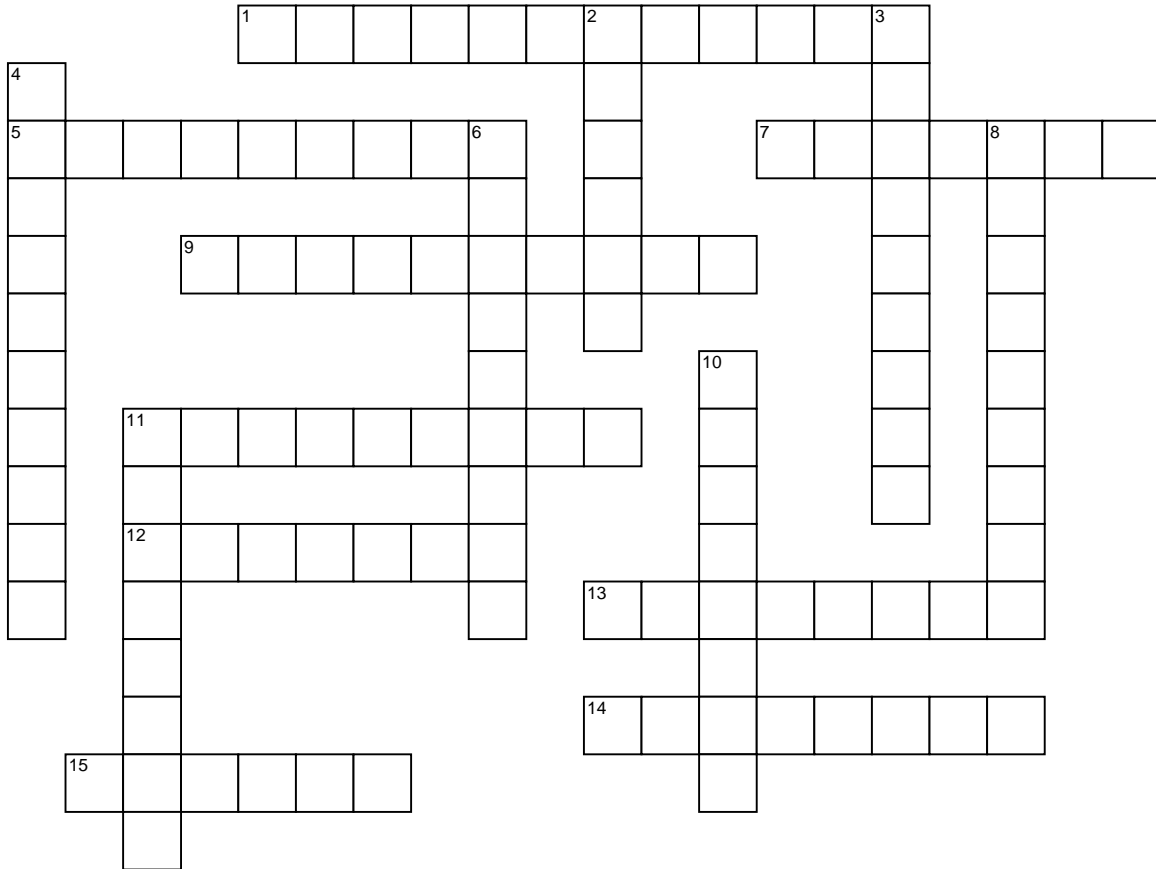


Colossal Computer

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ACROSS

- 1 the curving paths that objects follow when they are shot or thrown
- 5 people who are skilled at planning and designing things
- 7 a job or task that usually has several parts and needs planning
- 9 precisely, correctly, or without any errors
- 11 use math to solve a problem or answer a question
- 12 able to do only certain kinds of things
- 13 a small part of a whole
- 14 a group of soldiers and their weapons
- 15 flat pieces of material used to cover something

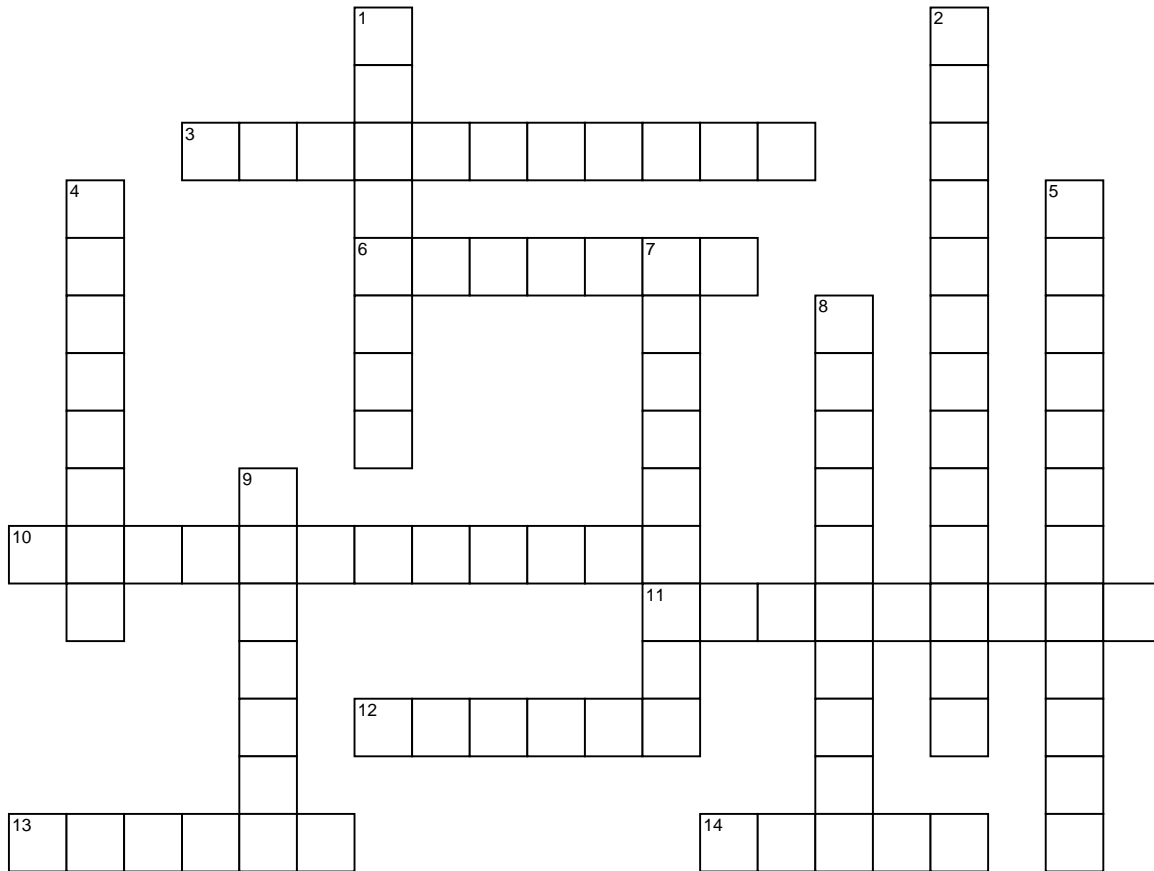
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- 2 groups of data put together in an orderly way
- 3 gave money to support the work of a person or group
- 4 named, identified, or officially accepted
- 6 rules or models used to judge or evaluate things
- 8 the process of changing and developing over time
- 10 easy to move or carry
- 11 extremely large

