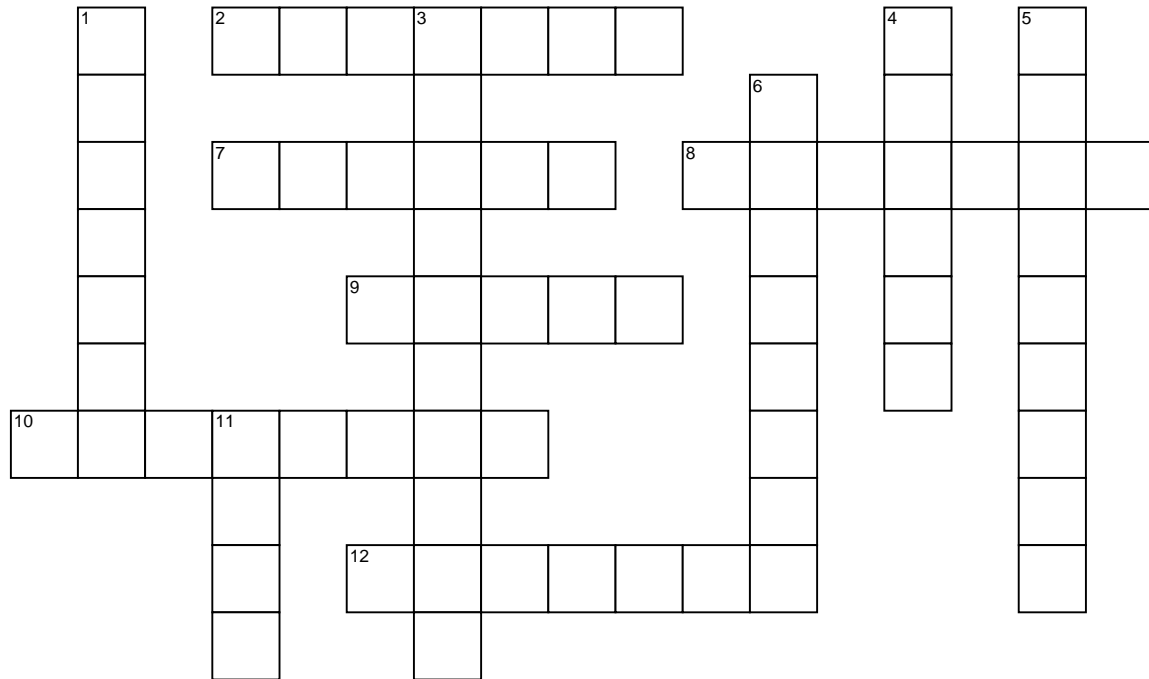


A Big, Hairy Deal

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ACROSS

- 2 shedding skin, feathers, or another body covering
- 7 hole in the ground dug by an animal for shelter
- 8 something that blocks or stands in the way of another thing
- 9 long, hollow teeth, or body parts like teeth
- 10 someone who goes to a place without being welcome or wanted there
- 12 a special or important part of something

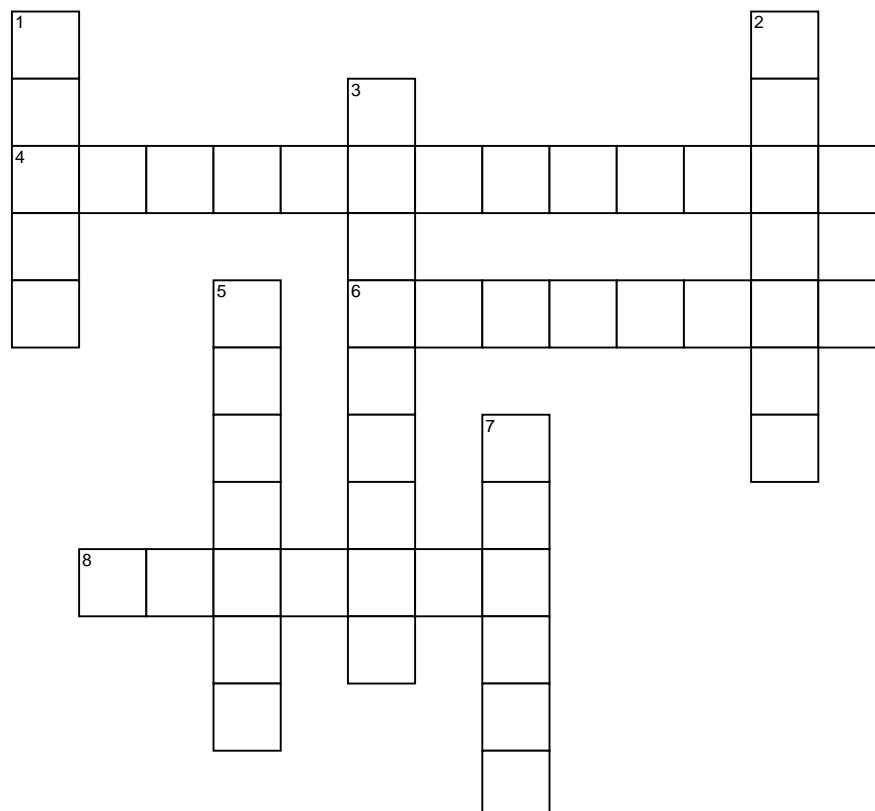
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- 1 a part of the body that contains many organs
- 3 in danger or made to feel unsafe
- 4 having a backward-facing point coming out of the main point
- 5 solid, liquid, or gas substances
- 6 to cause something to become unable to move
- 11 to depend on or need

WORD BANK: abdomen, barbed, barrier, burrow, chemicals, fangs, feature, intruder, molting, paralyze, rely, threatened

Servant or Spy?

Level 4.0, Story 2



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ACROSS

- 4** not able to learn or understand things
- 6** having to do with soldiers and their weapons
- 8** a system that allows people to own other people and force them to work without pay

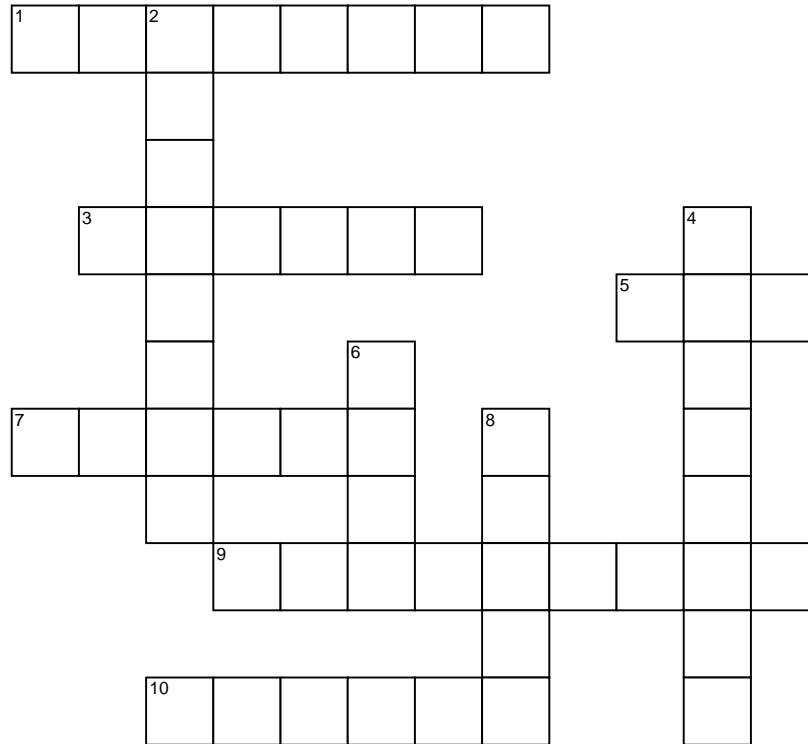
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- 1** the group of states in the southeast part of the United States
- 2** showed that someone or something was important
- 3** allowed something to happen
- 5** a person who works for other people in their homes doing household chores
- 7** trying to gather information without being caught

WORD BANK: honored, military, permitted, servant, slavery, South, spying, unintelligent

The Smellier, the Better?

