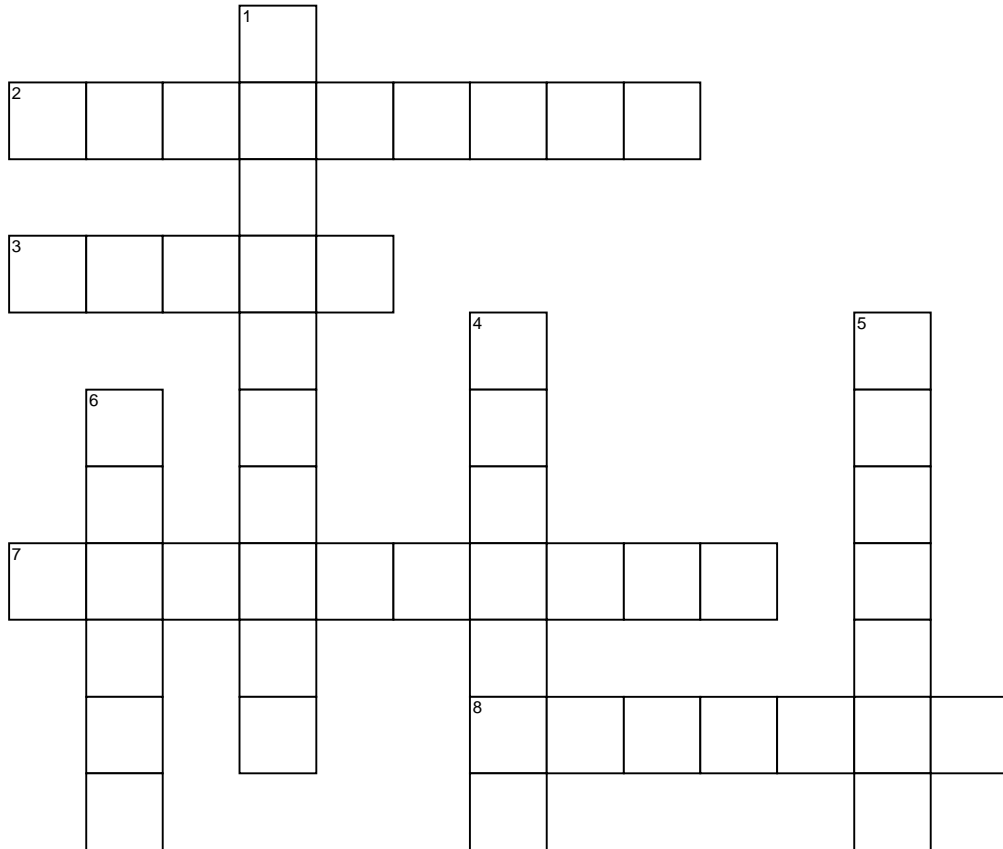
## DOWN

- 1** to make smooth and shiny
- 2** formed by matter that settles to the bottom of a liquid
- 4** someone who is interested and excited about a subject
- 7** something that is made or shaped to help you do work

**WORD BANK:** collect, hobby, hound, igneous, metamorphic, polish, sedimentary, shapes, tool

# A Comet Crashes Into Jupiter

Level 2.6, Story 5



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## ACROSS

- 2 burning objects that look round and are very hot and bright
- 3 a bright ball with a tail that moves through space
- 7 events that take place
- 8 broke or split

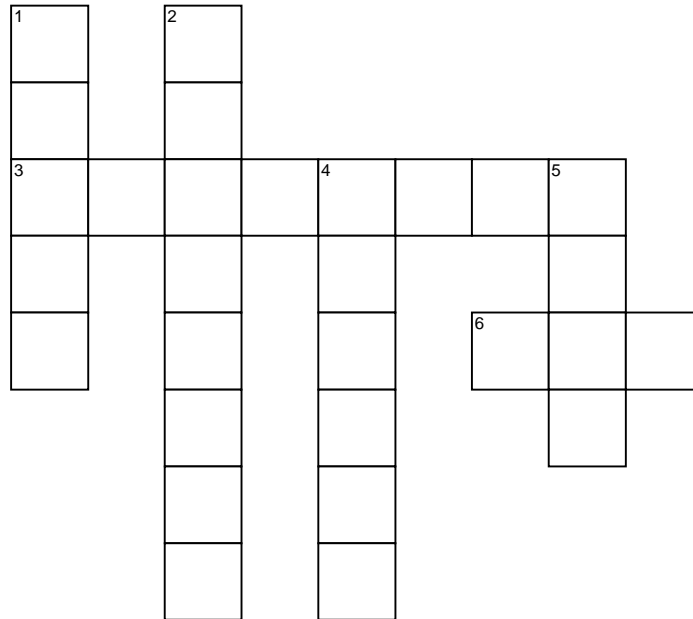
## DOWN

- 1 tubes with lenses or mirrors that people look through to see faraway things
- 4 all died out, or without any of its kind living anymore
- 5 hit hard
- 6 a very large round object in outer space that goes around a star

**WORD BANK:** comet, cracked, extinct, fireballs, happenings, planet, slammed, telescopes

# The Common American Robin

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## ACROSS

- 3 marks or spots on something
- 6 to move up and down quickly

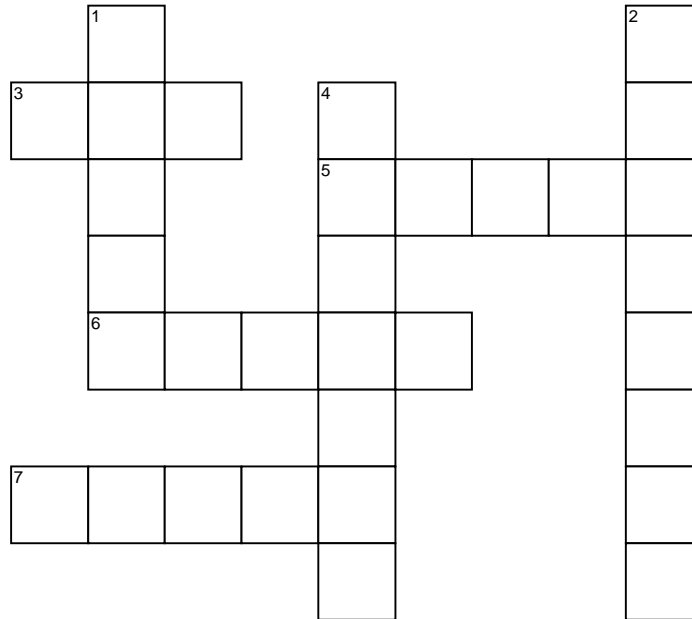
## DOWN

- 1 a brown bird with a red breast
- 2 likely to be or likely to happen
- 4 often seen and heard
- 5 to see or notice something