WORD BANK: accurately, calculate, colossal, engineers, evolution, fraction, limited, military, panels, portable, project, recognized, sponsored, standards, tables, trajectories

Henry Ford

Level 5.6, Story 2



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ACROSS

- 3 changed completely
- 6 set up or started for the first time
- 10 a measure of how much can be done in a certain amount of time
- 11 able to work well without wasting time, money, or energy
- 12 steps in a process or project
- 13 to have the money to pay for something
- 14 metal fasteners that have unpointed ends

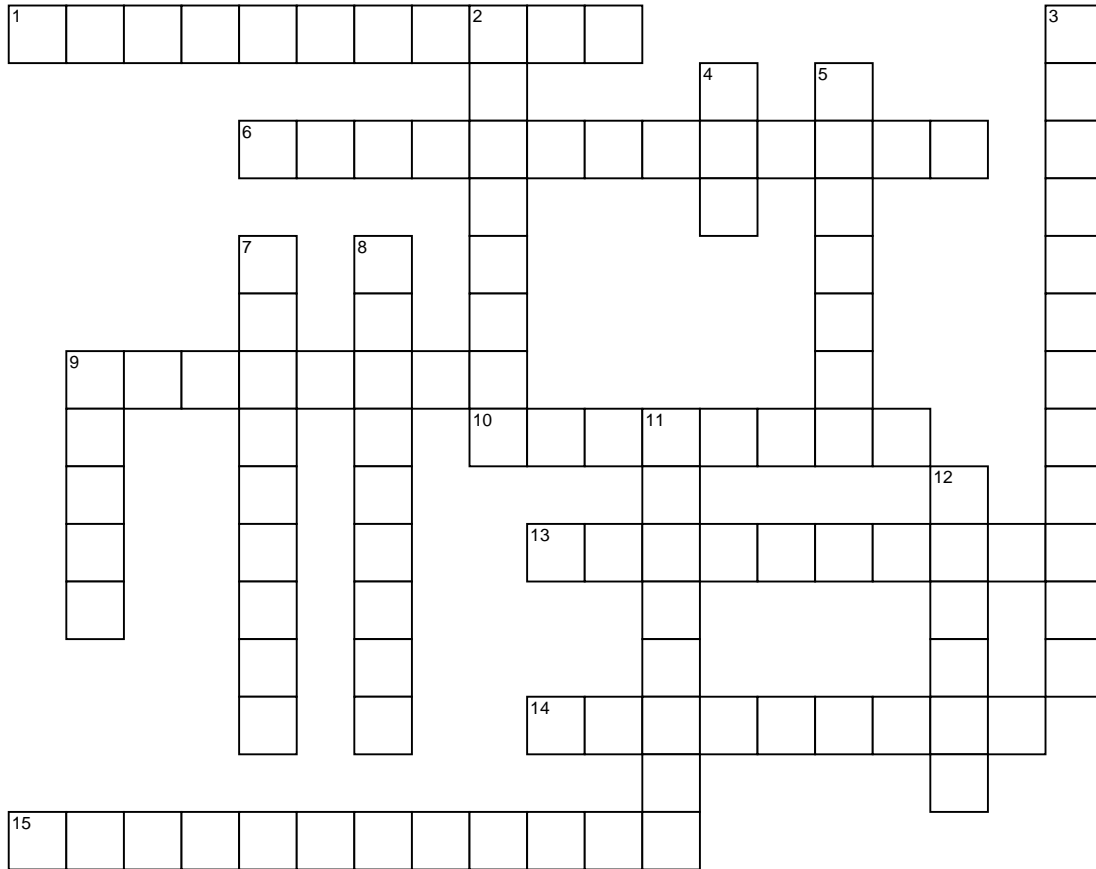
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- 1 good, positive, or helpful things
- 2 the use of machines to make things in large numbers
- 4 all the businesses that provide related services or products
- 5 carrying out or putting into action
- 7 the people who are paid to work for a person or company
- 8 more or extra
- 9 a device that reduces noise coming from a car's engine

WORD BANK: additional, afford, benefits, bolts, efficient, employees, founded, implementing, industry, manufacturing, muffler, productivity, stages, transformed

Running Down a Dream

Level 5.6, Story 3



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ACROSS

- 1 money awarded to a student to help him or her pay for school
- 6 sadly or unluckily
- 9 trying to do something
- 10 did extremely well at something
- 13 something that a person hopes to do someday
- 14 to ask someone questions about his or her life or experiences
- 15 very poor

