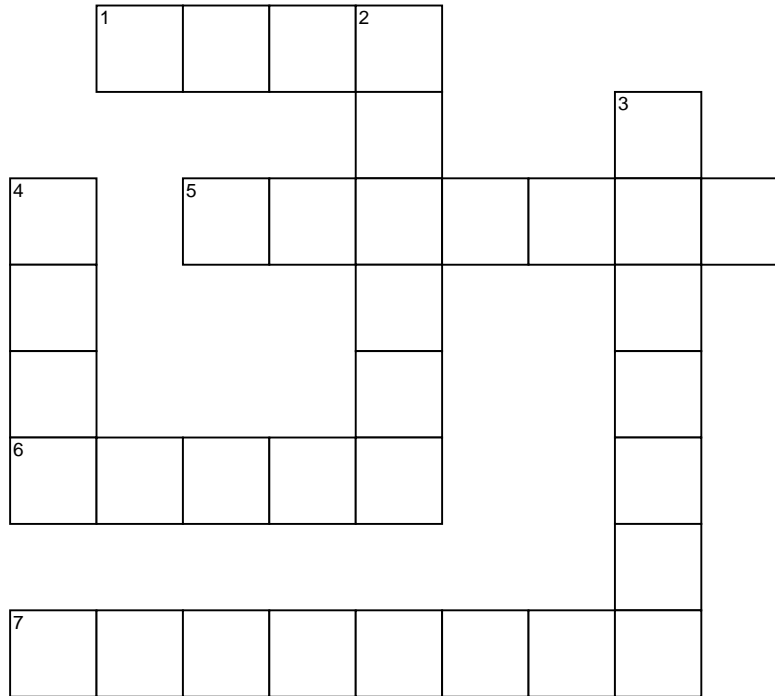


Spitting Cobra

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ACROSS

- 1** a wide body part around an animal's head or neck
- 5** acting or pretending
- 6** to send out many small drops of a liquid
- 7** keeps safe from danger

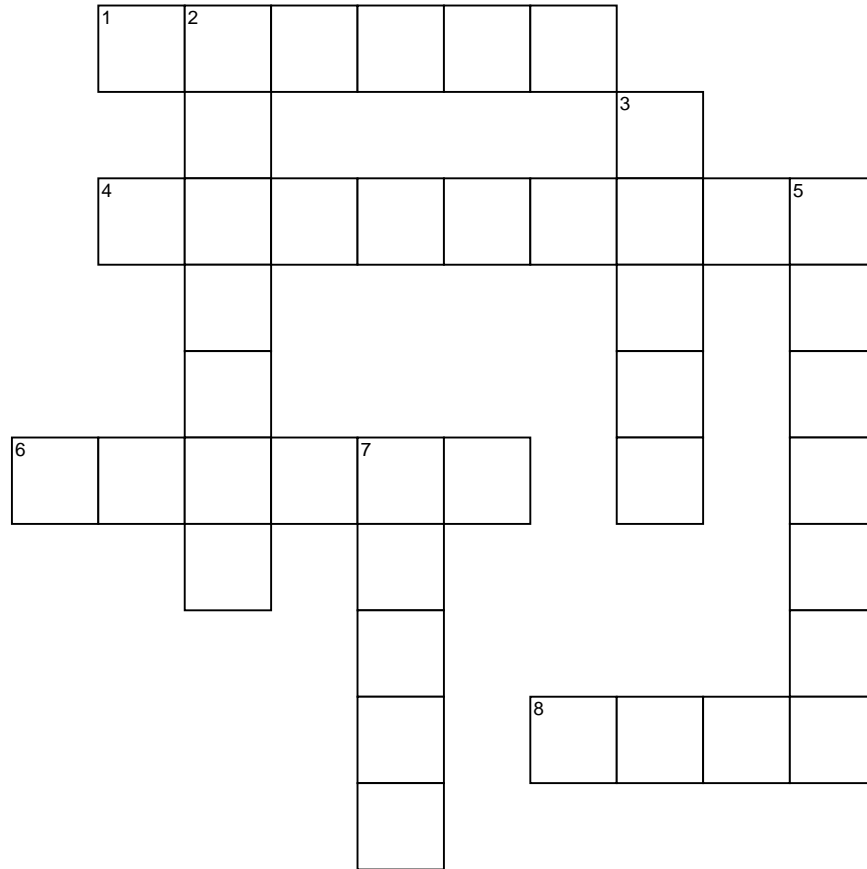
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- 2** likely to cause death
- 3** people or animals that are not friendly to each other
- 4** points something in a certain direction

WORD BANK: aims, deadly, enemies, hood, playing, protects, spray

Firewalking

Level 2.5, Story 2



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ACROSS

- 1 cloth that can be used to make clothes and other goods
- 4 able to hurt or harm
- 6 the distance from one end of something to the other end
- 8 having nothing on

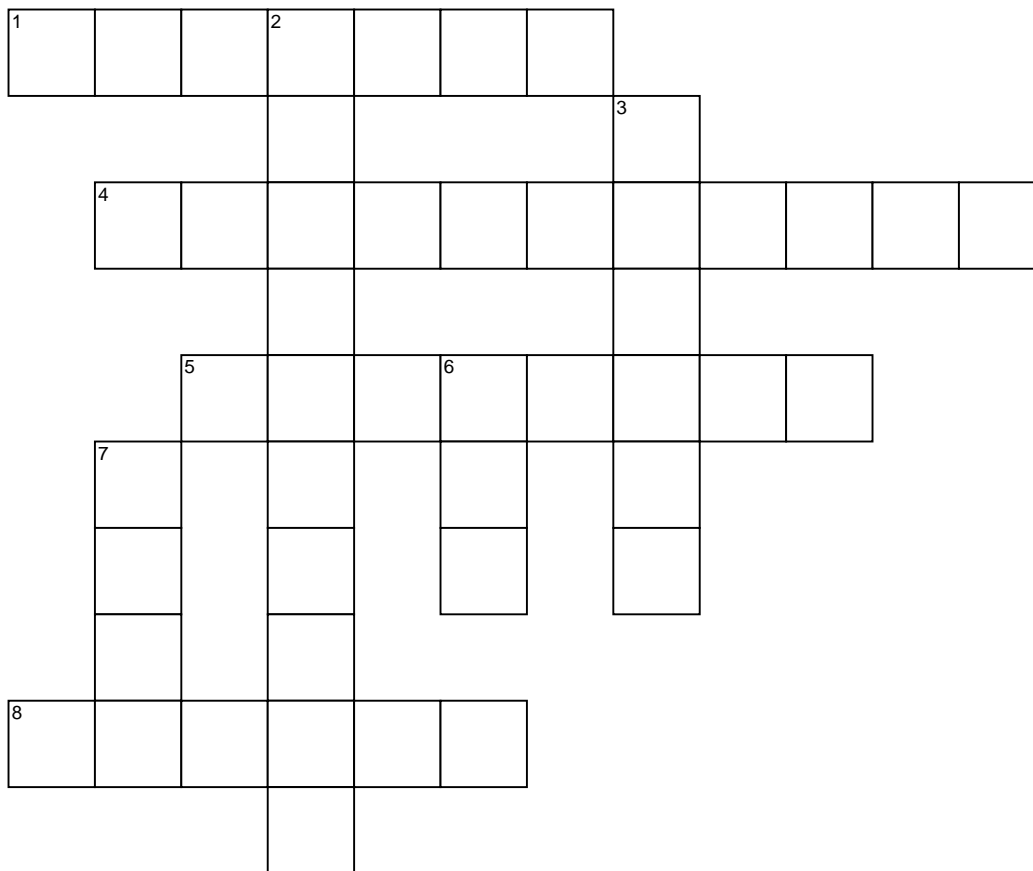
DOWN

- 2 great, special, or surprising
- 3 pieces of hot, burned wood
- 5 different from what you are used to seeing
- 7 to practice or work to do something

WORD BANK: amazing, bare, coals, dangerous, fabric, length, strange, train

Walt Disney

Level 2.5, Story 3



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ACROSS

- 1 different from the rest
- 4 ability to think of pictures and ideas in your mind
- 5 funny drawings
- 8 things given for great work