**WORD BANK:** blotches, bob, common, probably, robin, spot

# Carl Sandburg—American Poet

Level 2.6, Story 7



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## ACROSS

- 3** to make clicking sounds by hitting one thing against another
- 5** a space at the top of a house inside the roof
- 6** to tell someone you are pleased about what the person said or gave to you
- 7** things that a person writes, draws, or makes

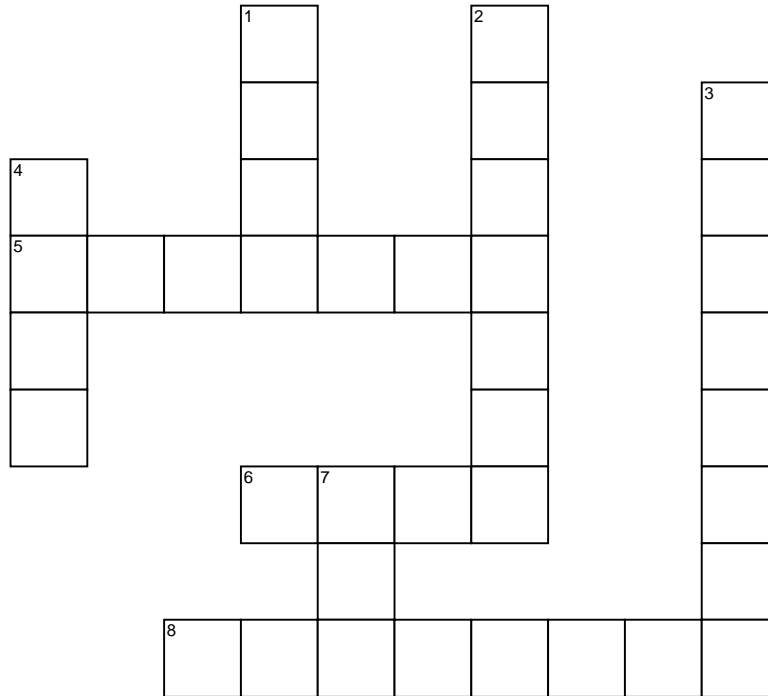
## DOWN

- 1** something done often and without thinking or planning
- 2** someone who is strongly against using war to settle differences
- 4** a feeling of being unhappy

**WORD BANK:** attic, habit, pacifist, sadness, tap, thank, works

# Monkeys

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## ACROSS

- 5 to watch carefully
- 6 the highest parts of things
- 8 toward the side

## DOWN

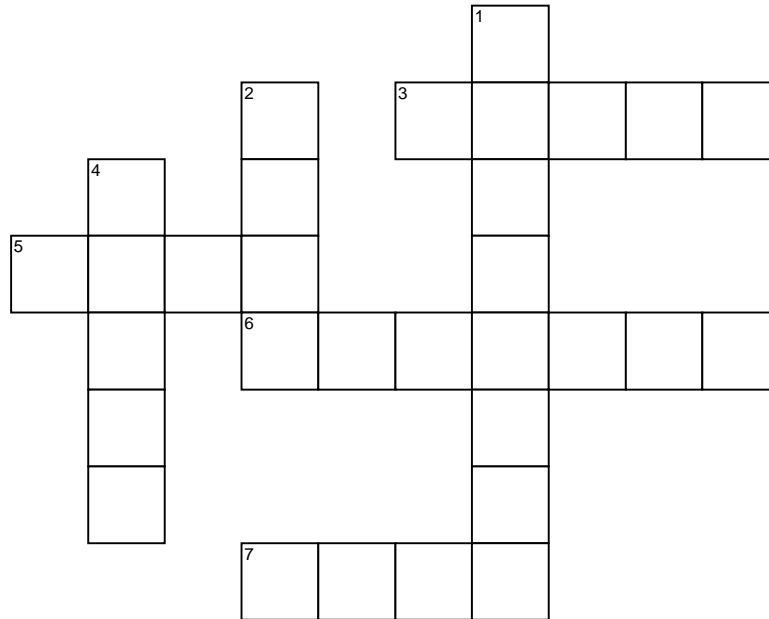
- 1 to have the front of something turned in a certain direction
- 2 things you can see and touch
- 3 openings in the nose for breathing and smelling
- 4 having one end far from the other end
- 7 strange

**WORD BANK:** face, long, nostrils, objects, observe, odd, sideways, tops



# A Centipede at Your House?

Level 2.6, Story 9



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## ACROSS

- 3** annoying or bothersome
- 5** the raised mark that a bite, hit, or cut leaves on the skin
- 6** a part or section
- 7** the body parts that allow the mouth to open and close

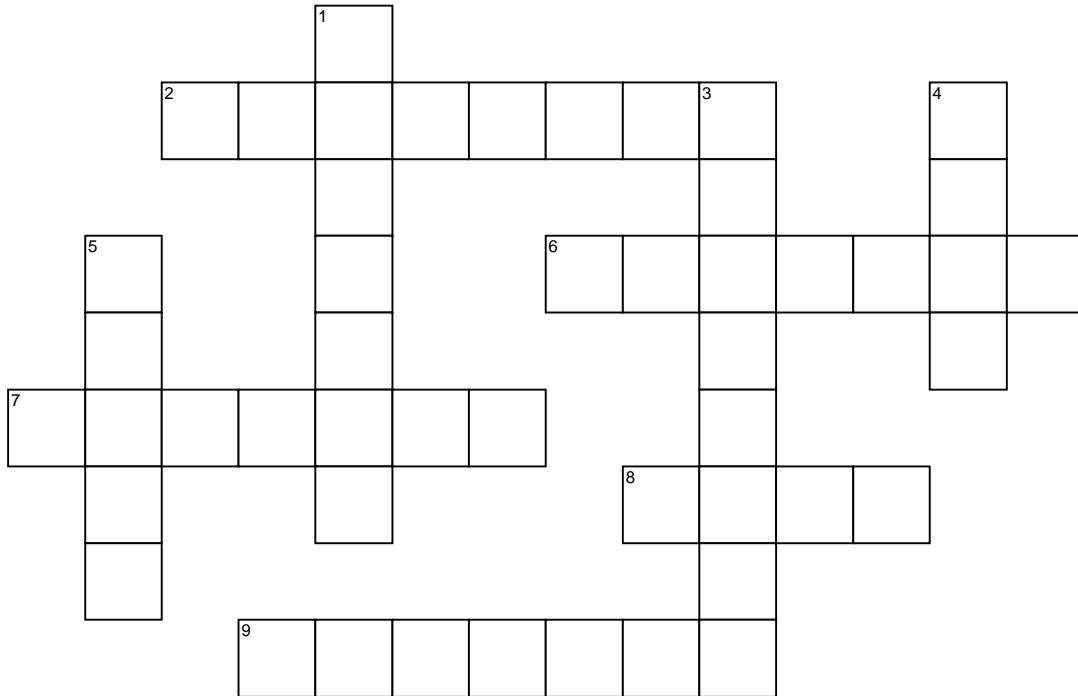
## DOWN

- 1** having a type of poison that can hurt or kill other animals
- 2** groups of things that go together
- 4** a type of poison that is usually delivered by a bite or sting