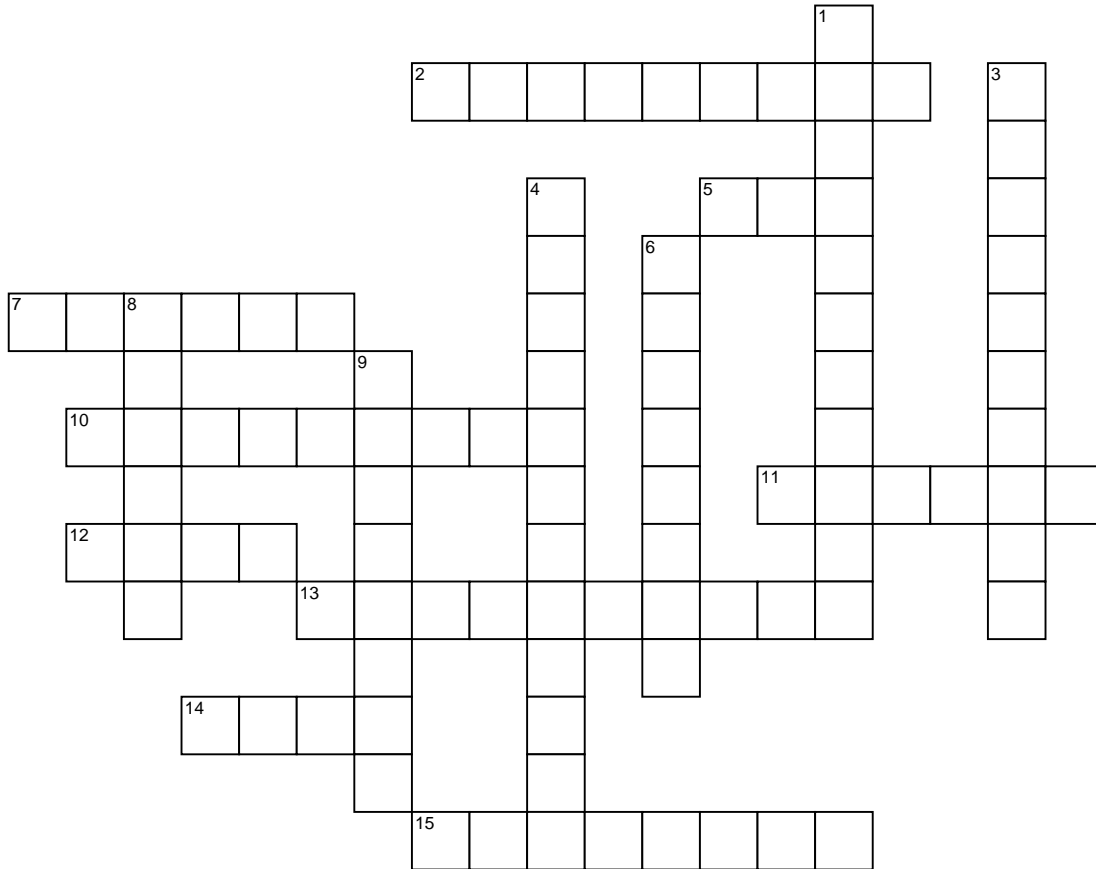
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- 2 something that is passed down from earlier generations
- 3 making others excited about doing a certain thing
- 4 one trip around a track
- 5 to make something happen after working hard at it
- 7 giving a gift, title, or honor to someone
- 8 at first
- 9 to finish first, second, or third in a contest
- 11 thought likely to happen
- 12 championships

WORD BANK: aspiration, bestowing, excelled, expected, heritage, impoverished, initially, interview, lap, motivational, place, pursuing, realize, scholarship, titles, unfortunately

Berlin Wall

Level 5.6, Story 4



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ACROSS

- 2 guarded an area by regularly checking different locations
- 5 through or using
- 7 to break through or act against a boundary or a law
- 10 all of the people in an area who do jobs
- 11 a line dividing two countries or areas
- 12 the control of a government
- 13 people who show that they are against something
- 14 a way out
- 15 actual or existing in the real world

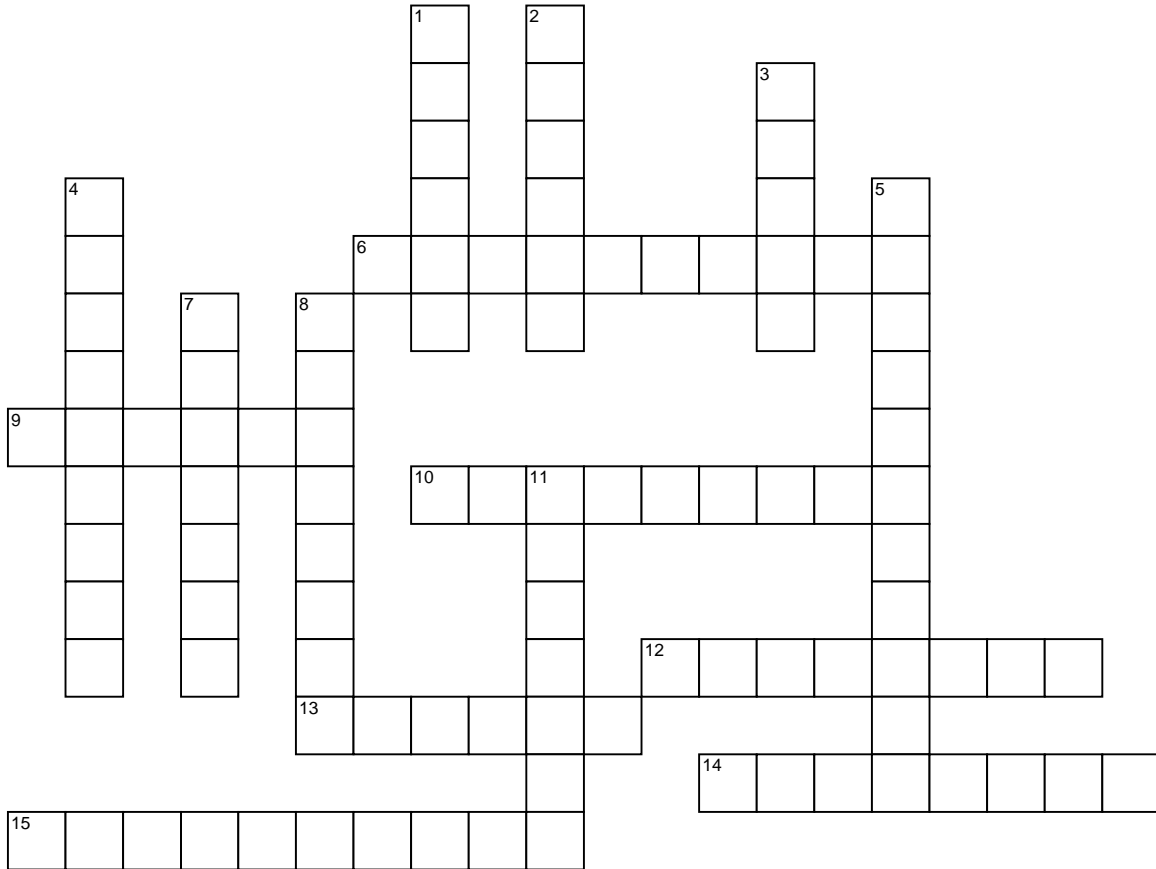
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- 1 divisions between things
- 3 in comparison to something else
- 4 as a result of something
- 6 small parts or pieces that are left over after the main part is gone
- 8 a large number of people leaving an area
- 9 a strong, hard building material made from sand, gravel, cement, and water