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ACROSS

- 1 found in parts of the world near the equator, where the weather is hot and wet
- 3 different from all others
- 5 not cooked
- 7 did not allow
- 9 different kinds
- 10 starts or causes

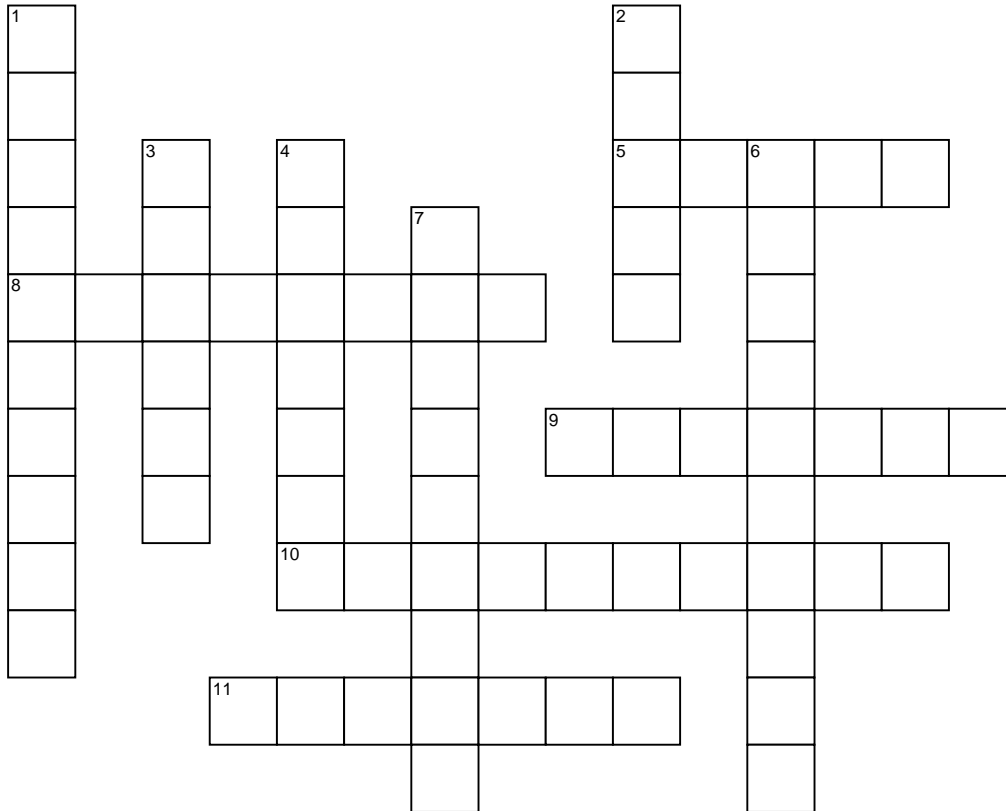
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- 2 feelings or thoughts people have about things
- 4 people who are in charge of part of a company or business
- 6 a smell
- 8 parts of a place; regions

WORD BANK: areas, banned, managers, odor, opinions, raw, sparks, tropical, unique, varieties

Black Mamba

Level 4.0, Story 4



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ACROSS

- 5** to stay away from
- 8** trapped, in a difficult position, or unable to escape
- 9** a place in nature where an animal or plant lives
- 10** to make something sound bigger, better, or more interesting than it actually is
- 11** the power to do something

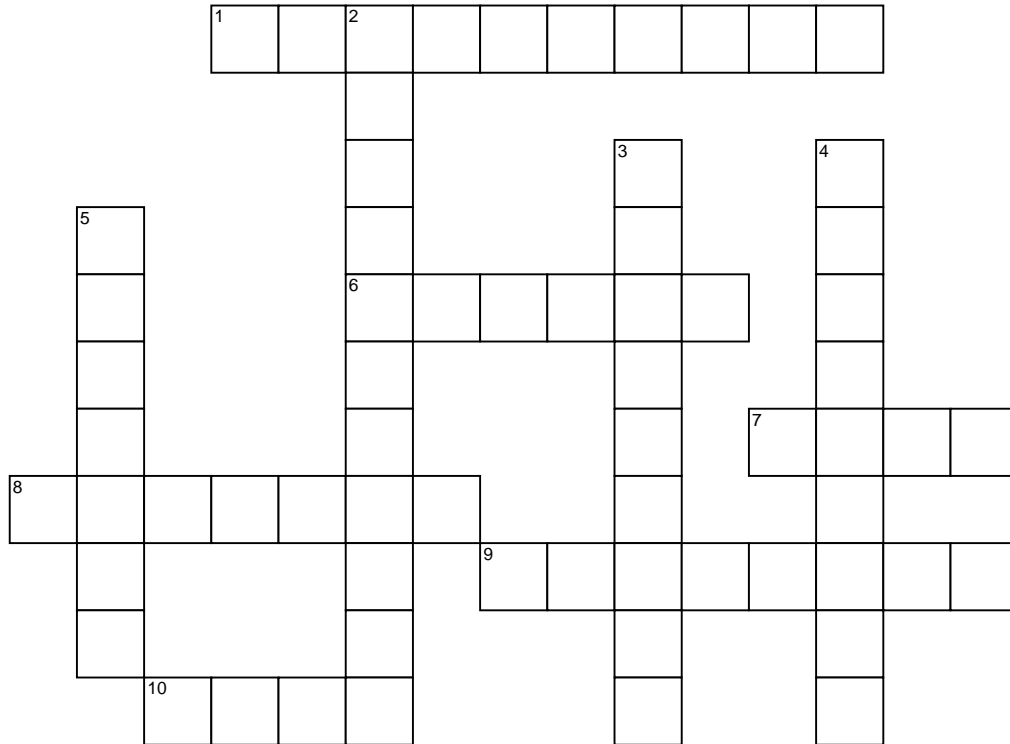
DOWN

- 1** not correct or not right
- 2** to say something as if it were true
- 3** to follow or chase something
- 4** to raise
- 6** started or came to be
- 7** usually or most of the time

WORD BANK: ability, avoid, claim, cornered, elevate, exaggerate, generally, habitat, inaccurate, originated, pursue

An Incredible Sacrifice

Level 4.0, Story 5



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ACROSS

- 1 hard to believe or amazing
- 6 the car on a train that makes the train move
- 7 a place where people take minerals out of the ground
- 8 small pieces of things that are burning without a flame
- 9 a material that people use to blow things up
- 10 what happened, or what will happen, to someone or something

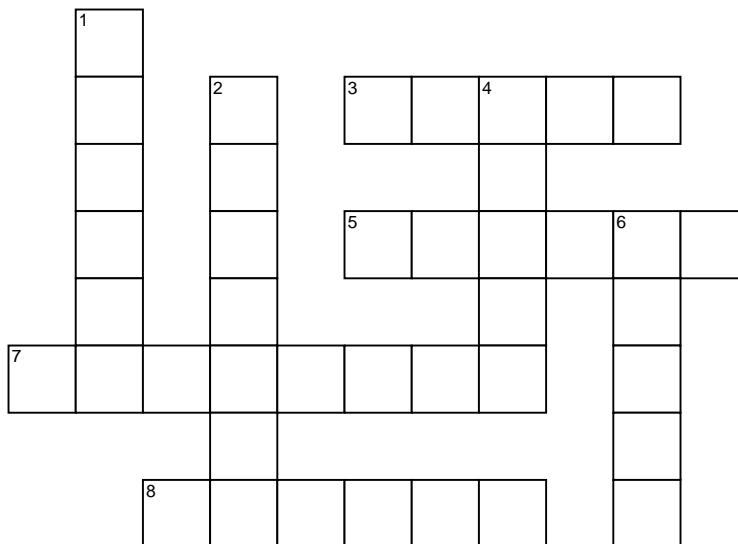
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- 2 to honor the memory of a person or event
- 3 structures that remind people of an event or person
- 4 the act of giving up something in order to help
- 5 to make bigger, louder, or stronger

WORD BANK: cinders, commemorate, dynamite, engine, fate, incredible, magnify, mine, monuments, sacrifice

Roadrunner

Level 4.0, Story 6



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ACROSS

- 3** to avoid something by moving quickly
- 5** a danger, or something that might cause harm
- 7** having a type of poison that is usually delivered by a bite or sting
- 8** a dry land where few plants grow