**WORD BANK:** jaws, pesky, segment, sets, venom, venomous, welt

# Bubbles to Zubbles

Level 2.6, Story 10



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## ACROSS

- 2 very beautiful
- 6 started doing something quickly or with great energy
- 7 a job or task that usually has several parts and needs planning
- 8 along with, or and
- 9 marked with color, dirt, or something else that leaves a spot

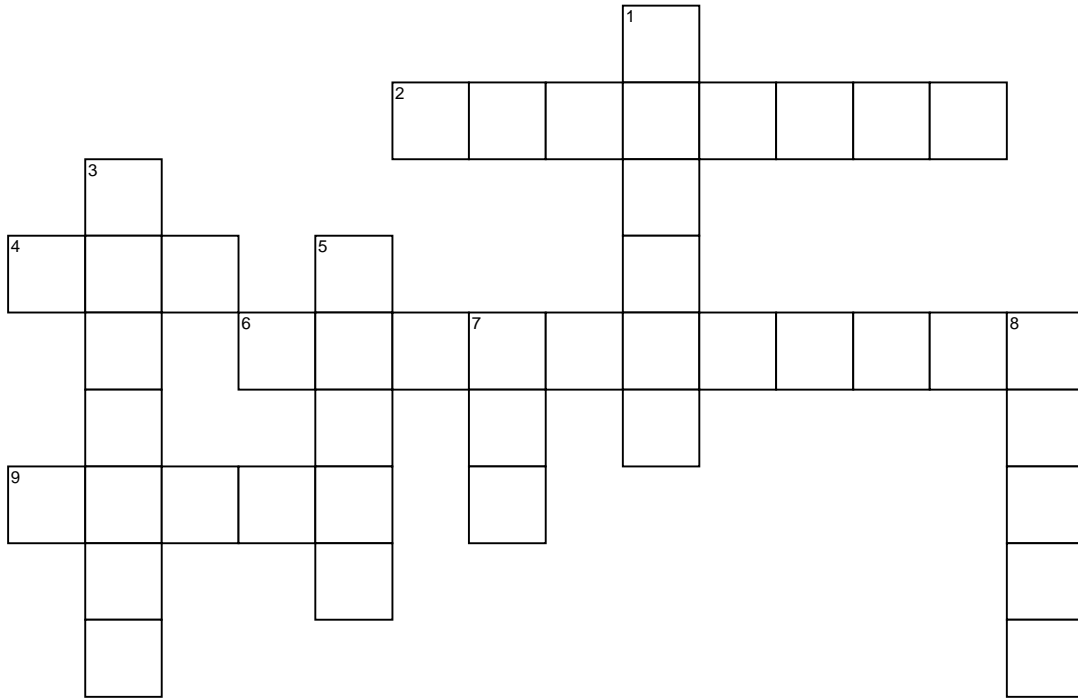
## DOWN

- 1 round shapes filled with air or gas
- 3 complained about something
- 4 powders or liquids used to change the color of things
- 5 things like spots, lines, stains, or scars that you can see

**WORD BANK:** bubbles, dyes, grumbled, marks, plunged, plus, project, stained, stunning

# How to Make Real Lemonade

Level 2.6, Story 11



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## ACROSS

- 2** a kitchen tool that is used to get the juice out of fruit or other foods
- 4** a blend of dry food that is used to quickly make something to eat or drink
- 6** a thick liquid that makes juice when you add water to it
- 9** to make something colder

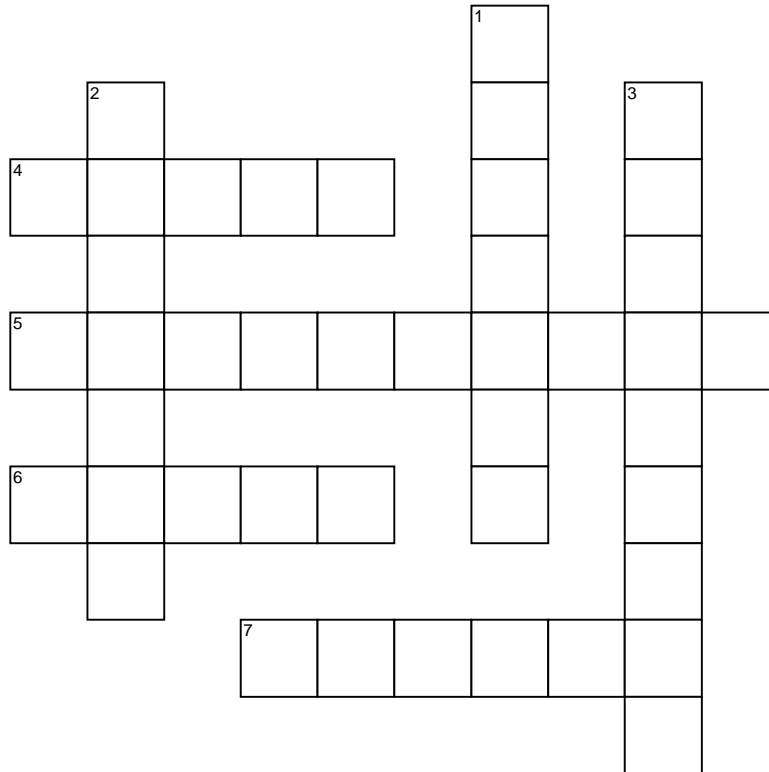
## DOWN

- 1** yellow fruits with a sour taste
- 3** a container used for holding things to drink
- 5** things that are made or shaped to help you do work
- 7** a round container that is usually made of metal
- 8** to get pleasure and happiness from something

**WORD BANK:** can, chill, concentrate, enjoy, lemons, mix, pitcher, squeezer, tools

# A Bird With a Mask

Level 2.6, Story 12



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## ACROSS

- 4 bunches of hair, grass, or feathers
- 5 the part of an animal's body that is opposite its back
- 6 light, soft, feathery pieces
- 7 removes something by pulling it off or pulling it out