WORD BANK: border, breach, concrete, consequently, exit, exodus, patrolled, physical, protesters, relatively, remnants, rule, separations, via, workforce

Successful Failure

Level 5.6, Story 5



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ACROSS

- 6** the air or gases that surround a planet, moon, or star
- 9** in one piece or not broken
- 10** the leader who is officially in charge of a group
- 12** the continuation of life or existence
- 13** what is left after something has been destroyed or damaged
- 14** set off upward, into the air
- 15** the act of finding a way through or across an area

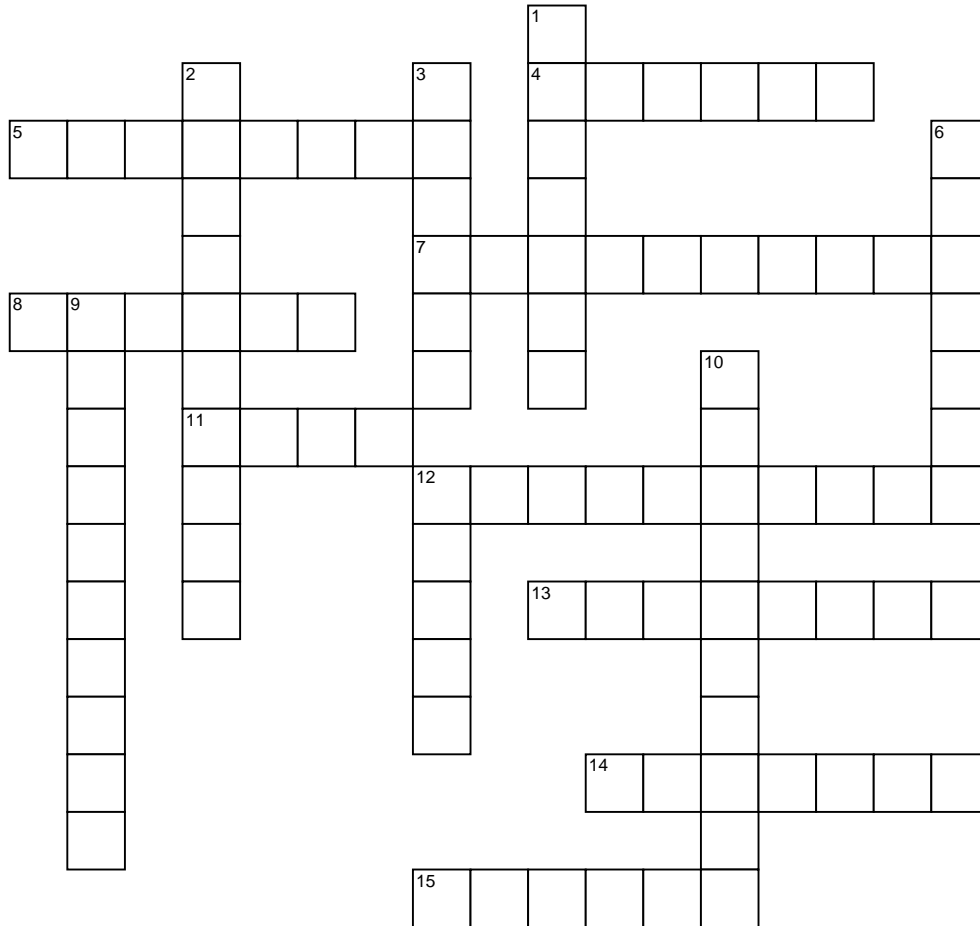
DOWN

- 1** explosions or forceful actions
- 2** belonging to the same group
- 3** a thin, hard, rectangular piece of material
- 4** the ability to be clever, creative, and skillful
- 5** a condition in which one's body does not have enough water
- 7** a force that pulls objects toward each other
- 8** planned or meant
- 11** a special job, duty, or goal

WORD BANK: atmosphere, bursts, commander, debris, dehydration, fellow, gravity, ingenuity, intact, intended, launched, mission, navigation, panel, survival

Conditions Count

Level 5.6, Story 6



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ACROSS

- 4 a rank or position compared to others
- 5 to put below the surface of the water
- 7 developing before hatching
- 8 the result of something
- 11 a short, sudden period of weather
- 12 the ways things are in a certain area
- 13 frightening
- 14 something that someone cares or worries about
- 15 repeated behaviors