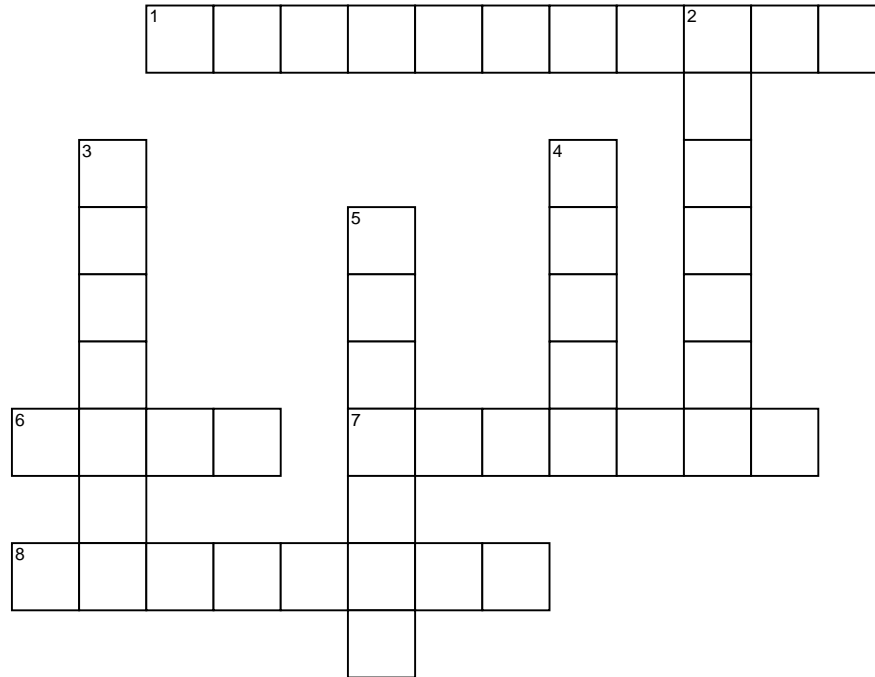
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- 1** to attack suddenly, as some snakes do
- 2** to cause something to happen
- 4** moves quickly and suddenly
- 6** able to move easily, quickly, or gracefully

WORD BANK: agile, darts, desert, dodge, provoke, strike, threat, venomous

Running on Water

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ACROSS

- 1 luckily or because of good fortune
- 6 the flat, inner part of the hand, not including the fingers
- 7 to put into and surround with liquid
- 8 pushed back against something

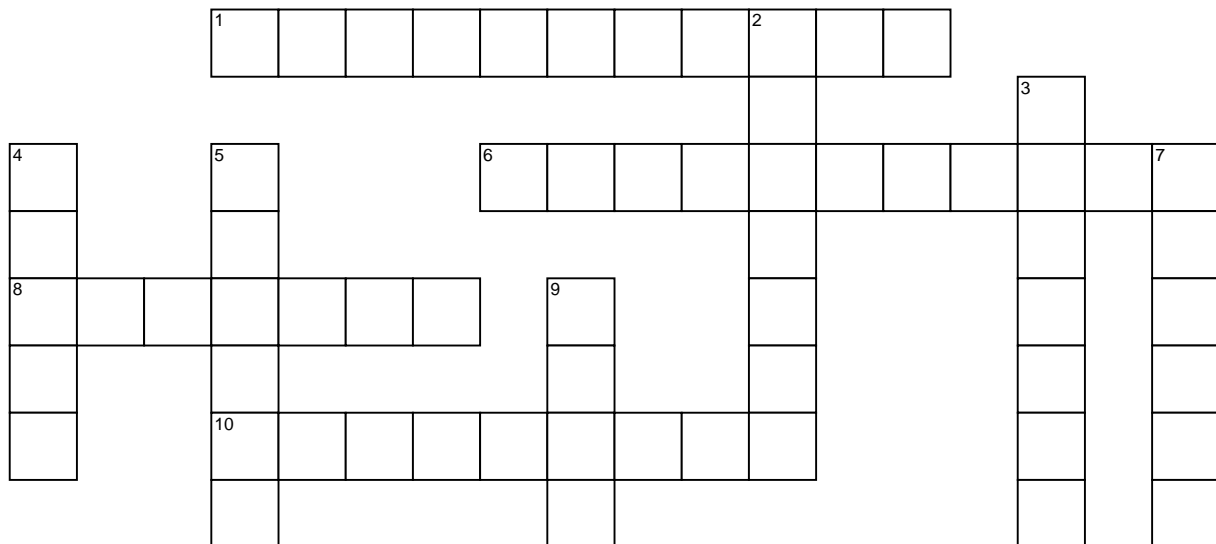
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- 2 things that happen because something else happened
- 3 the outside or top part of something
- 4 power, energy, or physical strength
- 5 runs fast, usually for a short distance

WORD BANK: effects, force, fortunately, immerse, palm, resisted, sprints, surface

Lynne Cox

Level 4.0, Story 8



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ACROSS

- 1 spread out over an area
- 6 actions taken ahead of time to guard against dangers or mistakes
- 8 stayed away from
- 10 covered or lined with something that stops heat from getting in or out

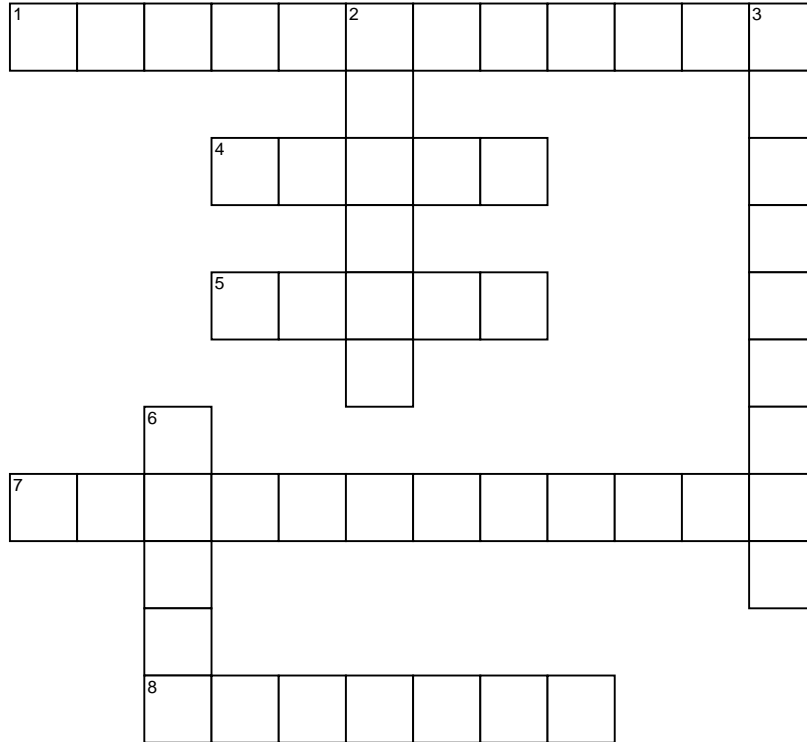
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- 2 practiced or worked hard to do something well
- 3 having one's full attention on something
- 4 the place where an ocean touches land
- 5 extremely cold
- 7 to block, guard, or protect
- 9 an act that takes strength, skill, or courage to do

WORD BANK: avoided, coast, distributed, feat, focused, frigid, insulated, precautions, shield, trained

Extreme Ironing

Level 4.0, Story 9



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ACROSS

- 1 people who take part in something
- 4 a game or contest that people can watch or play
- 5 something that takes place and is often planned ahead of time
- 7 a feeling of happiness, often after doing a good job
- 8 beyond the normal or usual level

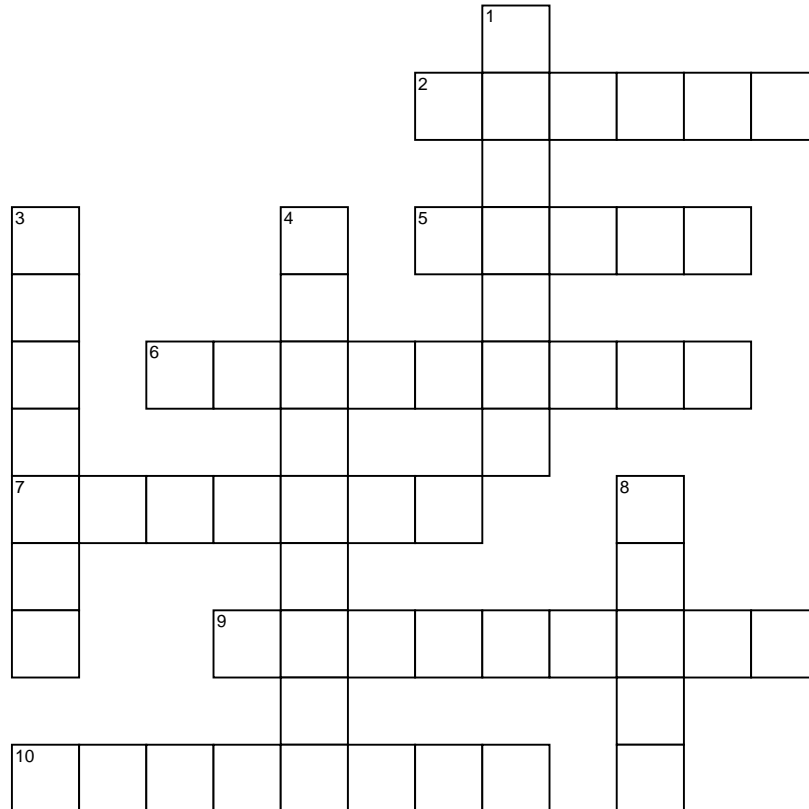
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- 2 small jobs that a person has to do often
- 3 the act of jumping from an airplane, falling through the air, and then floating to the ground with a parachute
- 6 a certain way of doing something