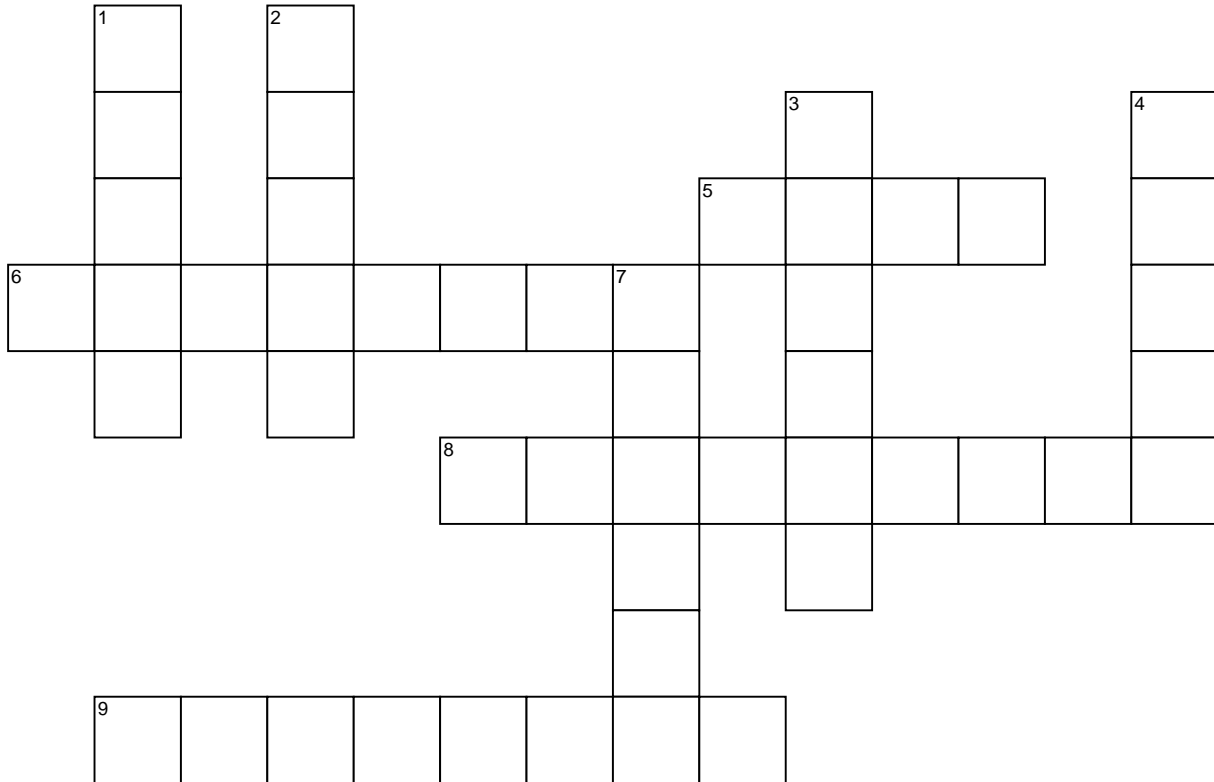
DOWN

- 2 people or animals in a story
- 3 known by many people
- 6 liquid that gets hard and is used to make roads
- 7 made a picture of something

WORD BANK: awards, cartoons, characters, drew, famous, imagination, special, tar

Killer Bees

Level 2.5, Story 4



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ACROSS

- 5 the insides of an animal or person
- 6 putting two kinds of animals together so they can make babies
- 8 able to hurt or harm
- 9 made or created

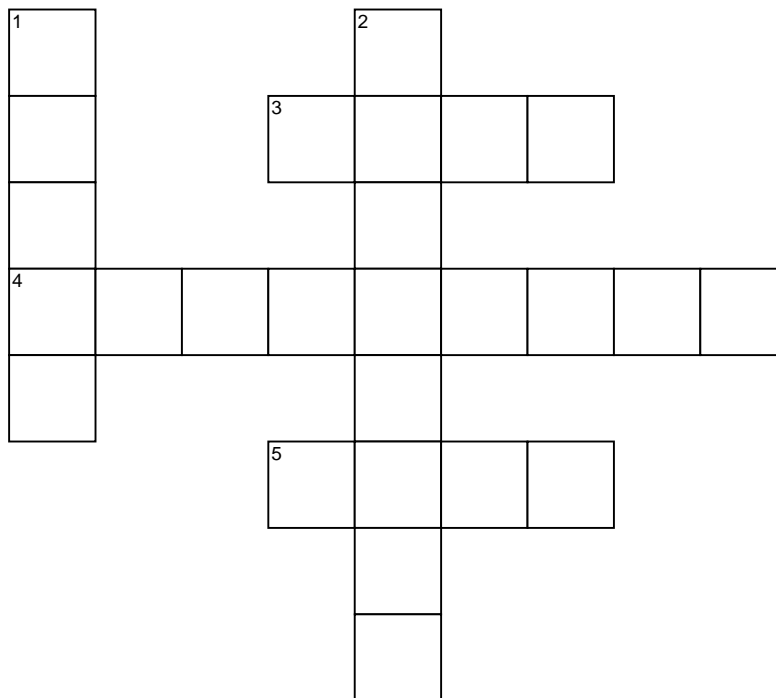
DOWN

- 1 a big group of insects
- 2 to follow something in order to catch it
- 3 done without warning
- 4 plants that farmers grow
- 7 mild or not likely to cause harm

WORD BANK: chase, crops, crossing, dangerous, gentle, guts, produced, sudden, swarm

Scuba Diving

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ACROSS

- 3** the special things you need to do an activity
- 4** things that are special or worth a lot of money
- 5** to go headfirst into or through water

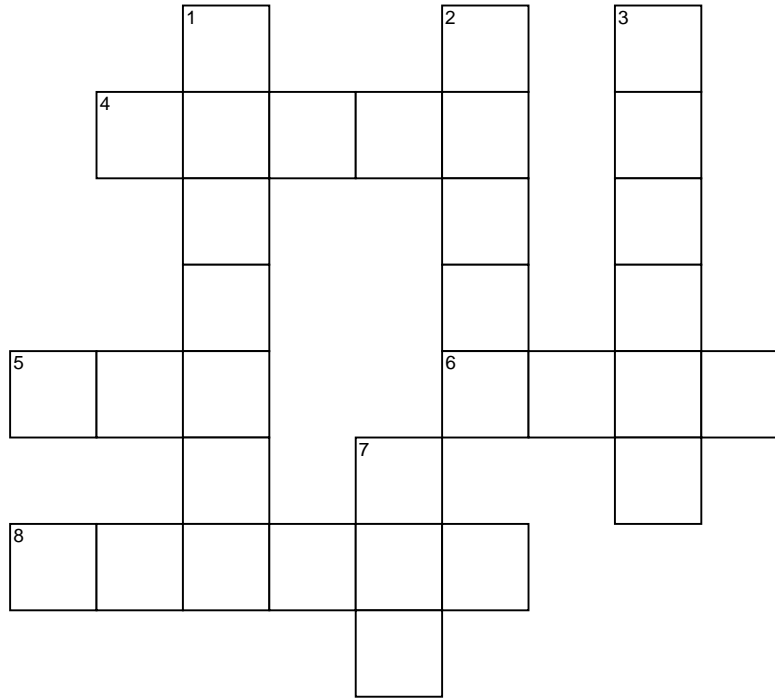
DOWN

- 1** things people wear around their waists
- 2** special types of clothing worn to keep warm in cold water

WORD BANK: belts, dive, gear, treasures, wetsuits

Jackfruit

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ACROSS

- 4 the part of a plant that is usually sweet and good to eat
- 5 a liquid that is greasy and helps things not stick
- 6 sharp or tart tasting, like the flavor of a lemon
- 8 often seen or heard