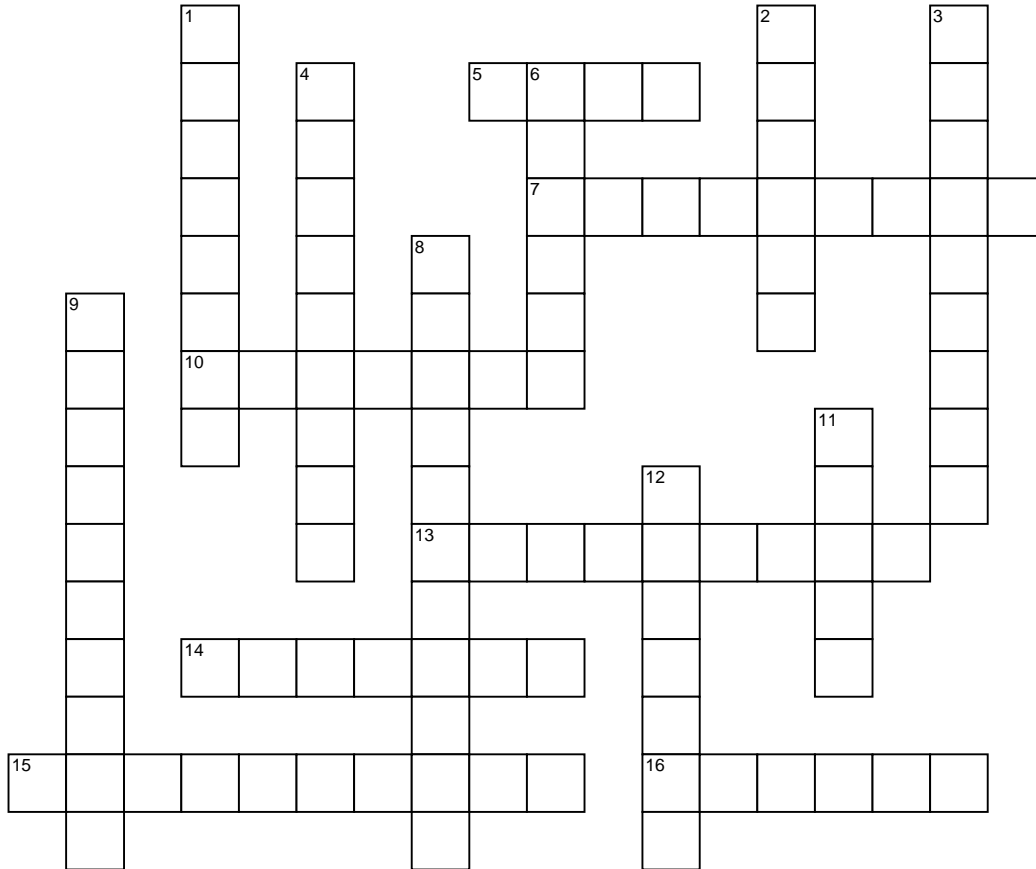
DOWN

- 1 parts or features of something
- 2 an idea or general sense a person has about something
- 3 a large place or area of land
- 6 units to measure how hot or cold something is
- 9 a scale used to measure temperature
- 10 controls or decides something
- 12 to matter or to be important

WORD BANK: aspects, concern, conditions, count, degrees, determines, effect, Fahrenheit, fearsome, habits, impression, incubating, region, snap, status, submerge

The Sweet Beet

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ACROSS

- 5 food for farm animals
- 7 prepared or changed by being put through a set of steps
- 10 to get something out of a substance by means of a chemical process
- 13 the wrapping or container used for selling a product
- 14 fully develops
- 15 one of the things a mixture is made of
- 16 a person, thing, or place that something comes from

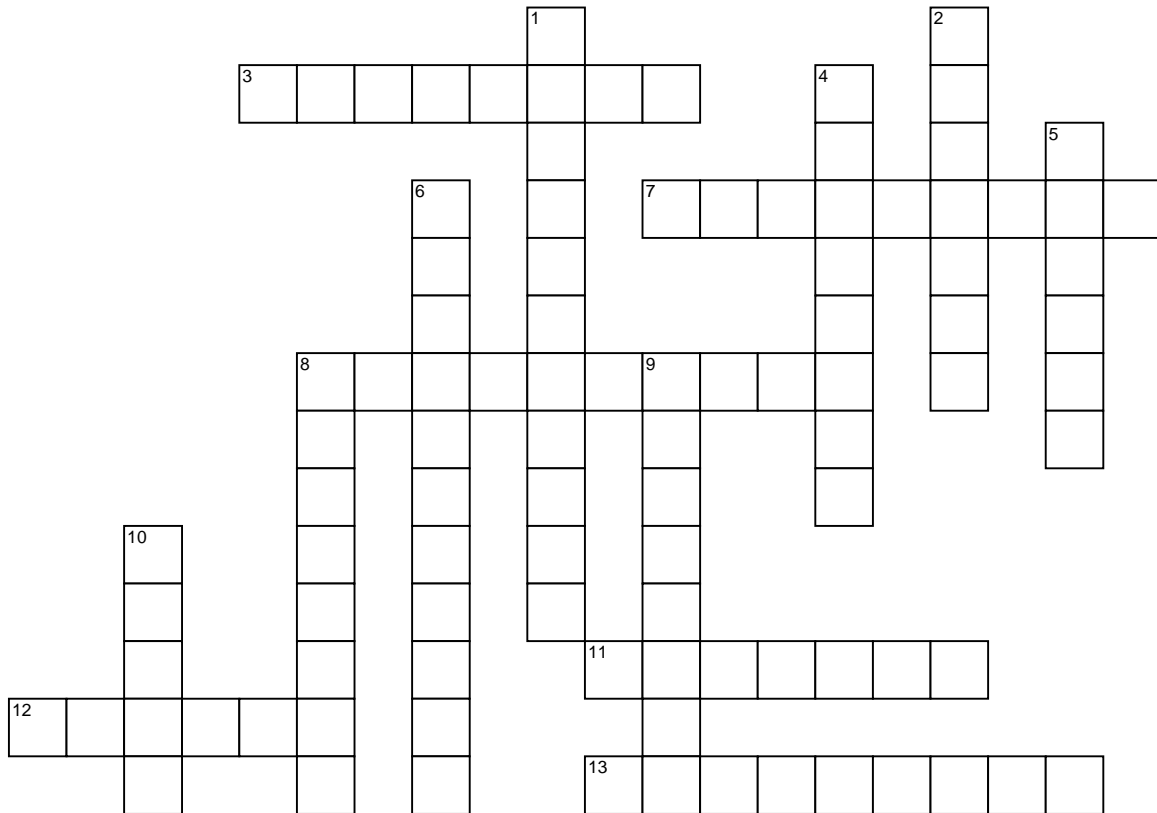
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- 1 made or created
- 2 things with words or symbols that tell what something is
- 3 animals that are raised on a farm
- 4 beauty products
- 6 to think something will happen
- 8 moved something from one place to another
- 9 the ways things are in a certain area
- 11 pulls or jerks
- 12 to gather or pick things, usually crops

WORD BANK: conditions, cosmetics, expect, extract, feed, harvest, ingredient, labels, livestock, matures, packaging, processed, produced, source, transported, yanks

Young Teddy Roosevelt

Level 5.6, Story 8



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ACROSS

- 3 movement of the body
- 7 trying to find information about something
- 8 a person who tries to get elected to a job in government
- 11 struggled against something
- 12 an illness that makes it hard to breathe
- 13 lasting for a long time or meant to last forever