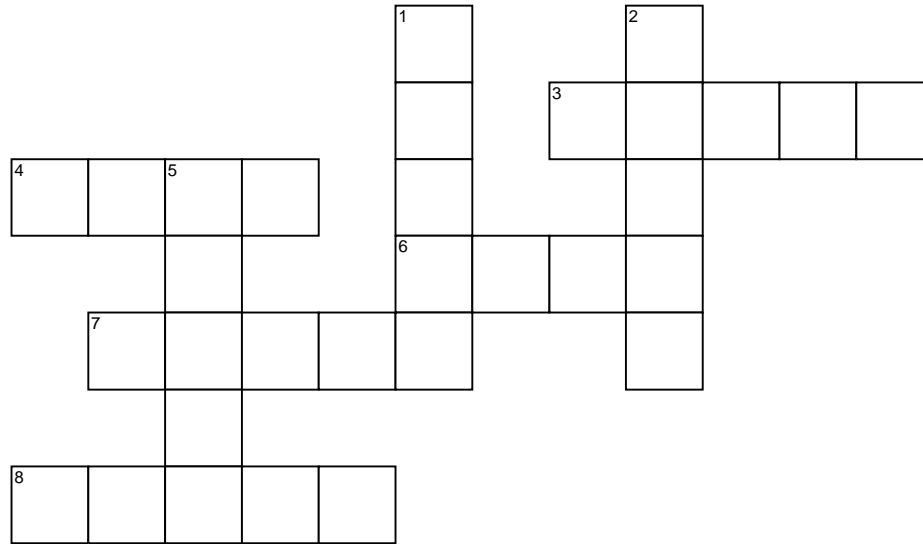
## DOWN

- 1 one kind of shellfish
- 2 long holes that go under the ground
- 3 small animals that live in the water and have shells

**WORD BANK:** fluff, mussels, plucks, shellfish, tufts, tunnels, underbelly

# The Red-Headed Woodpecker

Level 2.6, Story 13



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## ACROSS

- 3 uses the beak to poke or bite something
- 4 a part that connects an animal's head to its body
- 6 a hard, pointed mouth
- 7 homes that birds build for themselves
- 8 break open to let the animal come out

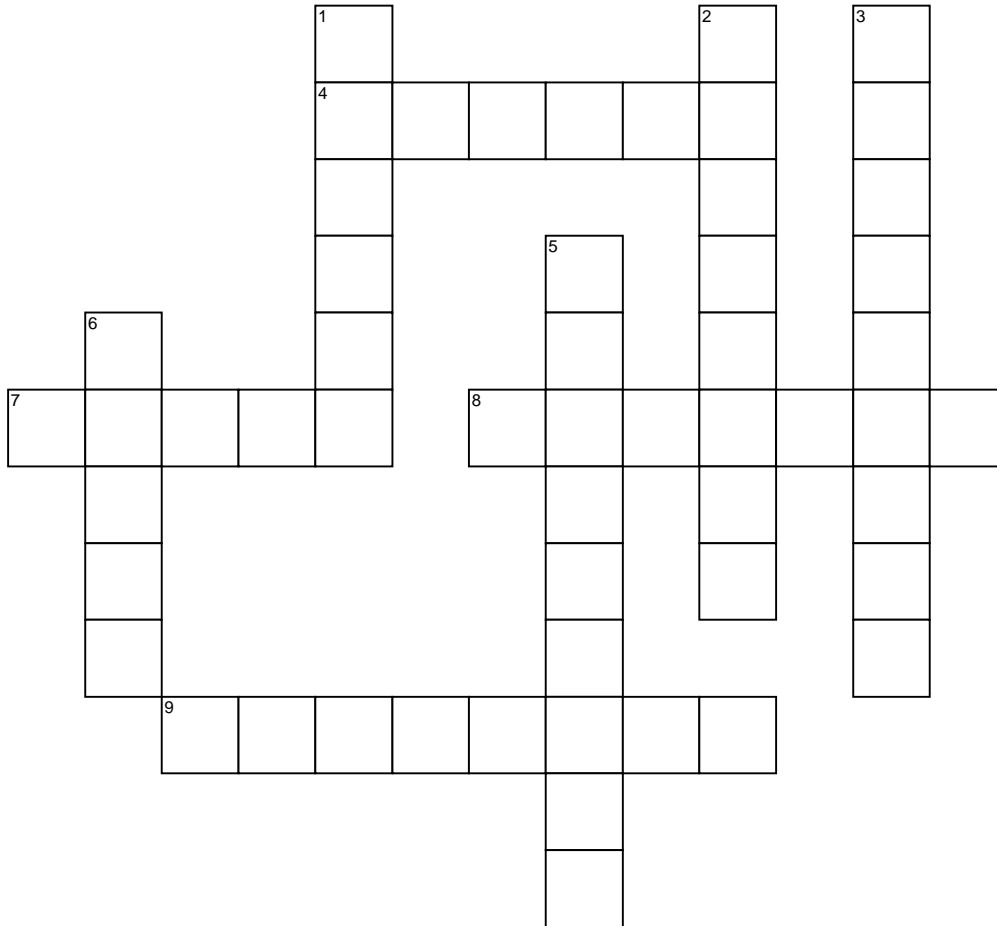
## DOWN

- 1 insect larvae that look like short fat worms
- 2 annoying or bothersome
- 5 the part of the body between the neck and the stomach

**WORD BANK:** beak, chest, grubs, hatch, neck, nests, pecks, pesky

# A Woman Who Just Said "NO"

Level 2.6, Story 14



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## ACROSS

- 4 not treating everyone the same way
- 7 to move just a little bit
- 8 hurried or went fast
- 9 given hope, courage, or a strong wish to do something

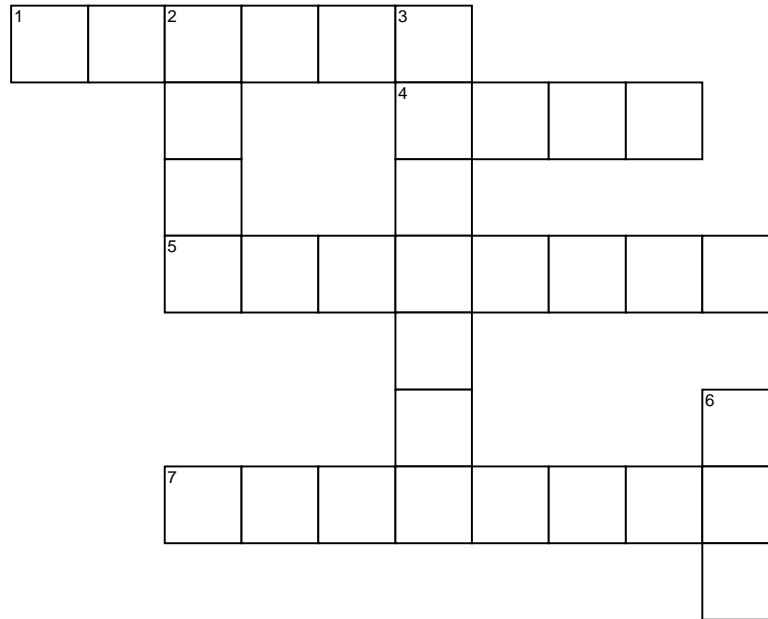
## DOWN

- 1 not acting special or self-important
- 2 caught and held for breaking the law
- 3 talked loudly or rudely
- 5 nervous, confused, and upset
- 6 bold or brave