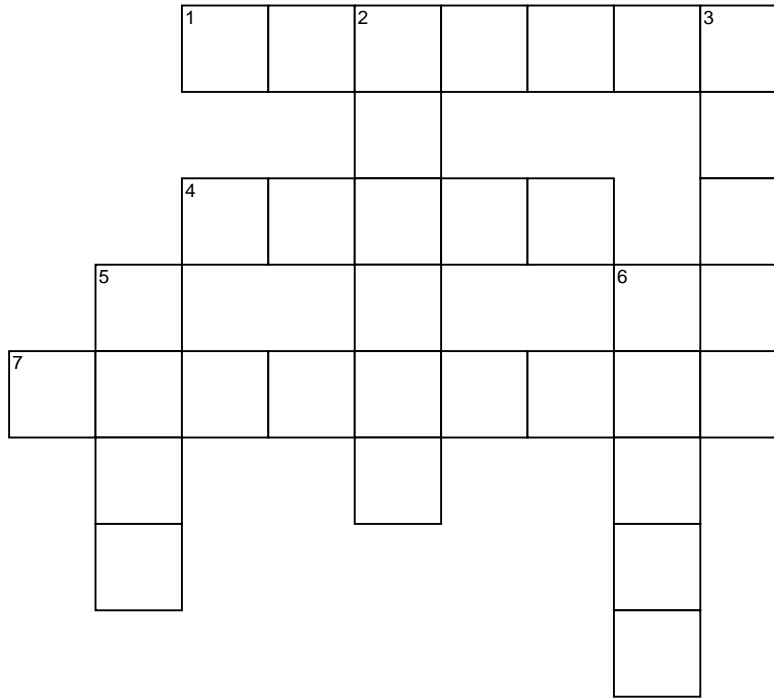
DOWN

- 1 something that is hard to deal with
- 2 meals that are made by slowly boiling foods together
- 3 helpful or able to be used
- 7 a liquid that is thick and sticky

WORD BANK: common, fruit, goo, oil, problem, sour, stews, useful

The Laughing Hyena

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ACROSS

- 1 in the same family
- 4 large families
- 7 someone who brings things to one place

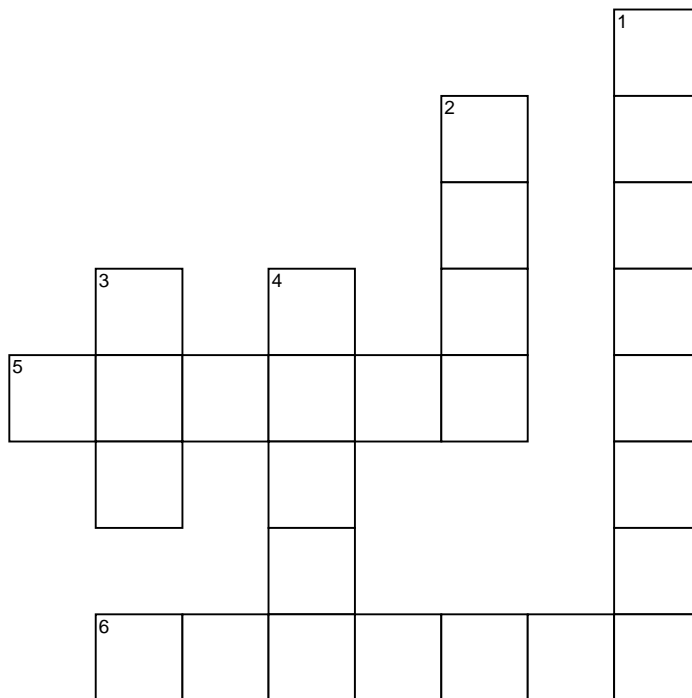
DOWN

- 2 the one others follow
- 3 a place where some animals live
- 5 a long, loud call that an animal makes
- 6 babies

WORD BANK: clans, collector, den, howl, leader, related, young

Tasmanian Devil

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ACROSS

- 5 a person or animal that can be a mother
- 6 the inner parts of something

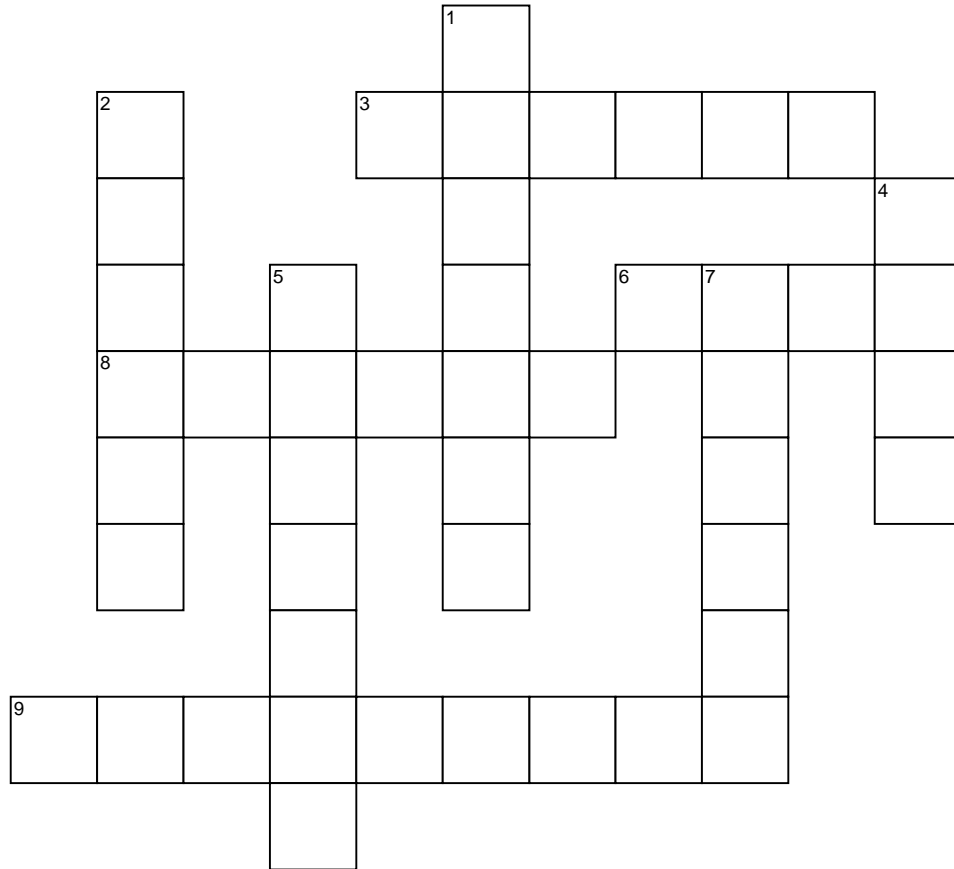
DOWN

- 1 the colors or patterns on an animal's body
- 2 a person or animal that can be a father
- 3 a place where some animals live
- 4 shows or uncovers a part of the body

WORD BANK: bares, den, female, insides, male, markings

P. T. Barnum

Level 2.5, Story 9



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ACROSS

- 3 a place that has beautiful, interesting, or unusual things to look at
- 6 pretend or not real
- 8 good at thinking
- 9 people who do things that seem impossible

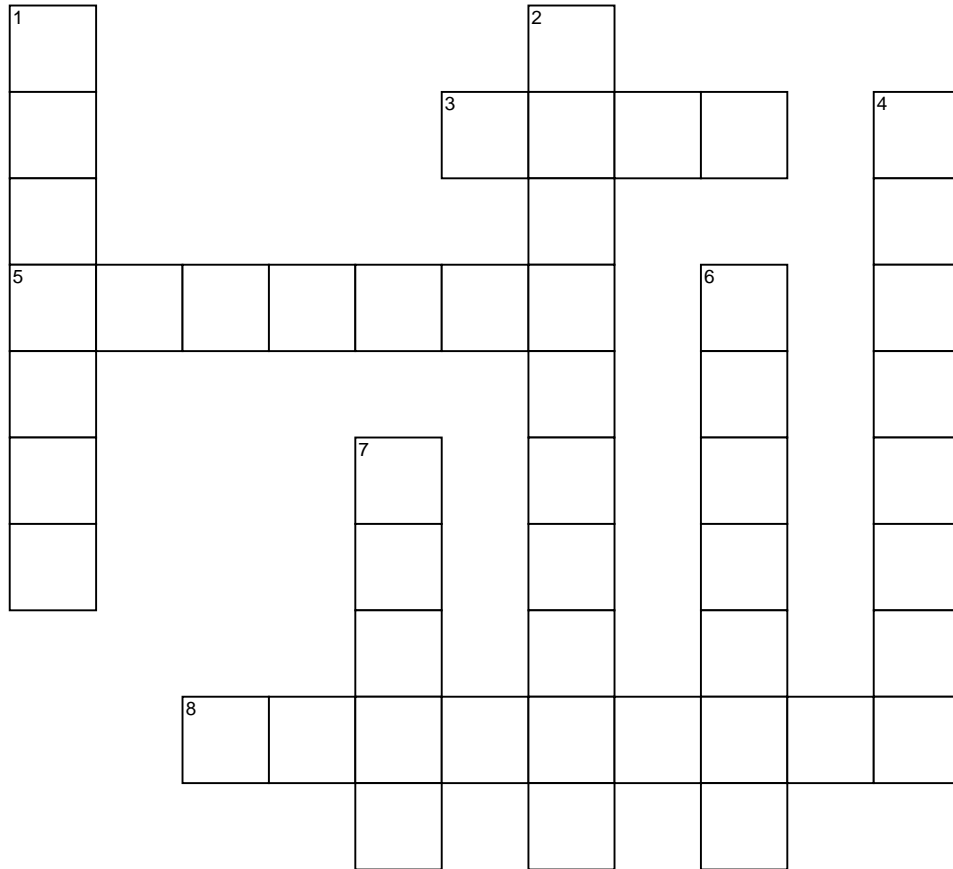
DOWN

- 1 something that went well
- 2 a show with clowns, animals, and people doing tricks
- 4 cloth stretched over poles to make a covered space
- 5 a make-believe woman with a fish tail
- 7 people who pretend to be other people