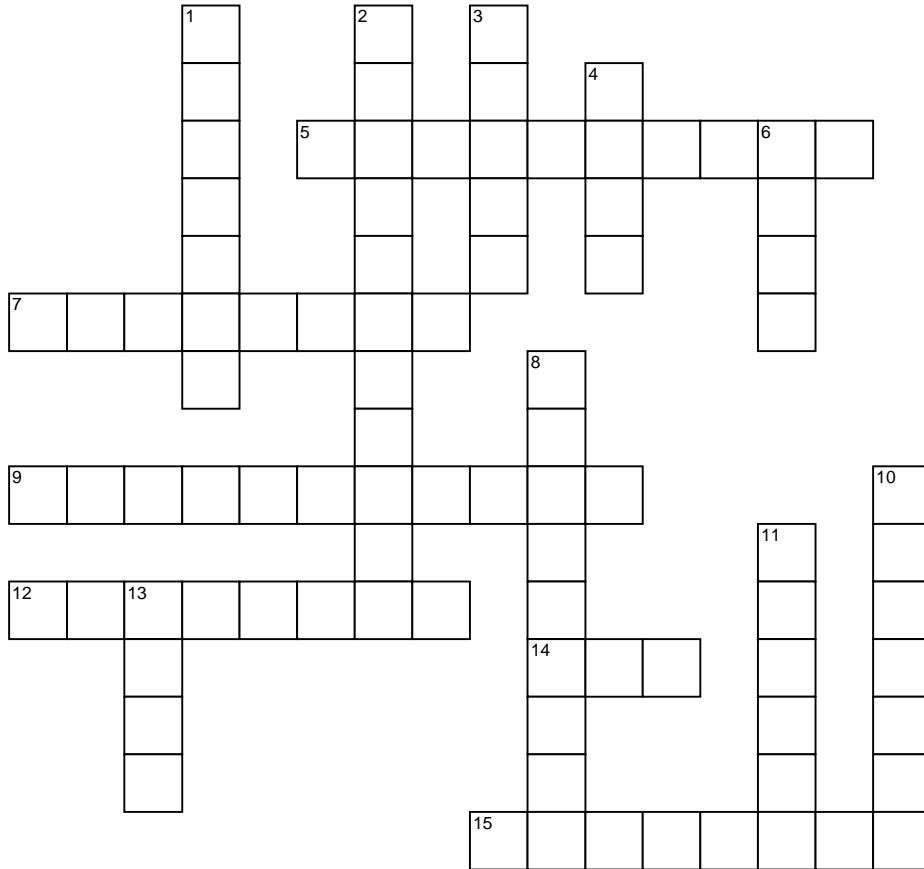
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- 1 things that can stop something from happening
- 2 energetic or lively
- 4 sicknesses that are sometimes long-lasting, but usually not deadly
- 5 the power to work
- 6 problems that bring suffering
- 8 having to do with the body
- 9 a vehicle, usually pulled by horses
- 10 periods of time during which a person struggles with something

WORD BANK: afflictions, ailments, asthma, battled, bouts, carriage, energy, exercise, exploring, limitations, permanent, physical, politician, vibrant

The Frisbee

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ACROSS

- 5 the ability to think of new and interesting ideas
- 7 to declare or make known
- 9 noted by law as belonging to a business or person
- 12 demonstrations or shows of skill
- 14 an area from which a player makes a beginning move
- 15 made something available or started selling something to the public

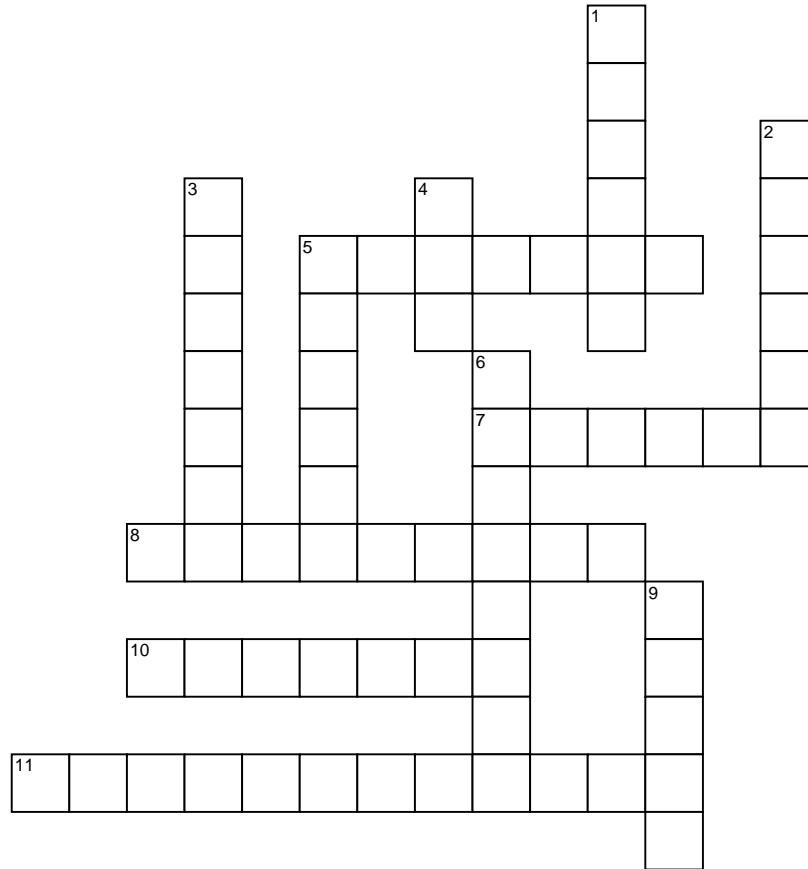
DOWN

- 1 something that is a little different from other things of the same kind
- 2 to take part in, join, or get involved in something
- 3 the place where the stars and the planets are
- 4 any object that is thin, flat, and round
- 6 a word or group of words that have a special meaning
- 8 an event where players can create their own movements
- 10 having to do with something else
- 11 brand names that companies give to their products
- 13 objects in the sky that people cannot explain or identify

WORD BANK: announce, creativity, disc, freestyle, labels, participate, related, released, routines, space, tee, term, trademarked, UFOs, version

The Star-Spangled Banner

Level 5.6, Story 10



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ACROSS

- 5 stepped onto a ship, plane, bus, or train
- 7 a song honoring or praising something
- 8 gave too much praise to something
- 10 a special job, duty, or goal
- 11 however or even so