**WORD BANK:** arrested, blustered, budge, flustered, gutsy, humble, hustled, inspired, unfair

# The Strength of an Egg

Level 2.6, Story 15



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## ACROSS

- 1 the hard covers on some things, like eggs, turtles, or submarines
- 4 use a beak to poke or bite something
- 5 toughness, power, or the quality of being strong
- 7 force or weight that is put on something

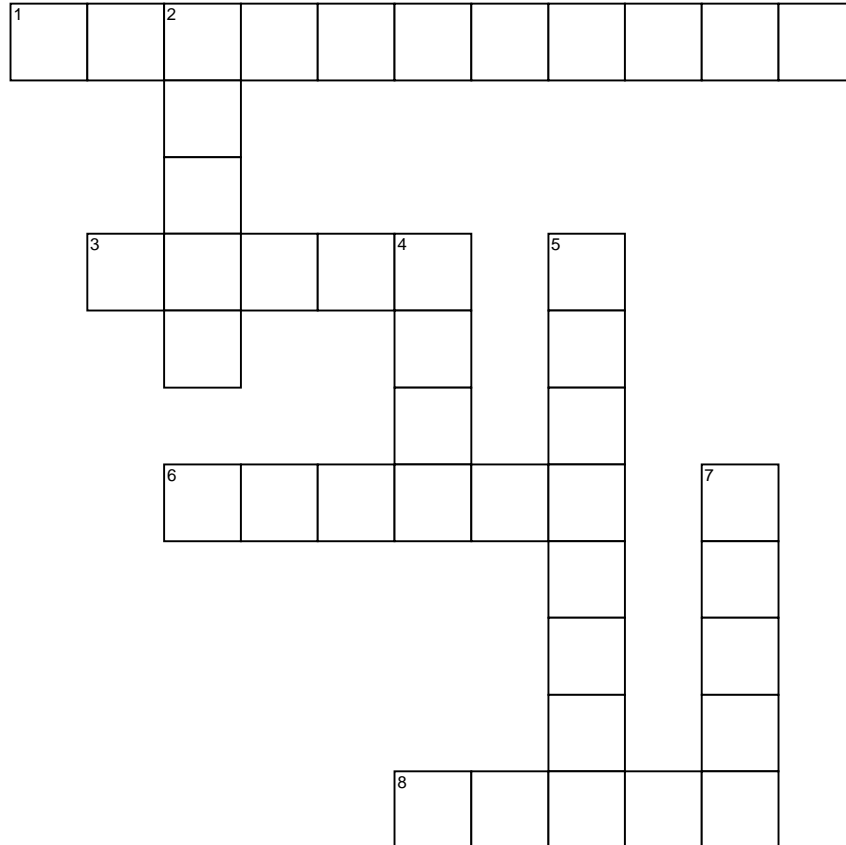
## DOWN

- 2 round or oval-shaped things that hens lay
- 3 passes around, or distributes, something over an area
- 6 a chicken that can lay eggs

**WORD BANK:** eggs, hen, peck, pressure, shells, spreads, strength

# A Plant With a Funny Name

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## ACROSS

- 1 keeping someone from carrying out a plan
- 3 wild plants that grow where you do not want them
- 6 lumps of things
- 8 taking great care in picking something

## DOWN

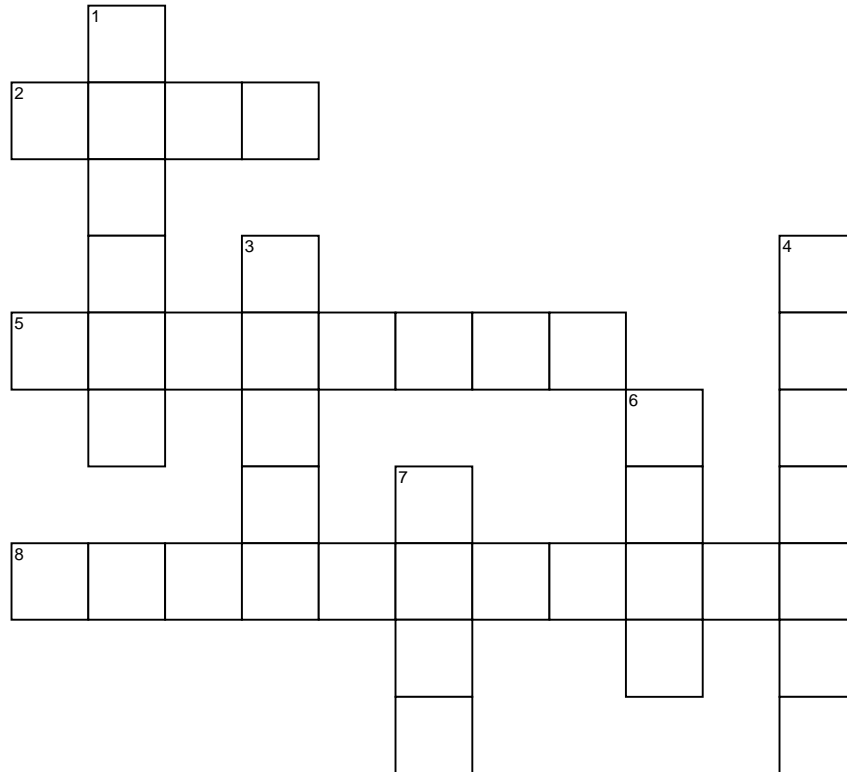
- 2 to make someone mad, sad, or hurt
- 4 the long, thin part of a plant that has a leaf or flower at the end or top
- 5 groups of things
- 7 covered with stuff like feathers, fur, or soft hairs

**WORD BANK:** clumps, clusters, frustrating, fussy, fuzzy, stem, upset, weeds



# Milk Snake

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## ACROSS

- 2 thread or cloth made from soft fiber
- 5 having a type of poison that can hurt or kill other animals
- 8 a snake that kills prey by squeezing it to death