WORD BANK: actors, circus, clever, fake, magicians, mermaid, museum, success, tent

Stingray

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ACROSS

- 3** an animal hunted by another animal for food
- 5** body parts that help get information about the world
- 8** able to hurt or harm

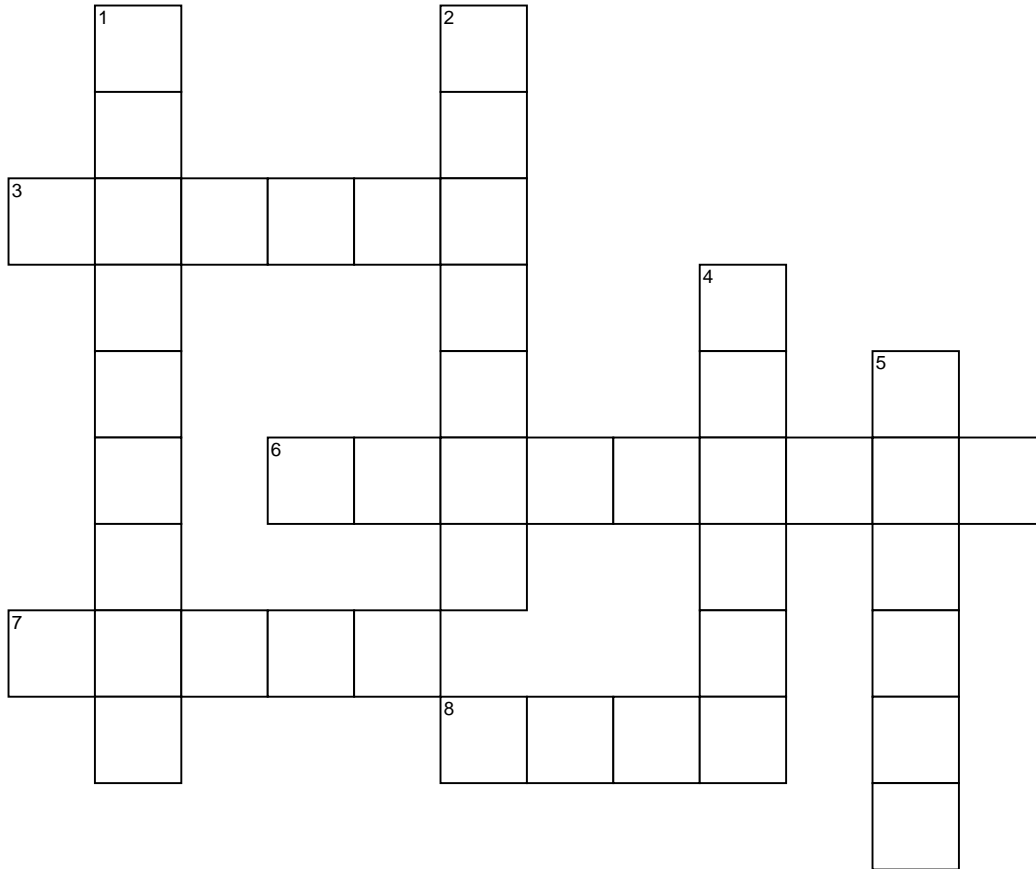
DOWN

- 1** strange or different from what you see most of the time
- 2** like water in rivers or lakes
- 4** filled with a harmful, poison-like substance
- 6** not deep
- 7** a hard, sharp point that grows on some plants and animals

WORD BANK: dangerous, freshwater, prey, sensors, shallow, spine, unusual, venomous

A Mexican Tradition

Level 2.5, Story 11



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ACROSS

- 3** a shape, form, or outline
- 6** something that has been done in a special way for a long time
- 7** take something and say it is yours
- 8** move fast or hurry

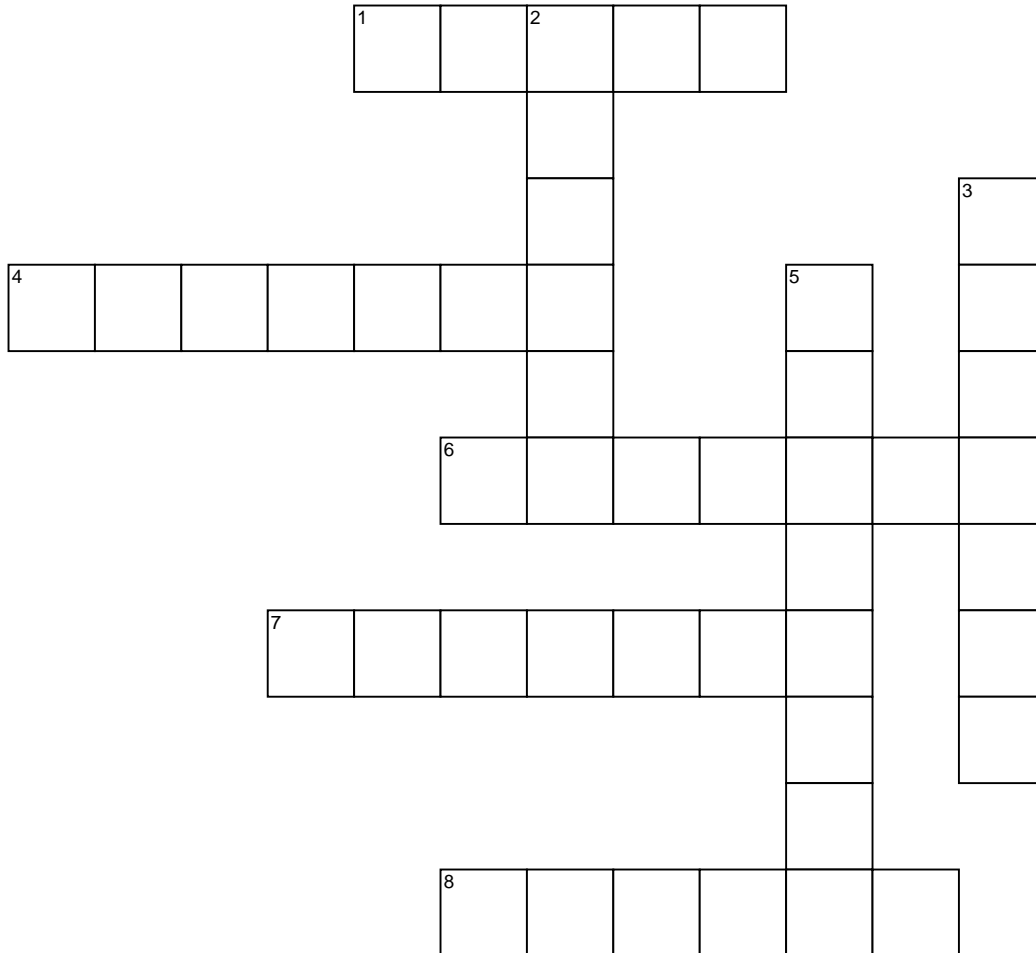
DOWN

- 1** a piece of cloth that covers a person's eyes
- 2** different from the rest
- 4** to connect things together
- 5** empty on the inside

WORD BANK: attach, blindfold, claim, figure, hollow, rush, special, tradition

Treasured Art

Level 2.5, Story 12



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ACROSS

- 1 having to do with a person or people
- 4 a quick look at something
- 6 very old
- 7 shapes, forms, or outlines
- 8 wore or washed away over time