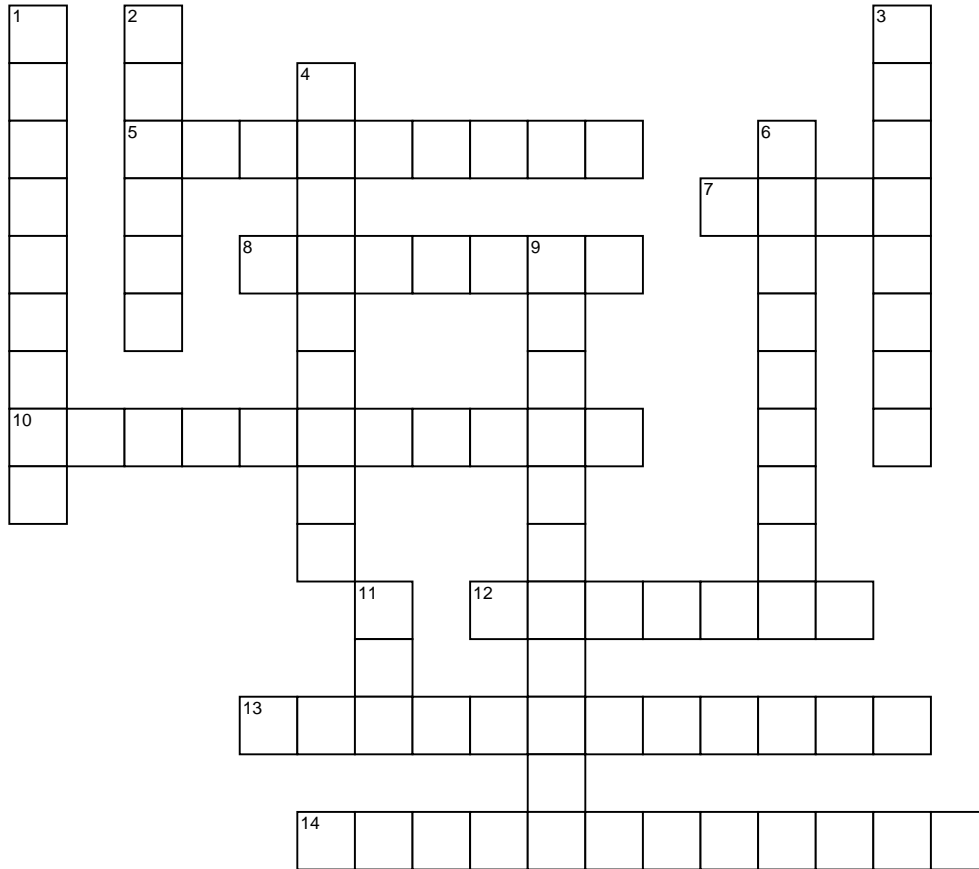
DOWN

- 1 groups of people organized for a purpose or goal
- 2 to tell about
- 3 to succeed
- 4 a body of ocean or lake water that has land around all but one side
- 5 a flag
- 6 having to do with a country or nation
- 9 a part of a song or poem that is made up of several lines

WORD BANK: anthem, banner, bay, boarded, forces, glorified, inform, mission, national, nevertheless, prevail, verse

The Birth of Television

Level 5.6, Story 11



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ACROSS

- 5** a machine that sends messages over wires or radios by a group of electrical signals
- 7** see, look at, or watch
- 8** what is true or actually happening
- 10** clear or easy to see through
- 12** newness
- 13** sending from one place to another
- 14** sending out a radio or television program for people to hear or see

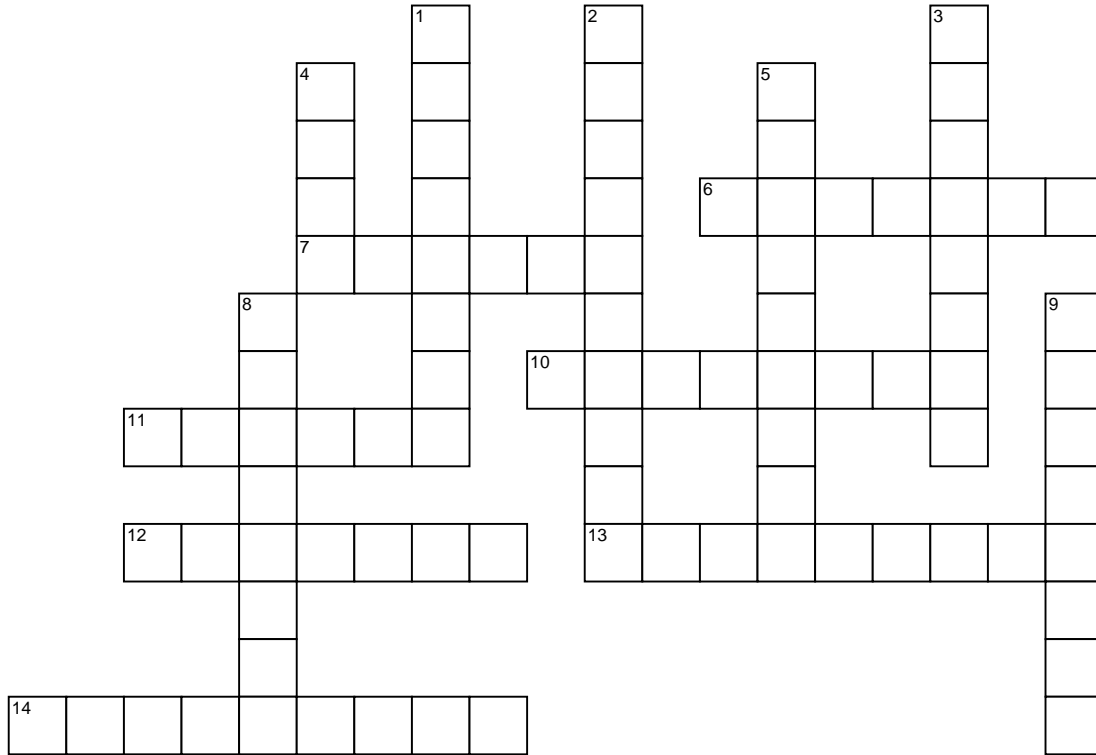
DOWN

- 1** attention or notice from the public
- 2** a selection or choice
- 3** groups of radio or television stations that broadcast together
- 4** became bigger, more advanced, more mature, or more complex
- 6** the most important or interesting part of an event or show
- 9** changed the looks, condition, or nature of something
- 11** a certain period of time with qualities that make it different from other periods

WORD BANK: broadcasting, developed, era, highlight, networks, novelty, option, publicity, reality, telegraph, transformed, transmitting, transparent, view

Automotive Perfection

Level 5.6, Story 12



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ACROSS

- 6 from a different country
- 7 to make certain
- 10 a person's state of mind or feelings about something
- 11 thought highly of something
- 12 how good something is
- 13 something that does not fit in with other things
- 14 made to think highly of something