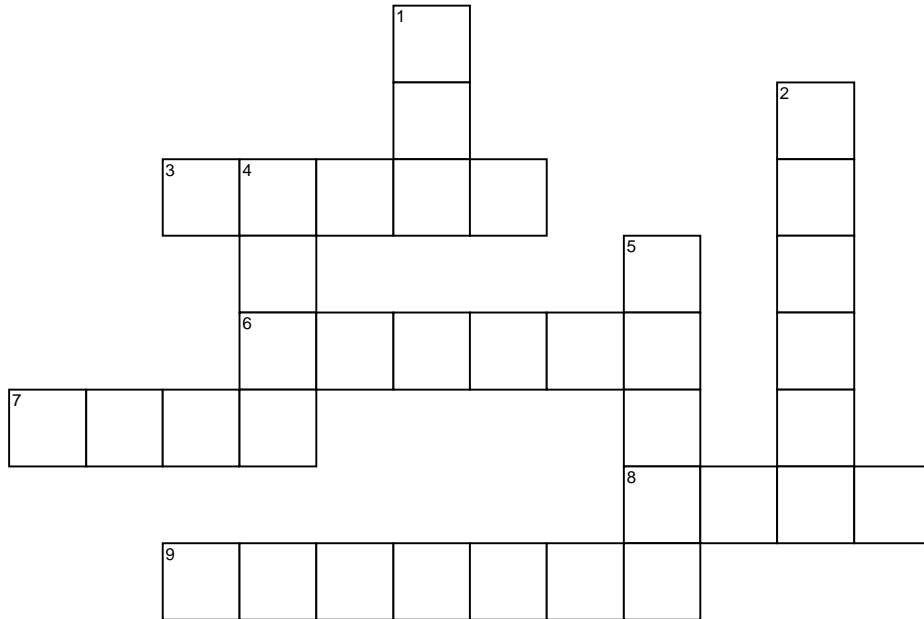
## DOWN

- 1 took the milk from a mammal
- 3 little mammals with soft fur
- 4 animals with four legs, a tail, and scaly skin
- 6 to pay attention or to take notice of something
- 7 an animal hunted by another animal for food

**WORD BANK:** constrictor, lizards, milked, moles, note, prey, silk, venomous

# Cat Mummies

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## ACROSS

- 3 material that is used to make pants, shirts, dresses, and other things
- 6 a band or chain that goes around the neck
- 7 white liquid from a cow
- 8 beings that some people believe have special powers over nature and life
- 9 dead bodies that have been kept from rotting

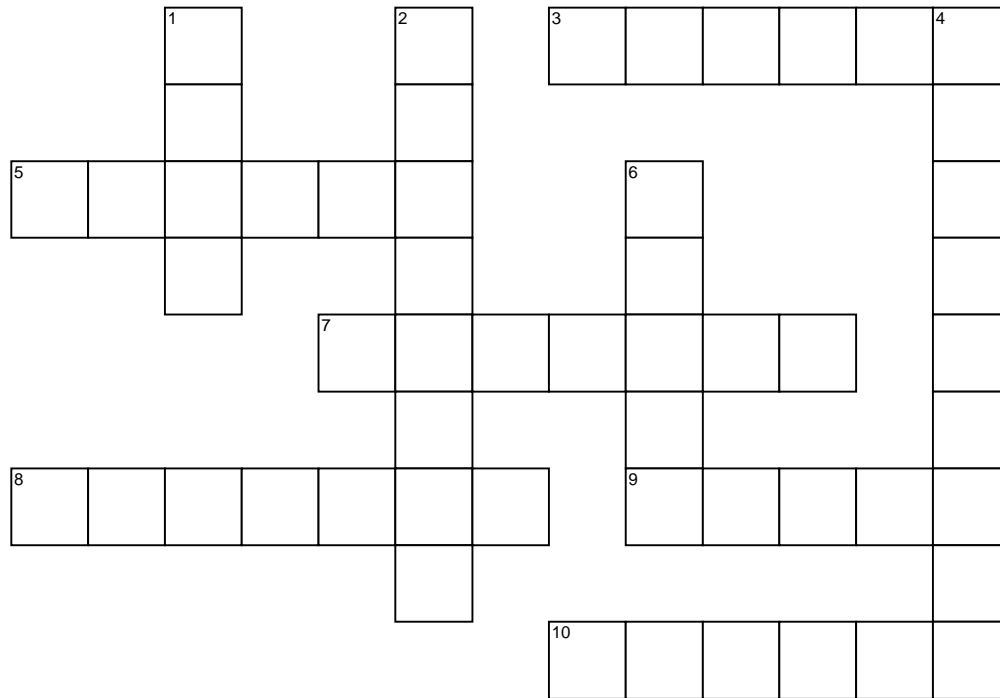
## DOWN

- 1 to fall apart or to decay
- 2 put into a liquid for a short time, then removed
- 4 something that happens by chance and not because of planning
- 5 powders, pills, or liquids that can cause changes to a body

**WORD BANK:** cloth, collar, dipped, drugs, gods, luck, milk, mummies, rot

# Picasso—A Well-Known Artist

Level 2.6, Story 19



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## ACROSS

- 3** talented or able to do something well
- 5** amounts of darkness or lightness of colors
- 7** shapes, forms, or outlines
- 8** bent, crooked, or not in the proper shape
- 9** to make something have a form or make it look like something
- 10** a person who makes works of art

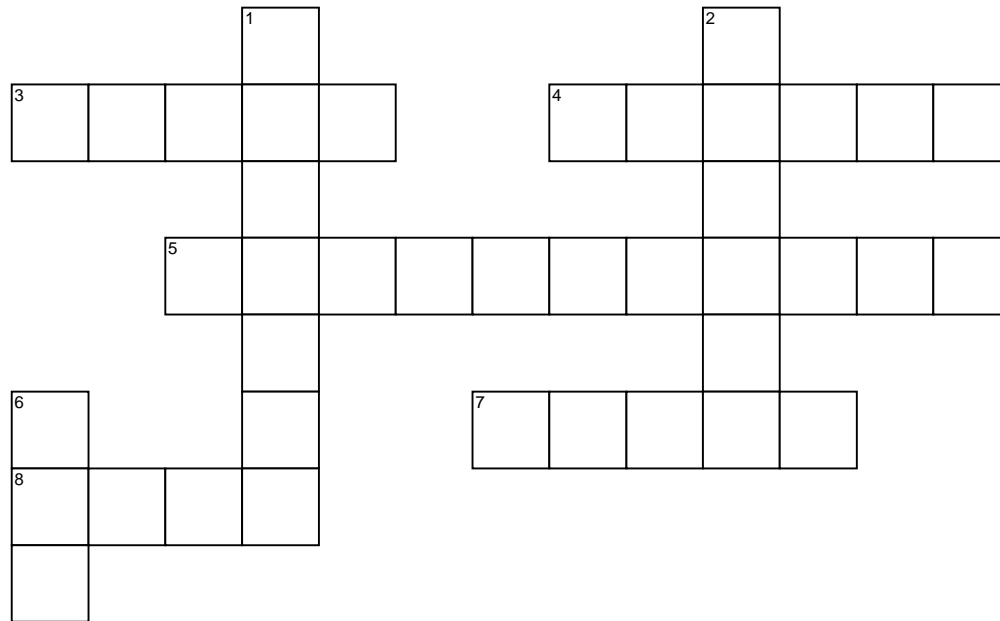
## DOWN

- 1** made from a kind of mud that gets hard when it dries
- 2** did not like
- 4** not the same
- 6** things that a person writes, draws, or makes