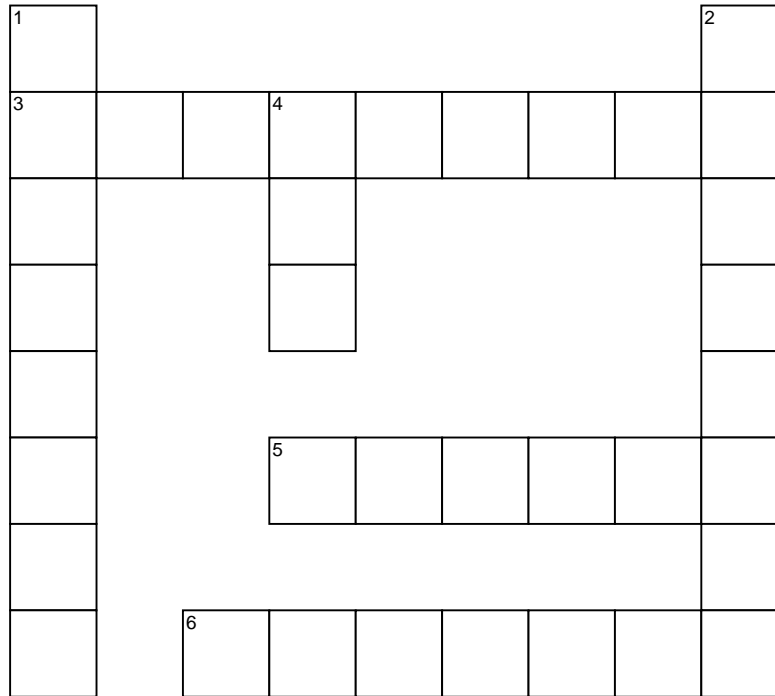
DOWN

- 2 new, up-to-date, and in the present day
- 3 to keep something safe
- 5 something that is special, valuable, or precious

WORD BANK: ancient, eroded, figures, glimpse, human, modern, protect, treasure

Babe Ruth

Level 2.5, Story 13



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ACROSS

- 3** a home for children who do not have parents to take care of them
- 5** information used to keep track of something
- 6** went to see and talk with someone

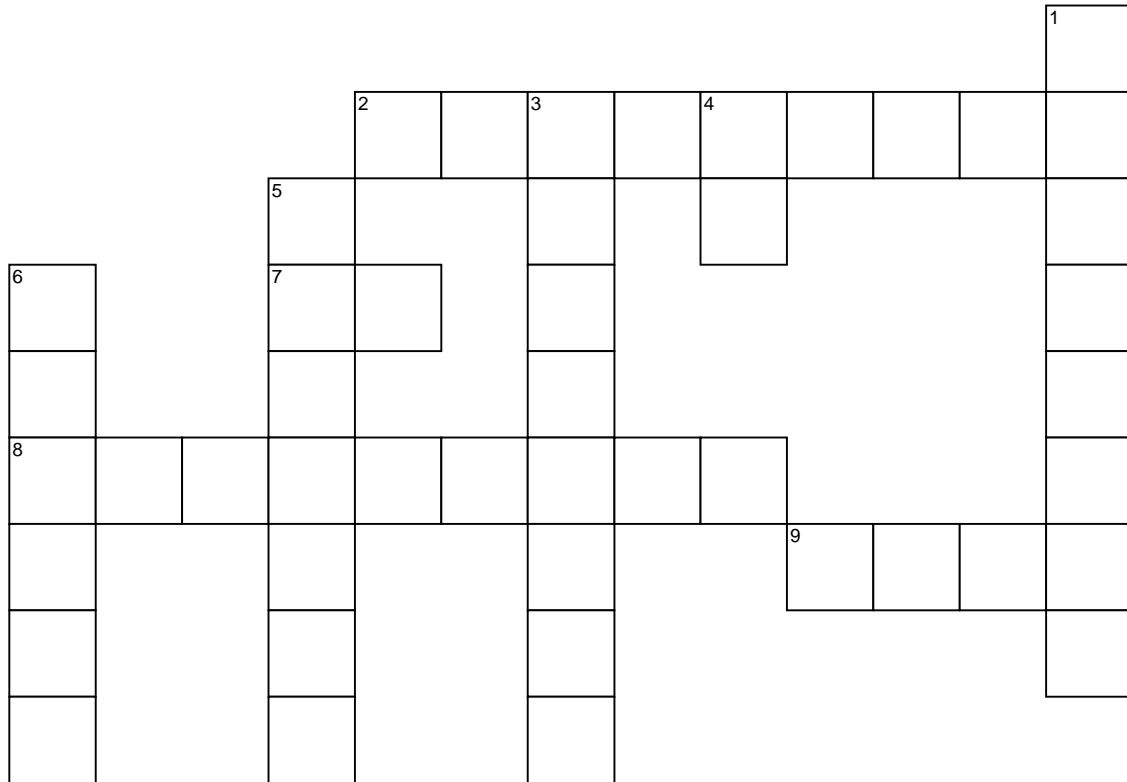
DOWN

- 1** a place where doctors and nurses take care of people who are sick or hurt
- 2** made someone think about something from the past
- 4** to get to a base safely after hitting the ball with a bat

WORD BANK: hit, hospital, orphanage, record, reminded, visited

Paul Bunyan

Level 2.5, Story 14



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ACROSS

- 2 a person or animal in a story
- 7 a large animal often used to pull or carry heavy things
- 8 made up or not real
- 9 a large area of land

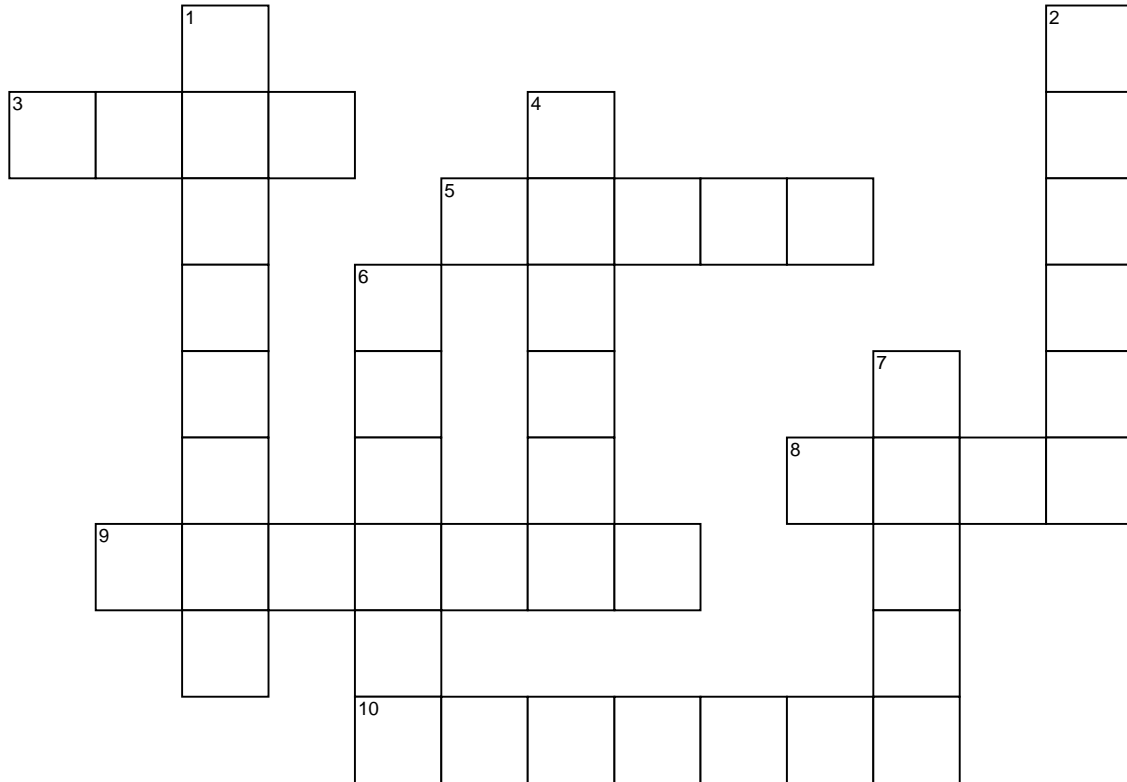
DOWN

- 1 tried to throw to the ground or hold down
- 3 really, truly, or in fact
- 4 a tool with a handle and a sharp blade that is used to cut down trees
- 5 people whose job is to cut down trees
- 6 thought of as important or special

WORD BANK: acre, actually, ax, character, imaginary, loggers, ox, prized, wrestled