WORD BANK: chores, event, extreme, participants, satisfaction, skydiving, sport, style

Strength in Numbers

Level 4.0, Story 10



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ACROSS

- 2 a group of the same kind of creatures living together in large numbers
- 5 a hidden problem
- 6 wild, violent, or likely to attack
- 7 an area of ground or land
- 9 lasting for a short time or not lasting forever
- 10 eating a lot of food

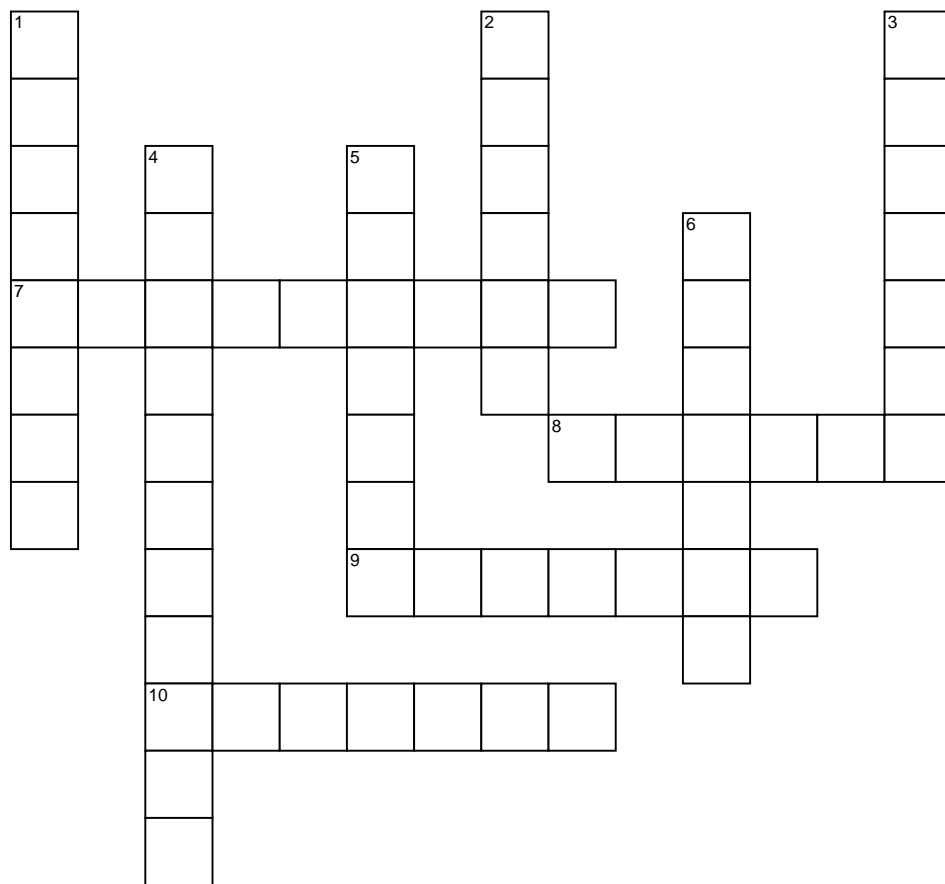
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- 1 moving from one place to another instead of staying settled in the same area
- 3 a cover or protection from weather or danger
- 4 lasting for a long time or meant to last forever
- 8 to move as a crowd around or toward something

WORD BANK: catch, colony, feasting, ferocious, nomadic, permanent, shelter, swarm, temporary, terrain

Black Swallower

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ACROSS

- 7** in a way that is hard to believe
- 8** not enough or hard to get
- 9** able to be stretched out and then returned to its original shape
- 10** increases or gets larger in size or amount

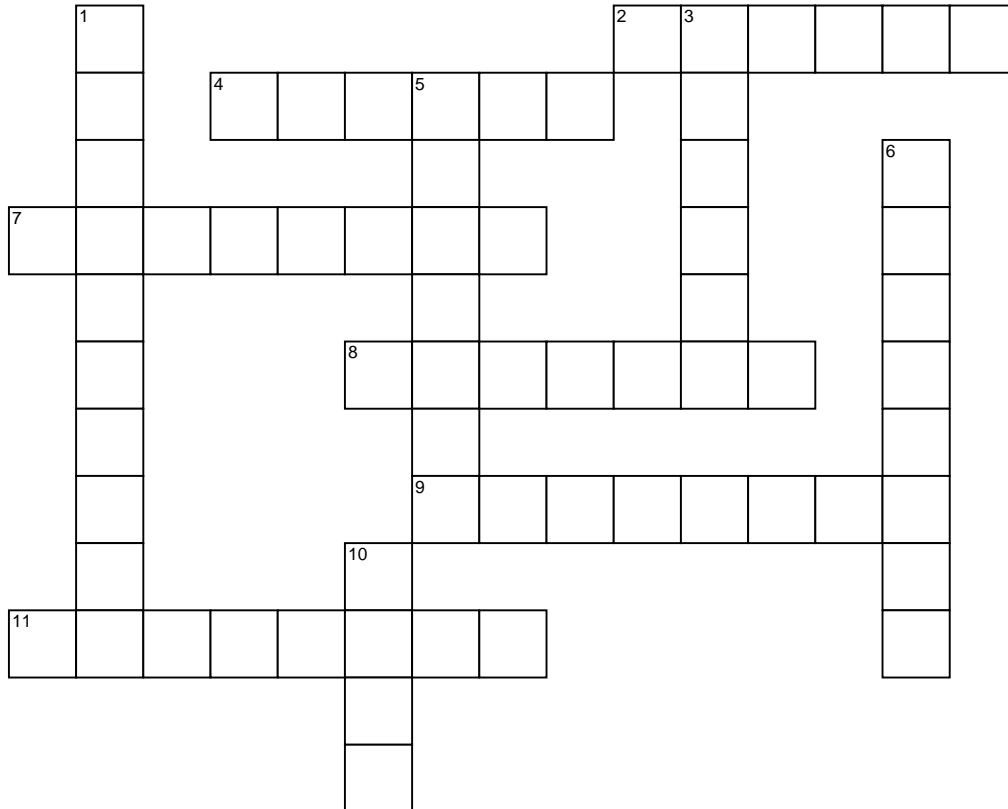
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- 1** really, truly, or in fact
- 2** the amount of something that there is to use
- 3** to form a picture or idea in your head
- 4** clear or easy to see through
- 5** to eat or drink
- 6** to live in a certain place

WORD BANK: actually, amazingly, consume, elastic, expands, imagine, inhabit, scarce, supply, transparent

An Unbelievable Animal

Level 4.0, Story 12



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ACROSS

- 2 feeds with milk from the mother's body
- 4 having the fingers or toes connected by a thin layer of skin
- 7 tough but easy to bend
- 8 thought that something might not be true or right
- 9 an example or sample that shows what something is like
- 11 having a type of poison that is usually delivered by a bite or sting

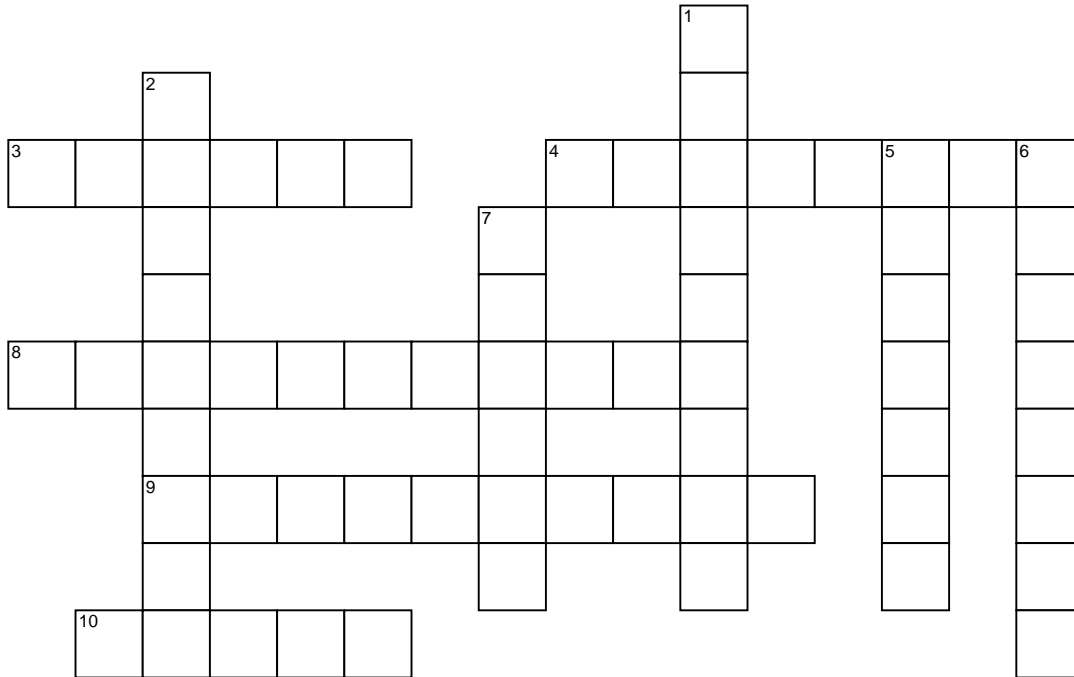
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- 1 the way someone or something looks
- 3 different from all others
- 5 tunnels or holes in the ground dug by animals
- 6 looked at something carefully
- 10 something that is untrue and meant to fool people