**WORD BANK:** artist, clay, different, disliked, figures, gifted, shades, shape, twisted, works

# The Ink Pen—A Little History

Level 2.6, Story 20



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## ACROSS

- 3** a material like gold, silver, copper, or iron
- 4** pens made from feathers
- 5** small tubes that can drip liquid out one drop at a time
- 7** tall plants like grass that grow in or near water
- 8** the points of pens that touch the paper

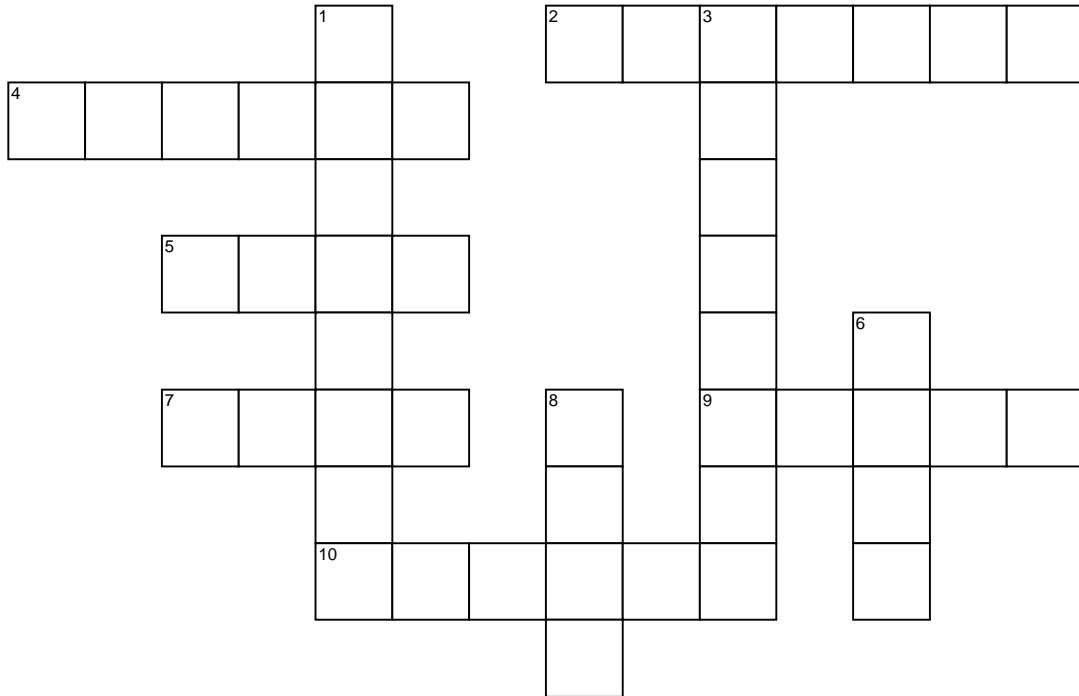
## DOWN

- 1** a plant found in Africa that is used to make paper
- 2** put into a liquid for a short time and then removed
- 6** the colored liquid that pens use to make marks

**WORD BANK:** dipped, eyedroppers, ink, metal, nibs, papyrus, quills, reeds

# A Bird Called Rosy Spoonbill

Level 2.6, Story 21



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## ACROSS

- 2 having none of its kind living anymore
- 4 having a certain form or outline
- 5 a bird's beak
- 7 light red or rosy in color
- 9 muddy, spongy land that is often filled with water
- 10 moves back and forth or from side to side

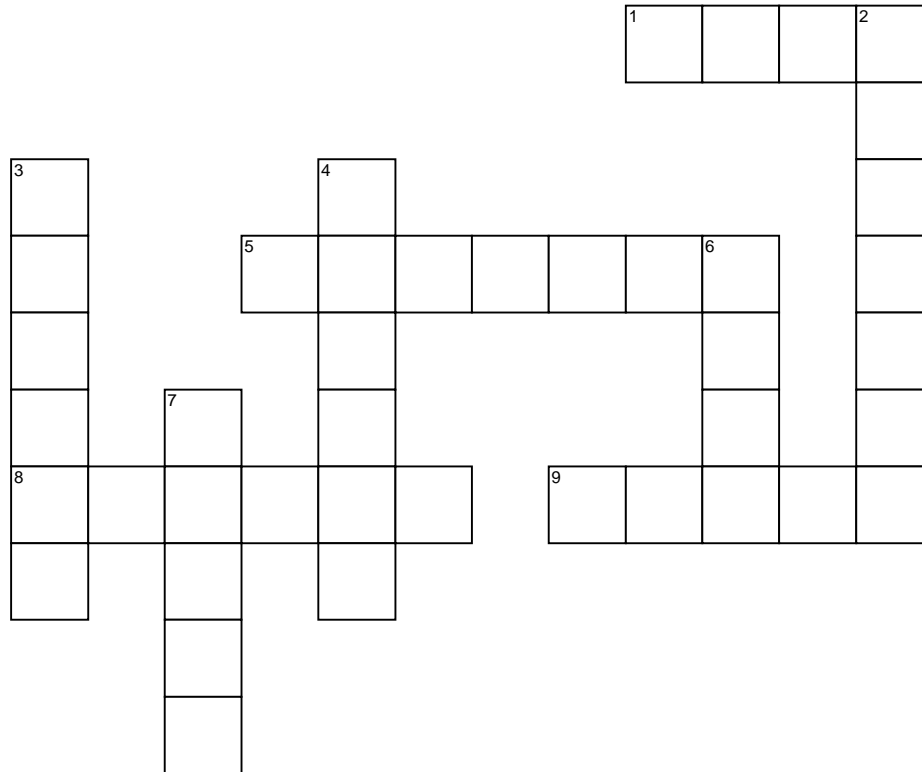
## DOWN

- 1 areas with a lot of water in marshes or swamps
- 3 people who travel for fun
- 6 with little or no hair, fur, or feathers on the head
- 8 things you wave back and forth to cool yourself off