Komodo Dragon

Level 2.5, Story 15



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ACROSS

- 3 animal hunted by another animal for food
- 5 not old or started not long ago
- 8 a hard hit
- 9 lands surrounded by water
- 10 pretend monsters that breathe fire

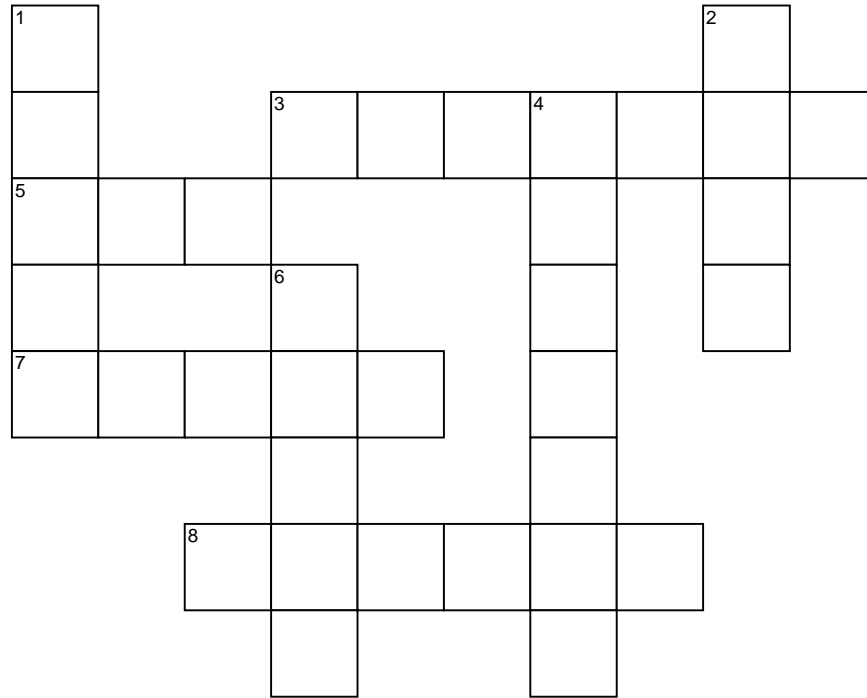
DOWN

- 1 hardest to carry, move, or pick up
- 2 a hole dug by an animal for shelter
- 4 split in two
- 6 reptile with scaly skin and long tail
- 7 sharp nails on the feet of some animals

WORD BANK: blow, burrow, claws, dragons, forked, heaviest, islands, lizard, prey, young

Julie Krone

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ACROSS

- 3** worked hard to become good at something
- 5** best or highest
- 7** a strong hope or goal
- 8** someone who rides a horse in a race

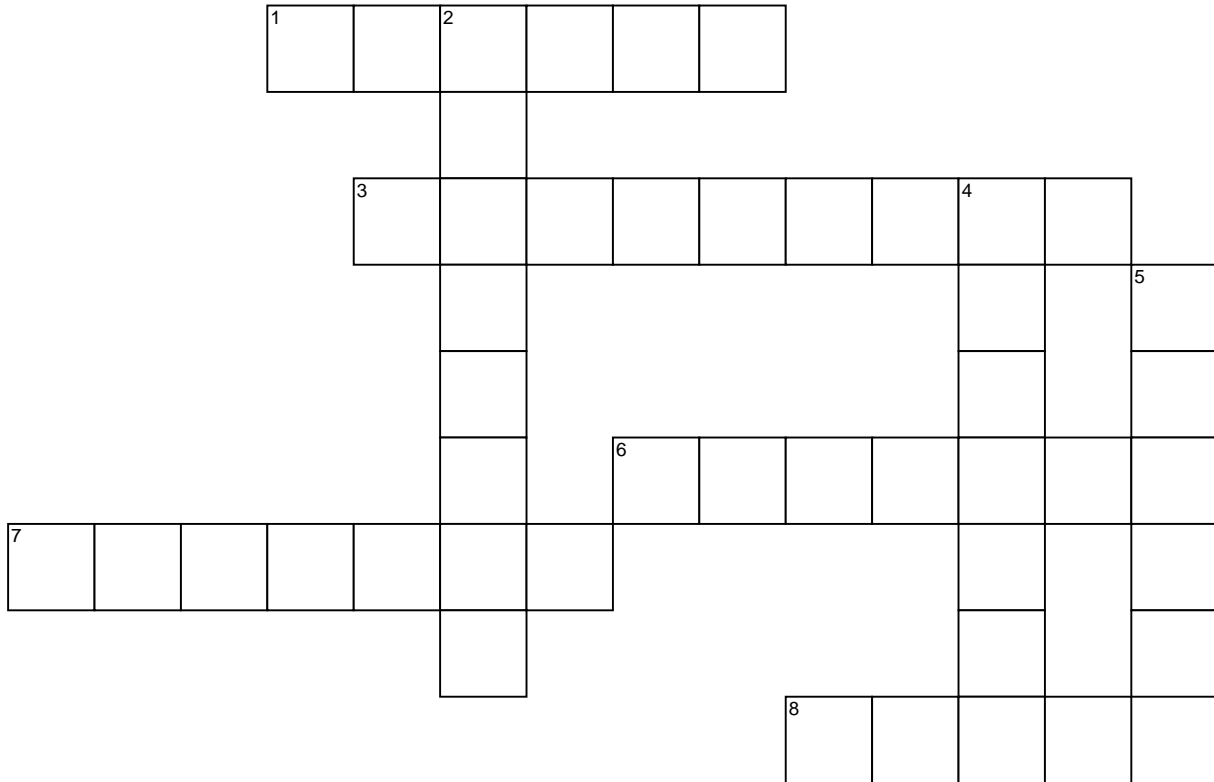
DOWN

- 1** chosen for something by a group of people
- 2** someone between the ages of 13 and 19
- 4** hurt
- 6** very large or important

WORD BANK: dream, injured, jockey, major, teen, top, trained, voted

Mammoth Site

Level 2.5, Story 17



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ACROSS

- 1 a place that has beautiful, interesting, or unusual things to look at
- 3 found something that was buried
- 6 what is left of plants and animals that have been dead a very long time
- 7 warm-blooded animals that have fur or hair and do not lay eggs
- 8 the place or location of something

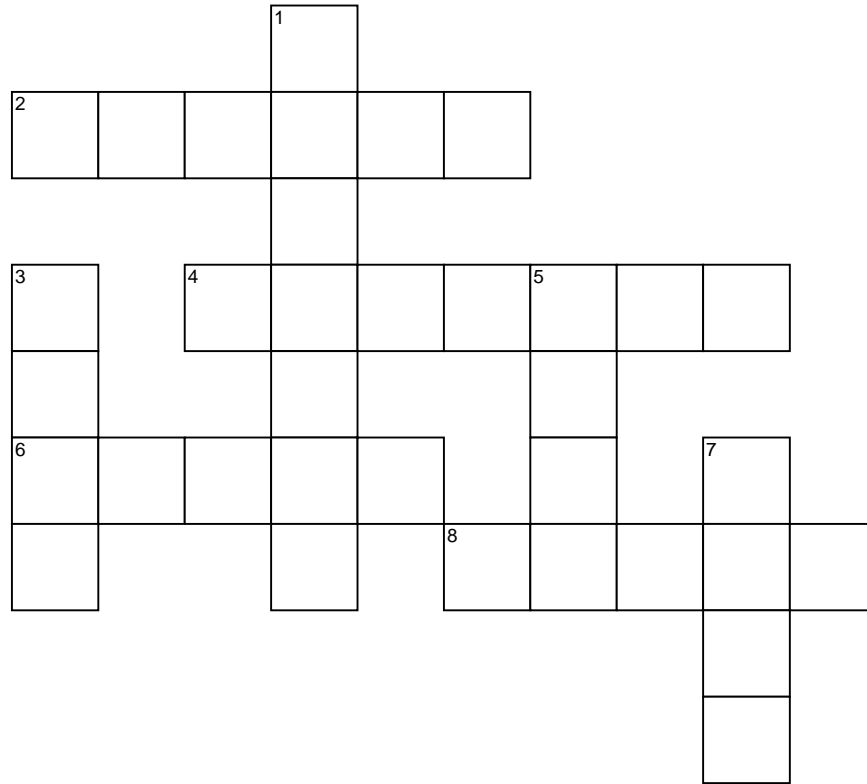
DOWN

- 2 an opening in the ground that is often deep and filled with water
- 4 having all died and none living anymore
- 5 long, sharp teeth that stick out of the faces of elephants and walruses