WORD BANK: appearance, burrows, doubted, examined, hoax, leathery, nurses, specimen, unique, venomous, webbed

Slow-Moving Killer

Level 4.0, Story 13



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ACROSS

- 3** smells using the nose
- 4** moves wildly and forcefully
- 8** wildly because of fear, worry, or pain
- 9** not used by the body after being eaten
- 10** a type of poison that is usually delivered by a bite or sting

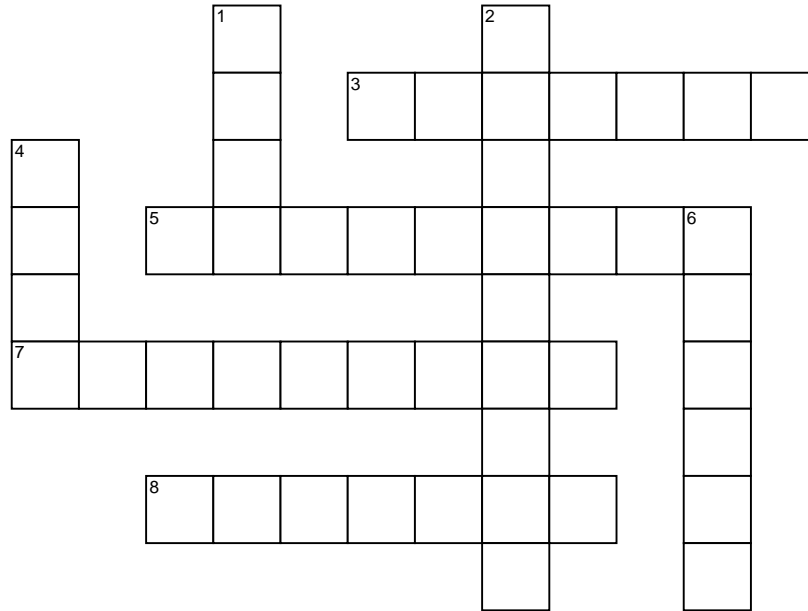
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- 1** unable to move a part or parts of the body
- 2** much smaller than usual
- 5** a spear with a rope attached to it
- 6** a type of flat fish with a long tail
- 7** flat, thin plates that cover the bodies of some animals

WORD BANK: frantically, harpoon, miniature, paralyzed, scales, sniffs, stingray, thrashes, undigested, venom

Galápagos

Level 4.0, Story 14



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ACROSS

- 3** a series of steps in doing something
- 5** all of the things that make up an area of land
- 7** explosions in which fire, smoke, or liquid shoots out of something
- 8** comes out of something or some place

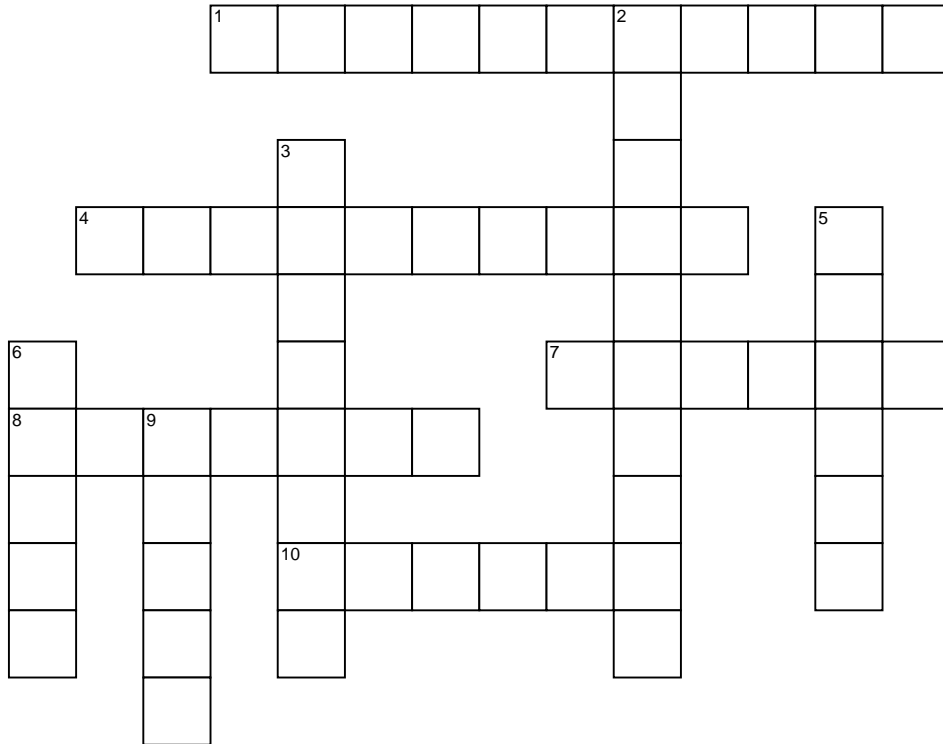
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- 1** hot, melted rock that comes out of a volcano
- 2** openings in the earth that shoot out lava, ash, and steam
- 4** something with a shape that is wide and round at one end and narrow at the other end
- 6** wore away or washed away over time

WORD BANK: cone, emerges, eroded, eruptions, landscape, lava, process, volcanoes

An Ancient Ball Game

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ACROSS

- 1 people who study carefully to find accurate information about something
- 4 killed as an offering or gift to a god
- 7 present-day or how things are now
- 8 from a very long time ago
- 10 a place people go to pray

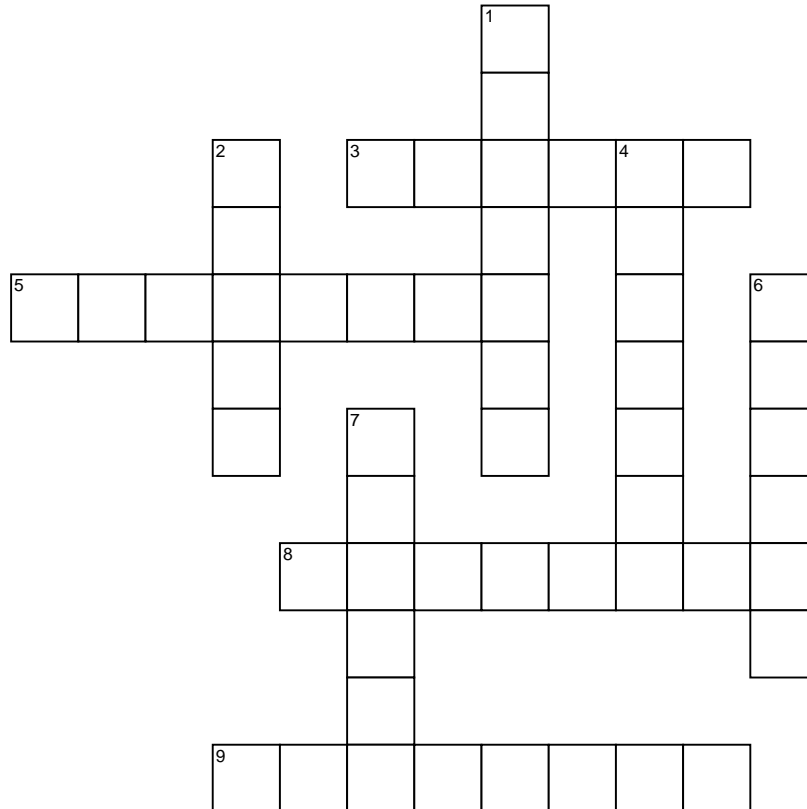
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- 2 special acts or events done in certain ways, often to celebrate something
- 3 an object, a building, or land someone owns
- 5 people's bodies, not including their arms, legs, or heads
- 6 causing death
- 9 a flat, hard area with markings for playing some kinds of games