**WORD BANK:** bald, bill, extinct, fans, pink, shaped, swamp, swings, tourists, wetlands

# Pueblo Indian Dances

Level 2.6, Story 22



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## ACROSS

- 1** a large ring
- 5** moving the body and feet to music
- 8** the hard coverings on the feet of horses, cows, and sheep
- 9** the dry outer coverings of some seeds and fruits

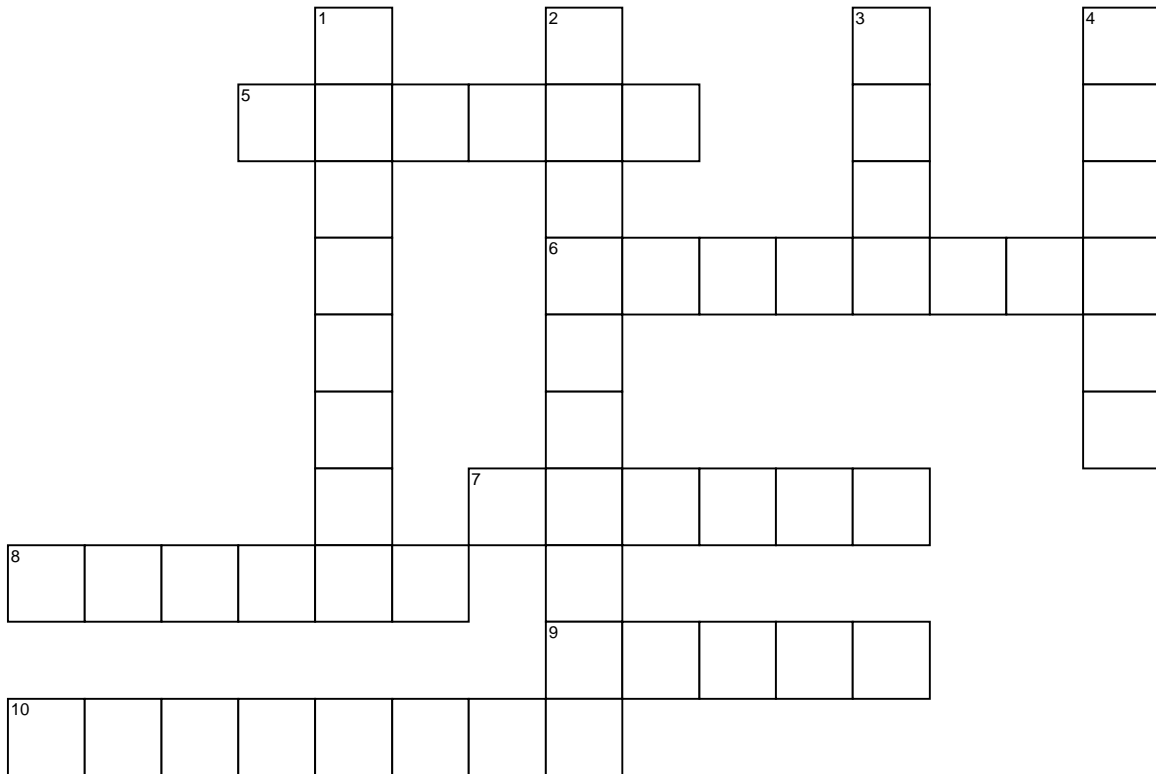
## DOWN

- 2** gatherings and ceremonies held by American Indian tribes
- 3** a trip through the air made by a bird or airplane
- 4** holy or having to do with religion
- 6** beings that some people believe have special powers over nature and life
- 7** to show you think something is important

**WORD BANK:** dancing, flight, gods, honor, hoop, hooves, husks, powwows, sacred

# Interesting Insects

Level 2.6, Story 23



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## ACROSS

- 5** a little animal that has six legs, three body parts, and often wings
- 6** thin, tightly stretched parts inside the ears that help us hear
- 7** the ability to see, or the sense of sight
- 8** special powers of the body that let us feel, hear, see, smell, and taste
- 9** small, thin branches on trees or plants
- 10** insects that have eardrums on their legs

## DOWN

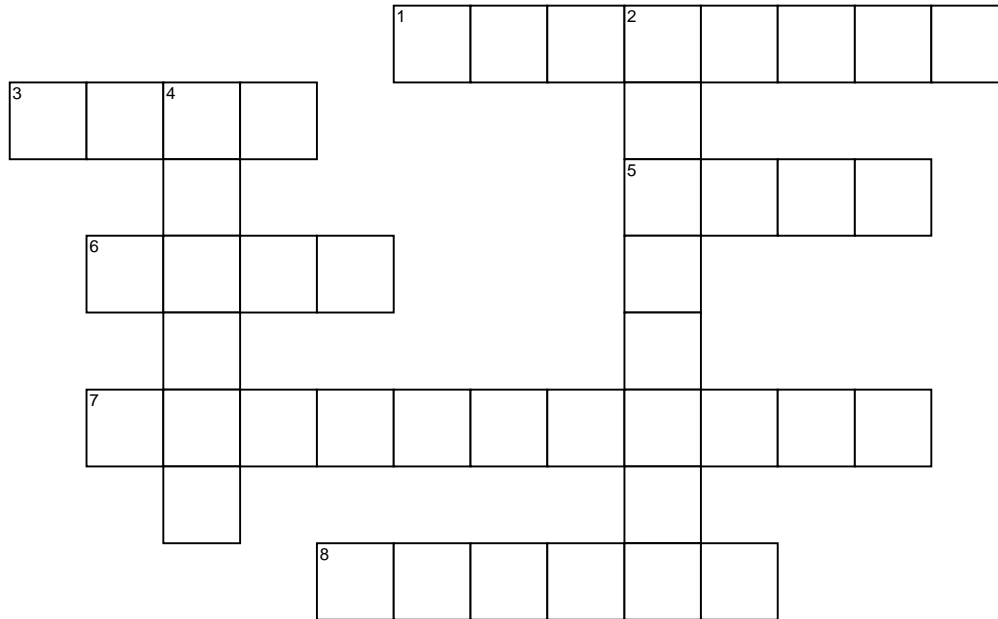
- 1** the body parts on the heads of insects that are used for sensing things
- 2** people who study things using tests and experiments
- 3** a smell
- 4** parts of the eyes that help people and animals see clearly

**WORD BANK:** antennae, crickets, eardrums, insect, lenses, odor, scientists, senses,

twigs, vision

# The Moose of Alaska

Level 2.6, Story 24



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## ACROSS

- 1 a back that is curved
- 3 an animal's fur, wool, or hair
- 5 the back part of an animal
- 6 to see or notice something
- 7 without any people living there
- 8 severe or very harsh

## DOWN

- 2 a wonderful, beautiful place
- 4 types of trees with lightweight leaves

**WORD BANK:** aspens, bitter, coat, humpback, paradise, rump, spot, uninhabited