WORD BANK: extinct, fossils, mammals, museum, sinkhole, site, tusks, uncovered

Guitars

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ACROSS

- 2 moves fingers lightly over an instrument's strings
- 4 thin metal or nylon wires
- 6 the sound of more than one note played at the same time
- 8 a material like gold, silver, copper, or iron

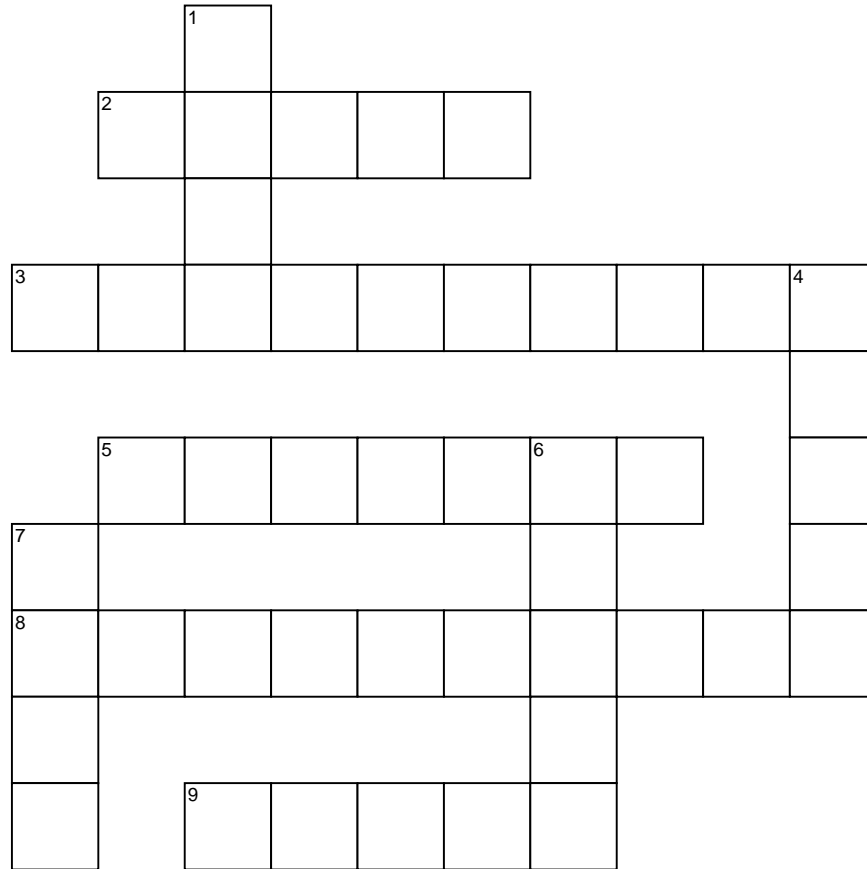
DOWN

- 1 musical instruments with six strings and a long neck
- 3 a small piece of plastic sometimes used to play the guitar
- 5 a musical sound or tone
- 7 a group of people who play music together

WORD BANK: band, chord, guitars, metal, note, pick, strings, strums

The Flute

Level 2.5, Story 19



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ACROSS

- 2 a material like gold, silver, or copper
- 3 something that makes music
- 5 very old
- 8 groups of people who make music together with instruments
- 9 tall plants that grow in or near water

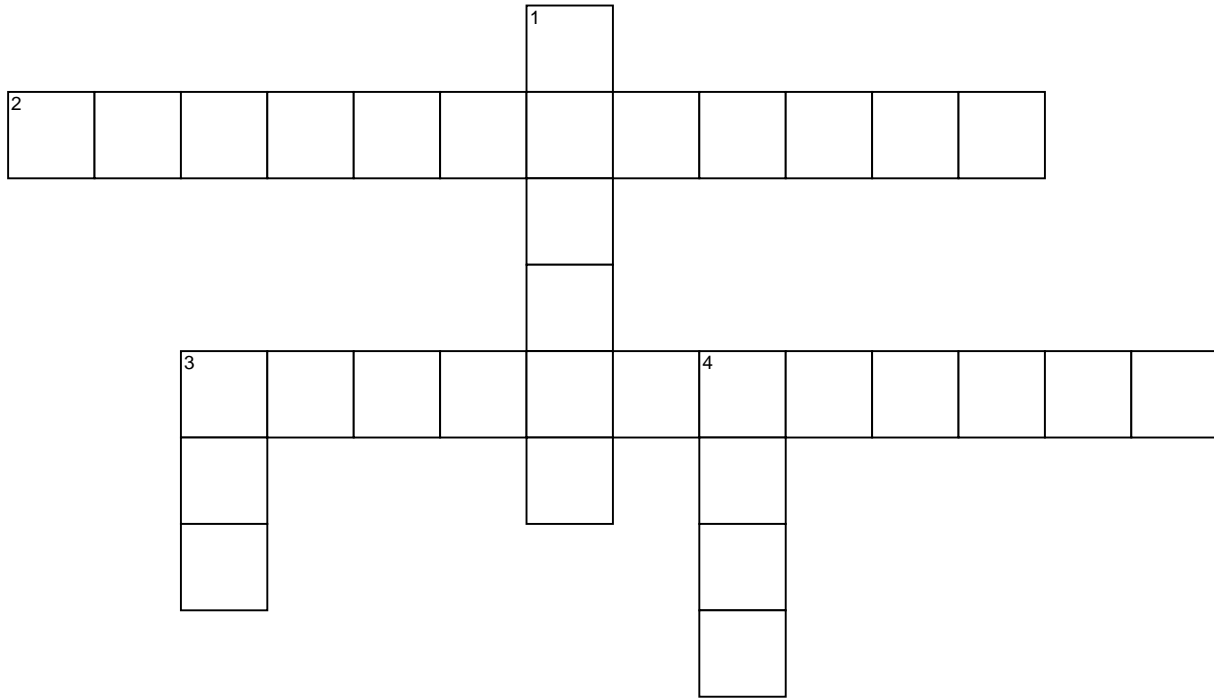
DOWN

- 1 parts of instruments you press to make music
- 4 long, round shapes that are empty in the middle
- 6 musical sounds or tones
- 7 alone or without other instruments

WORD BANK: ancient, instrument, keys, metal, notes, orchestras, reeds, solo, tubes

Pelé

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ACROSS

- 2 a game or sports contest to decide who will win first place
- 3 a person who plays a sport for money

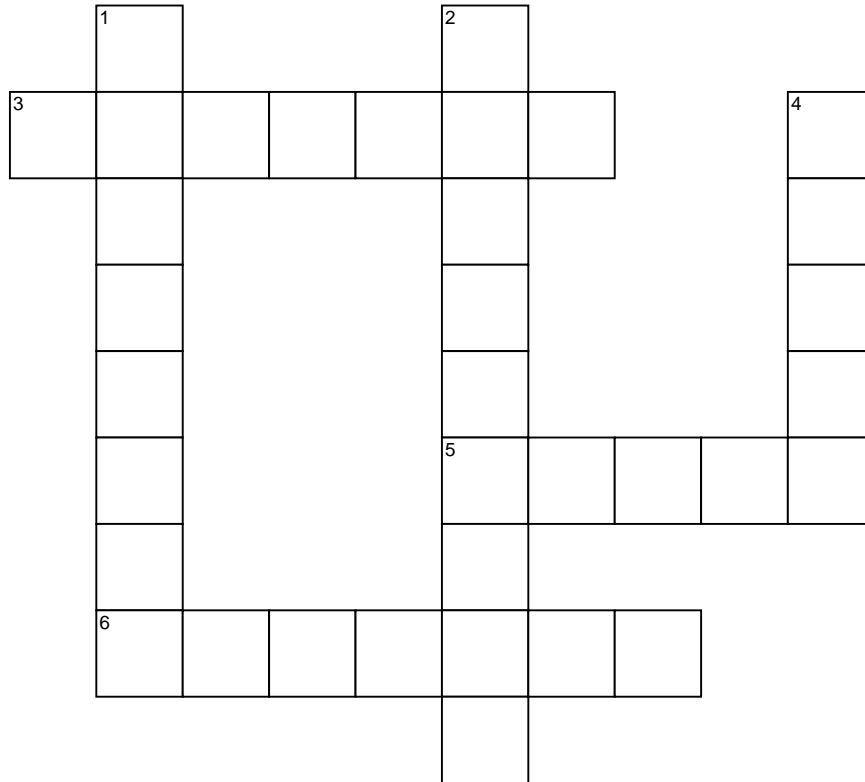
DOWN

- 1 a game played on grass by people who try to kick a ball into the other team's goal
- 3 a professional sports player
- 4 a cloth you wear on your foot