WORD BANK: ancient, ceremonies, court, fatal, modern, property, researchers, sacrificed, temple, torsos

An Untold Tragedy

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ACROSS

- 3 happened suddenly
- 5 having to do with water travel or moving goods with ships
- 8 a terrible event that causes harm
- 9 stayed alive during a difficult time

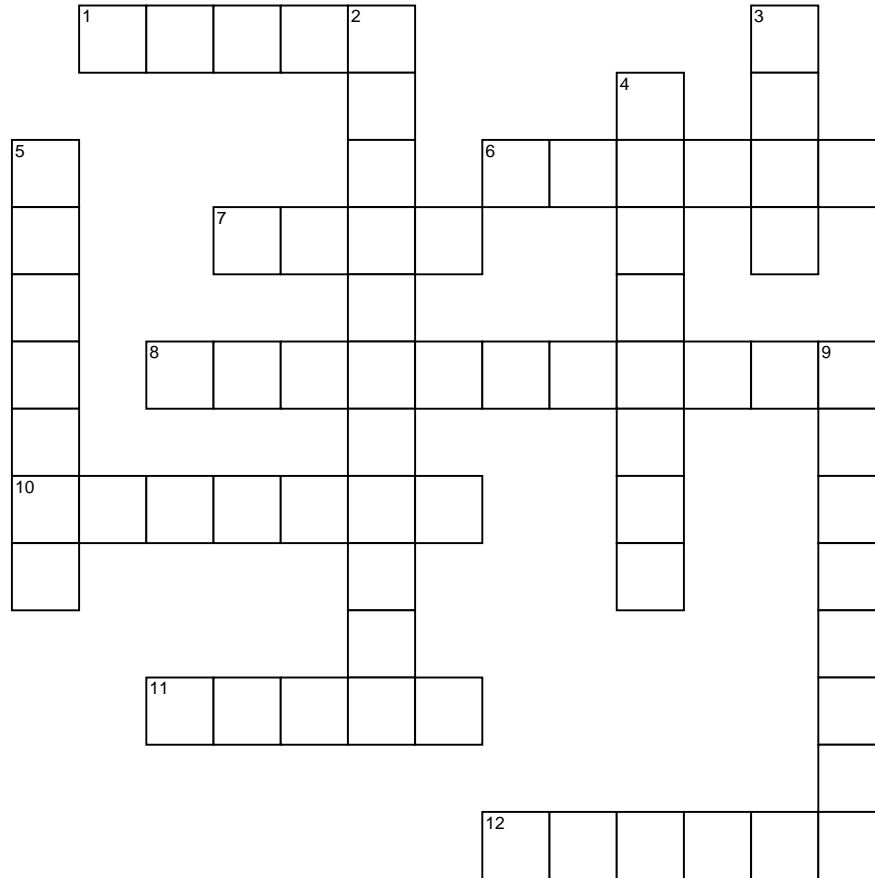
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- 1 for the most part
- 2 having to do with the northern states during the American Civil War
- 4 a flow of water in a certain direction
- 6 great unhappiness or suffering
- 7 a tank that makes water into steam for running machines or heating buildings

WORD BANK: boiler, current, disaster, largely, maritime, misery, struck, survived, Union

Predator Becomes Prey

Level 4.0, Story 17



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ACROSS

- 1 a long, stiff part of a plant or animal that sticks out and is usually pointed
- 6 stayed hidden
- 7 food that is put out to make an animal come close enough to be caught
- 8 hidden by looking like surroundings
- 10 eat or drink
- 11 moves quickly and suddenly
- 12 wide open

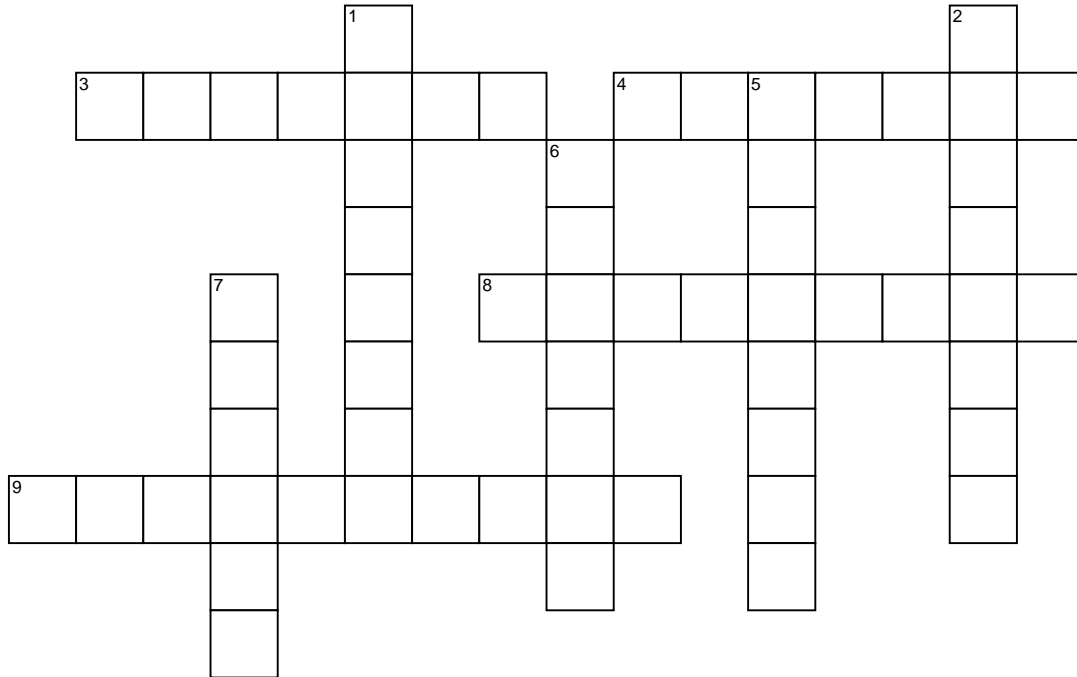
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- 2 the area that is around a person, plant, or animal
- 3 an animal hunted by another animal for food
- 4 an animal that kills other animals for food
- 5 the outside or top part of something
- 9 causing something to hang or swing loosely

WORD BANK: bait, camouflaged, consume, dangling, darts, environment, gaping, lurked, predator, prey, spine, surface

Planting Hope

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ACROSS

- 3 a very small town
- 4 to make something as good as it was before
- 8 got other people to join or participate in something
- 9 knew or remembered because of past experience

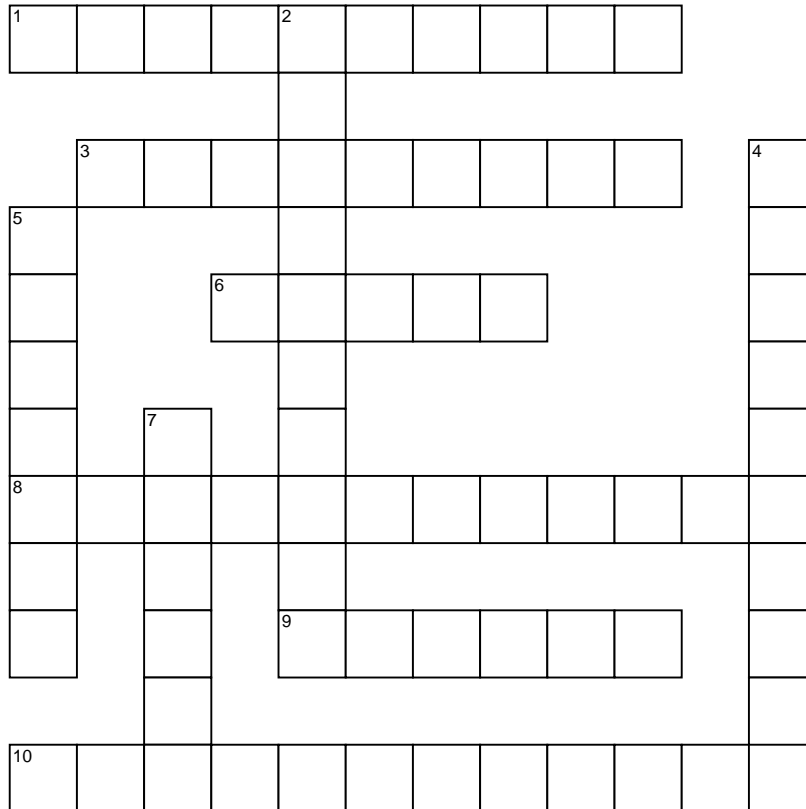
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- 1 a set of actions over a period of time, done to achieve a specific goal
- 2 to keep something in good condition
- 5 an answer to a problem
- 6 got rid of
- 7 in or to a country that is not one's own

WORD BANK: abroad, campaign, cleared, preserve, recognized, recruited, restore, solution, village

Amazing Migration

Level 4.0, Story 19



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ACROSS

- 1 having a path that turns sharply in one direction and then another
- 3 lasting for a short time or not lasting forever
- 6 a way or path to get somewhere
- 8 furthest to the north
- 9 the lands next to a body of water
- 10 a place to which someone is going

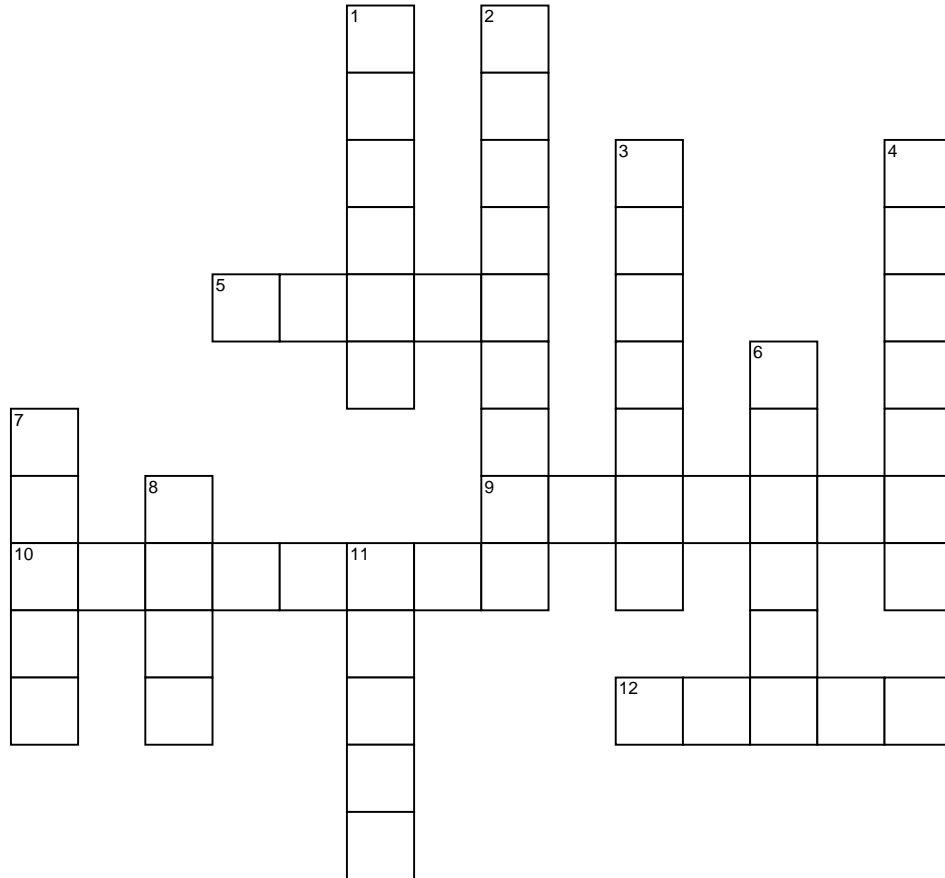
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- 2 gets closer
- 4 a move from one area to another
- 5 a long trip
- 7 mates or has babies

WORD BANK: approaches, breeds, destination, journey, migration, northernmost, route, shores, temporary, zigzagging

At Your Service

Level 4.0, Story 20



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ACROSS

- 5** body parts that animals living in water use to breathe
- 9** to check something closely to find out more about it
- 10** places where workers do a certain kind of job
- 12** to attach or fasten onto something

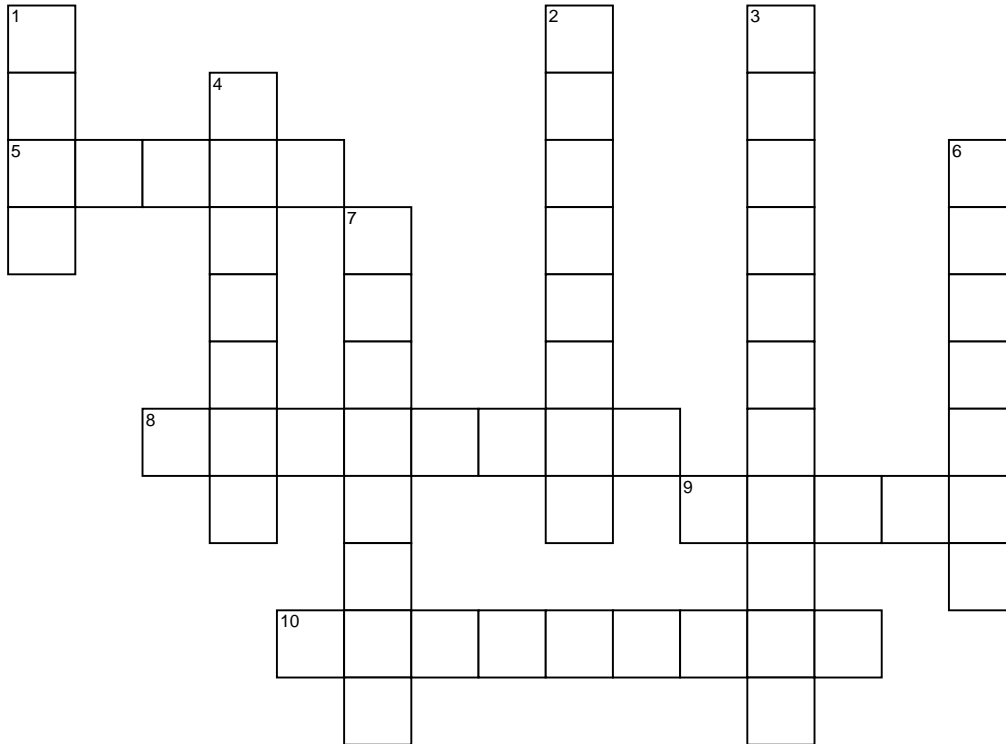
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- 1** in way that is clear and easy to notice
- 2** living things that live on or inside of another living thing
- 3** alike or almost the same
- 4** marked with bands of color
- 6** a customer of a business that offers a service
- 7** holds one's body in a certain position
- 8** to move suddenly and quickly
- 11** to sell or provide something

WORD BANK: boldly, client, dart, examine, gills, latch, offer, parasites, poses, similar, stations, striped

Moko to the Rescue!

Level 4.0, Story 21



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ACROSS

- 5** near or in the neighborhood
- 8** people who paddle small, canoe-like boats
- 9** a place where an activity or event is going on
- 10** a person or animal that is famous

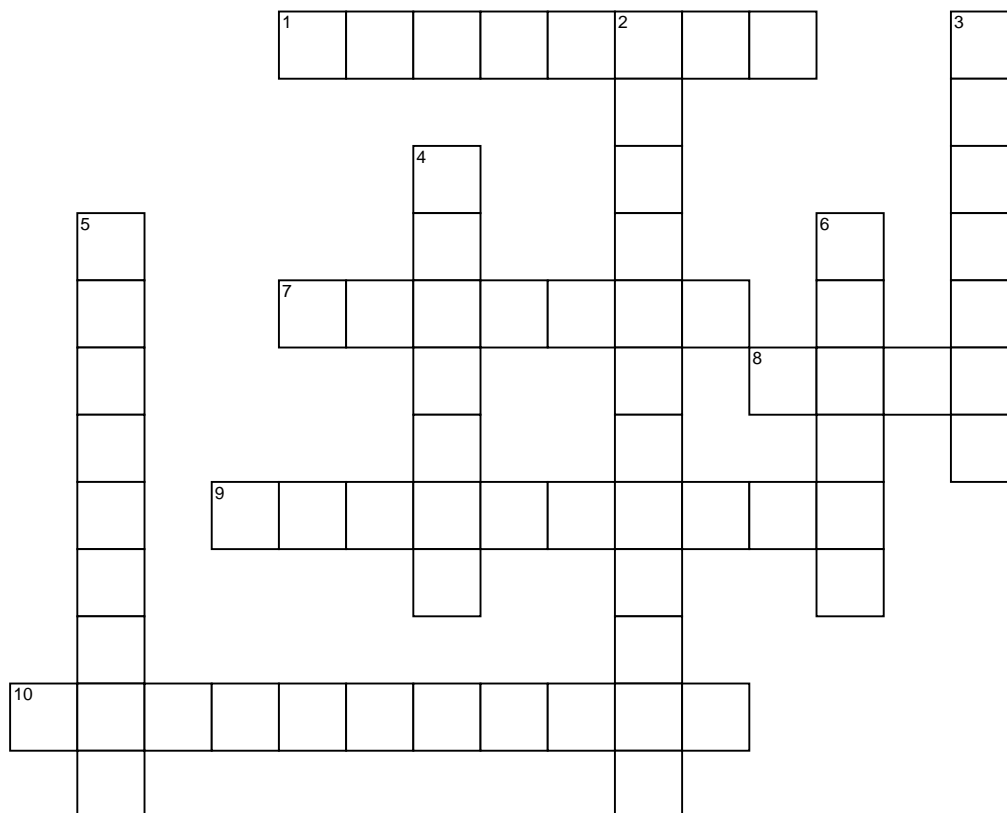
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- 1** the young of a certain animal such as a cow, whale, buffalo, elephant, or giraffe
- 2** people or animals that save others from danger or harm
- 3** to tell or share information and ideas
- 4** a long, raised area of sand in a body of water
- 6** a path of water that connects two larger bodies of water
- 7** stuck in a place that is hard to get out of without help