WORD BANK: championship, pro, professional, soccer, sock

The Brain

Level 2.5, Story 21



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ACROSS

- 3 hard to understand; not simple
- 5 the part of the body inside the head that controls how a person or animal thinks, feels, and moves
- 6 things that tell you what is going on around you

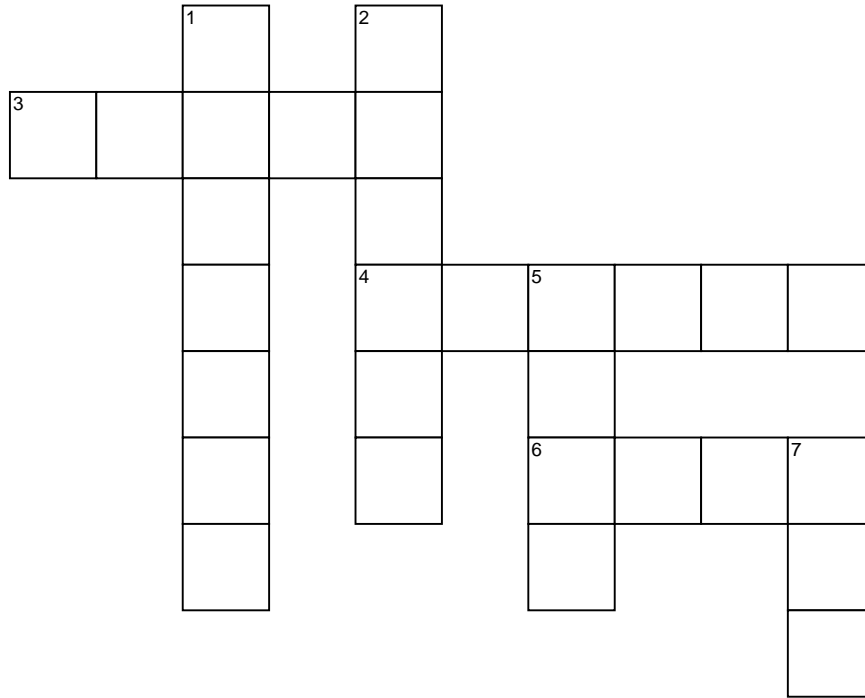
DOWN

- 1 directs or is in charge of someone or something
- 2 the action of a heart sending blood through the body
- 4 a person

WORD BANK: brain, complex, controls, heartbeat, human, signals

Cuckoo Birds

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ACROSS

- 3** to be born from an egg
- 4** crazy or strange
- 6** makes eggs come out of the body

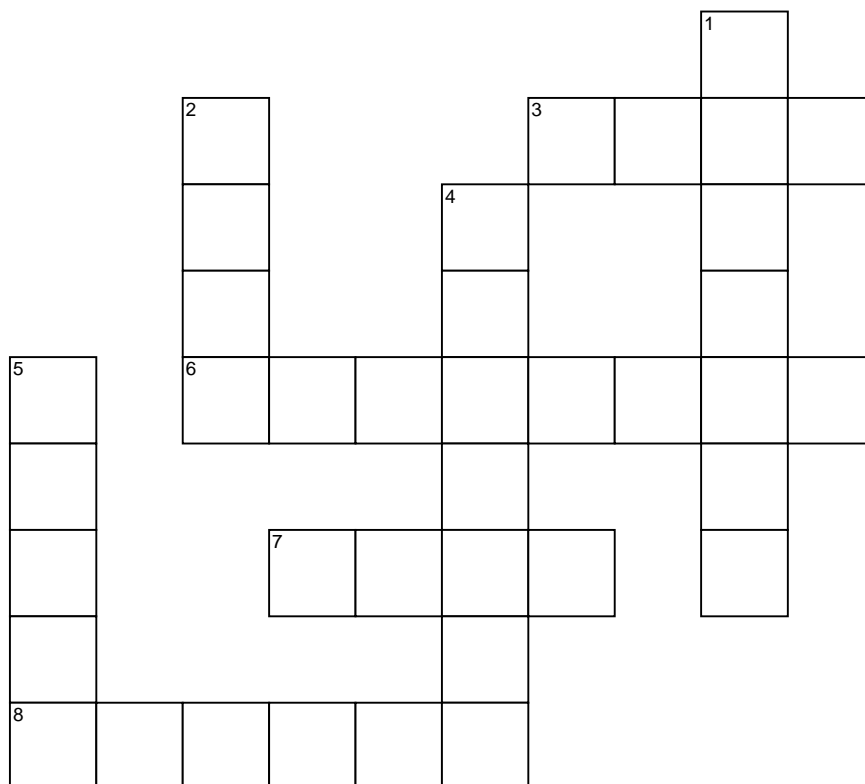
DOWN

- 1** different from what you are used to seeing
- 2** baby birds
- 5** a special sound an animal makes
- 7** to keep eggs warm by covering them with the body until they hatch

WORD BANK: call, chicks, cuckoo, hatch, lays, sit, strange

Meat-Eating Plant

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ACROSS

- 3 to bring two sides of something together
- 6 force or weight that is put on something
- 7 to shut in or out
- 8 hard, sharp points that grow on some plants and animals

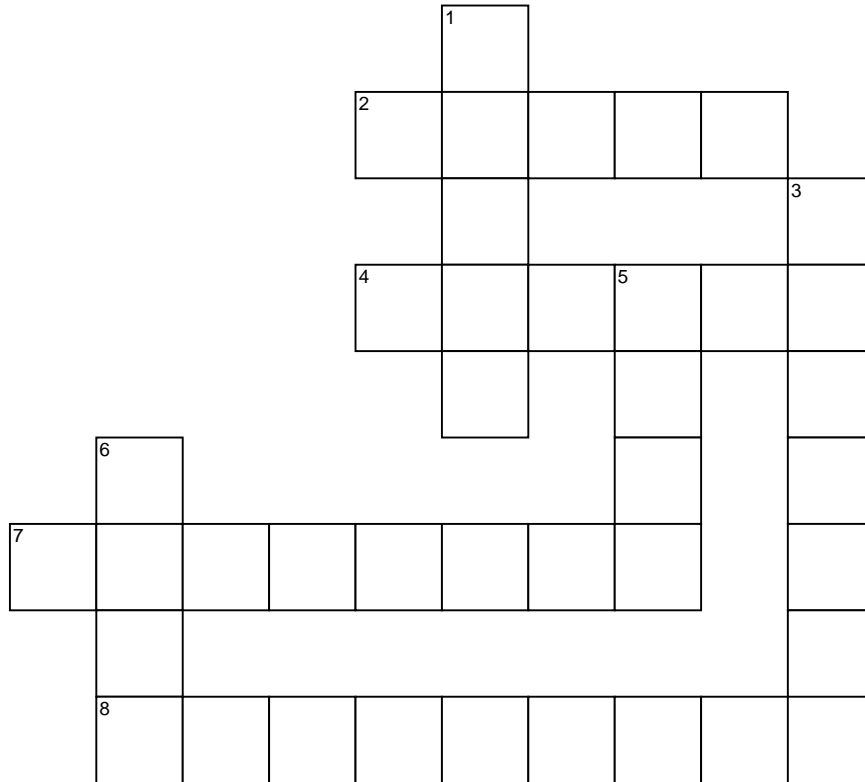
DOWN

- 1 a plant that catches insects for food and eats them
- 2 something that catches animals and keeps them from getting away
- 4 small animals with six legs and often wings
- 5 thin growths on the skin of people, animals, and some plants

WORD BANK: flytrap, fold, hairs, insects, lock, pressure, spines, trap

The Gentle Shark

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ACROSS

- 2 body parts that help an animal breathe under water
- 4 mild or not likely to cause harm
- 7 short, thin pieces that poke out of something
- 8 very small plants and animals that bigger fish eat

DOWN

- 1 a person who swims down into deep ocean water
- 3 a careful check in order to find something
- 5 many thousands of pounds
- 6 to catch or to stop from getting away

WORD BANK: bristles, diver, gentle, gills, plankton, search, tons, trap