WORD BANK: calf, celebrity, channel, communicate, kayakers, local, rescuers, sandbar, scene, stranded

Spiral Island

Level 4.0, Story 22



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ACROSS

- 1 found near the equator, where the weather is hot and wet
- 7 what is true or actually happening
- 8 the bottom or lowest part of something
- 9 made by people, not made by nature
- 10 the outside and all that lives there

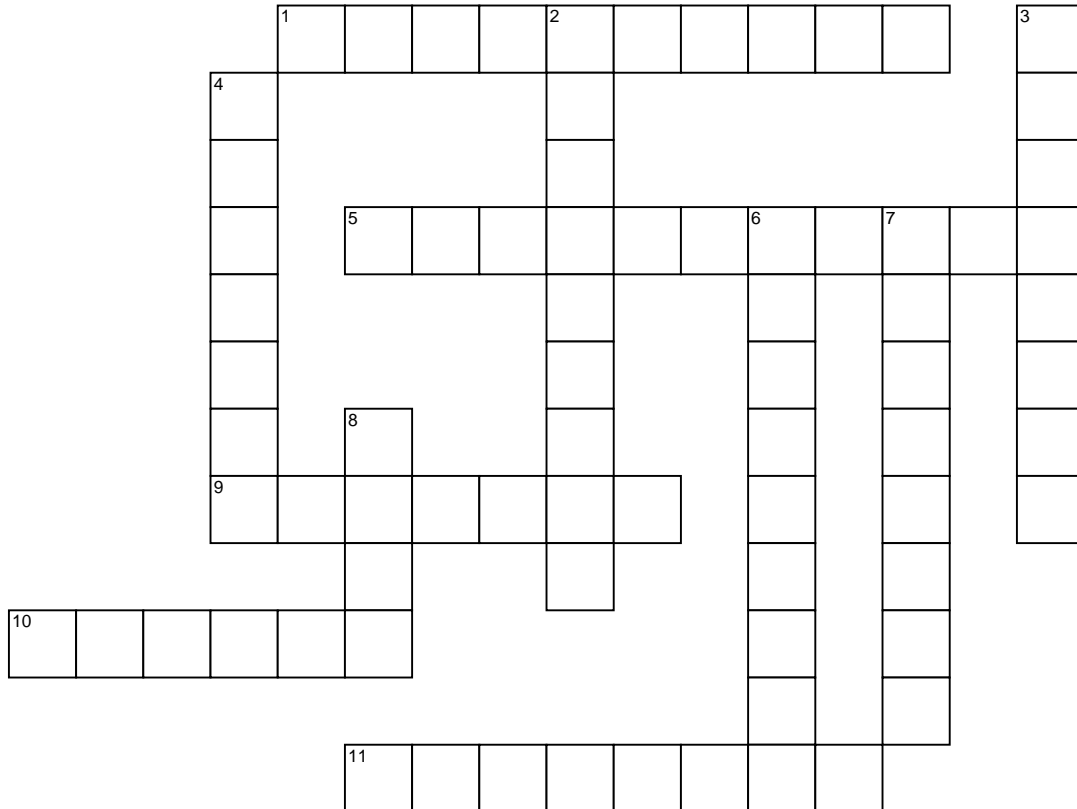
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- 2 making, forming, or building
- 3 set in a certain place
- 4 a material that can be molded into many things
- 5 a huge storm that forms over warm ocean waters and sometimes moves onto land
- 6 secure or not easily moved

WORD BANK: artificial, base, constructing, environment, hurricane, located, plastic, reality, stable, tropical

Fossil War

Level 4.0, Story 23



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ACROSS

- 1 got involved in a way that caused a problem
- 5 working together to get something done
- 9 groups of plants or animals that are alike in certain ways
- 10 gave money or gifts to someone in return for unfair help
- 11 a feeling that someone or something is trying to hurt you, trick you, or lie to you

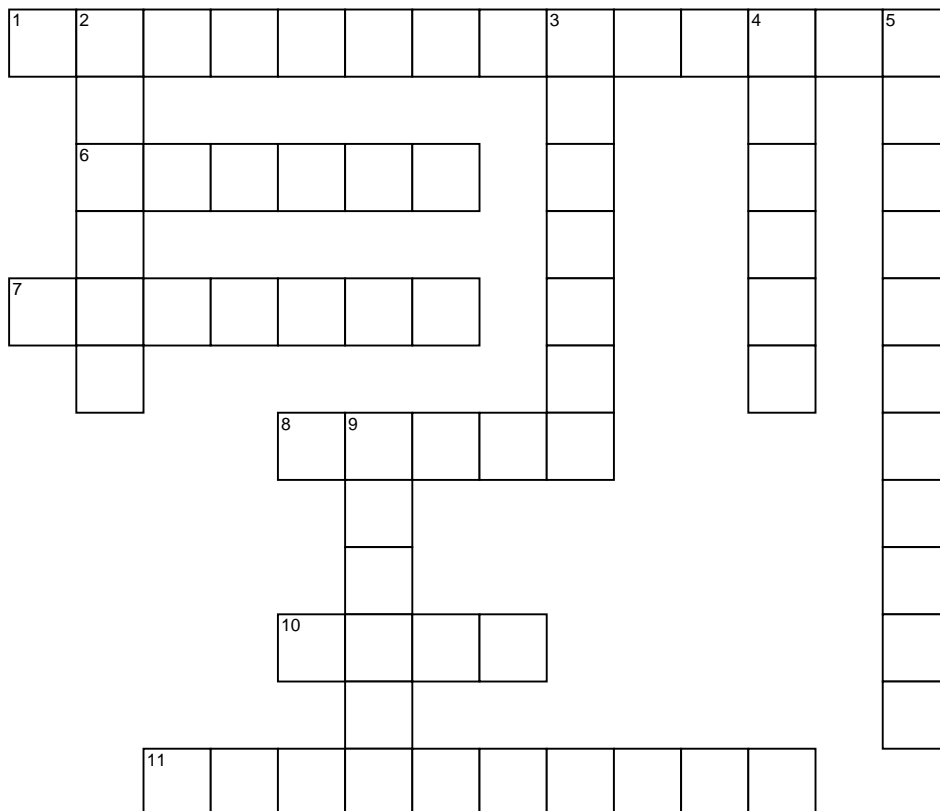
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- 2 thought that someone was important and worth paying attention to
- 3 to figure out what something is
- 4 what is left of plants and animals that have been dead a very long time
- 6 bold or grand in what you set out to accomplish
- 7 said or did something that made another person feel bad
- 8 long-lasting and hateful disagreement between two people or groups

WORD BANK: ambitious, bribed, cooperation, feud, fossils, identify, insulted, interfered, mistrust, respected, species

Hank Aaron

Level 4.0, Story 24



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ACROSS

- 1 something that a person sets out to do and then succeeds in doing
- 6 the best any person has ever done on something
- 7 greatly loved or appreciated
- 8 to pay close attention to something
- 10 someone who is special because of doing something good or brave
- 11 problems or things that make a task more difficult

DOWN

- 2 all the jobs a person has had that relate to a certain kind of work
- 3 to go beyond or to be larger, greater, or better than
- 4 to suffer through or put up with something
- 5 wanting to cause harm or make someone feel unsafe
- 9 a very difficult, painful, or trying experience

WORD BANK: accomplishment, beloved, career, challenges, endure, focus, hero, ordeal, record, surpass, threatening