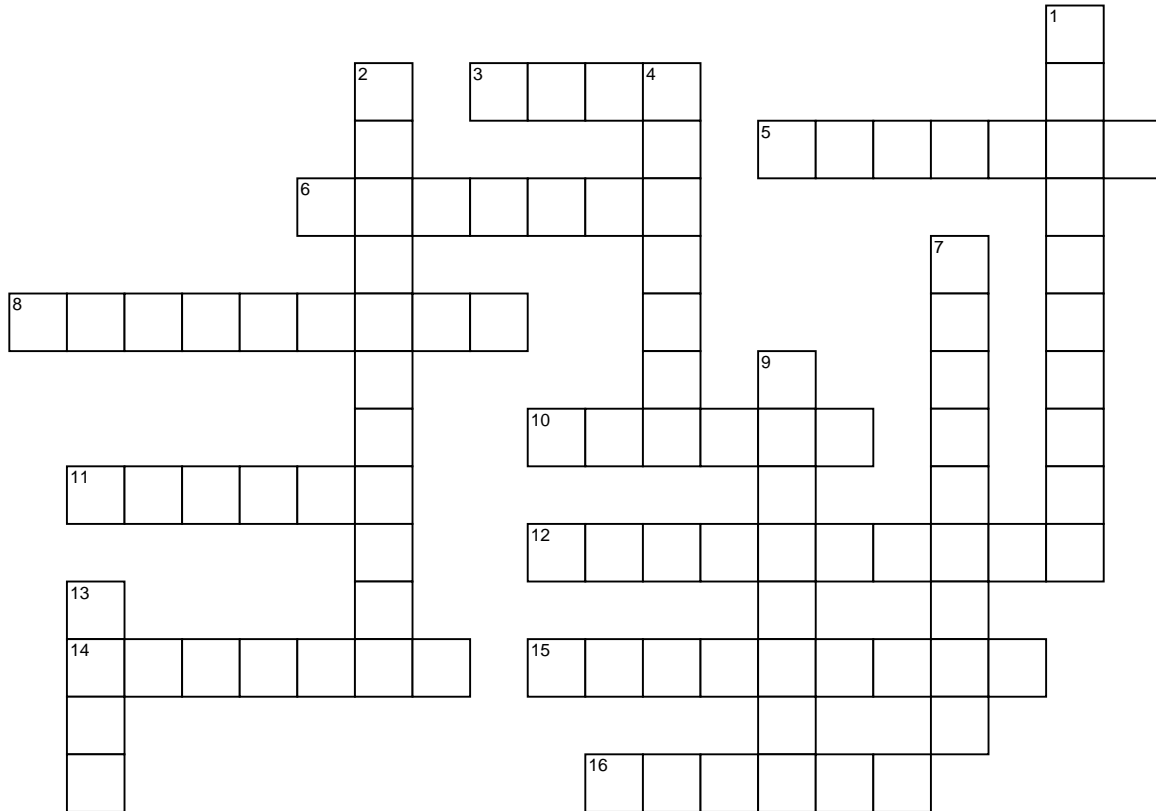
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- 1 made small changes to something so that it would work better or fit better
- 2 a person who is learning a job from a skilled master
- 3 strongly demanded
- 4 a group of similar products from the same company
- 5 one of the first examples of a product
- 8 able to be trusted or depended upon
- 9 a person who is skilled in planning and designing things

WORD BANK: adjusted, apprentice, attitude, engineer, ensure, exception, foreign, impressed, insisted, line, prototype, quality, reliable, valued

More Than a Traditional Meal

Level 5.6, Story 13



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ACROSS

- 3 the dry leaves that cover an ear of corn
- 5 able to produce offspring, seeds, fruit, or crops
- 6 a large, shallow dish for serving food
- 8 possible
- 10 the part of the corn plant that releases pollen
- 11 to hold back from doing something
- 12 started or came to be
- 14 usual, ordinary, or typical
- 15 having many uses
- 16 to spread or branch out from something else

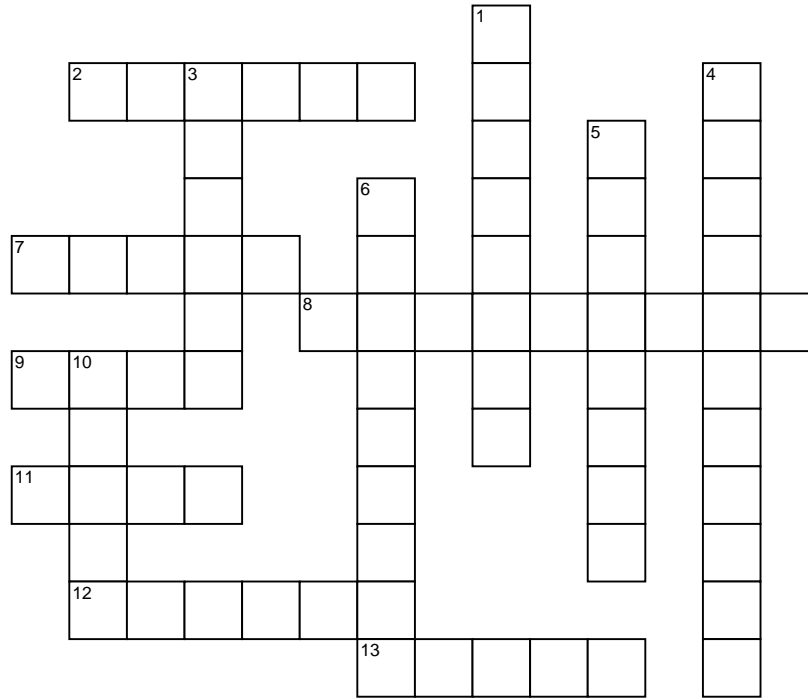
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- 1 fertilized with pollen
- 2 helping new plants grow from seeds or other plant parts
- 4 the seeds under the husks of corn
- 7 the main stem of a corn plant
- 9 easily broken or damaged
- 13 the parts of some grain plants where the flower grows and develops into grain

WORD BANK: average, cornstalk, cultivating, delicate, ears, extend, fertile, husk, kernels, originated, platter, pollinated, potential, resist, tassel, versatile

Stonehenge

Level 5.6, Story 14



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ACROSS

- 2 periods of time in a long process
- 7 circles that are open in the middle
- 8 coming from stories or legends
- 9 curved lines that have the shape of part of a circle
- 11 the place or location of something
- 12 a place of worship
- 13 a long, narrow hole in the ground

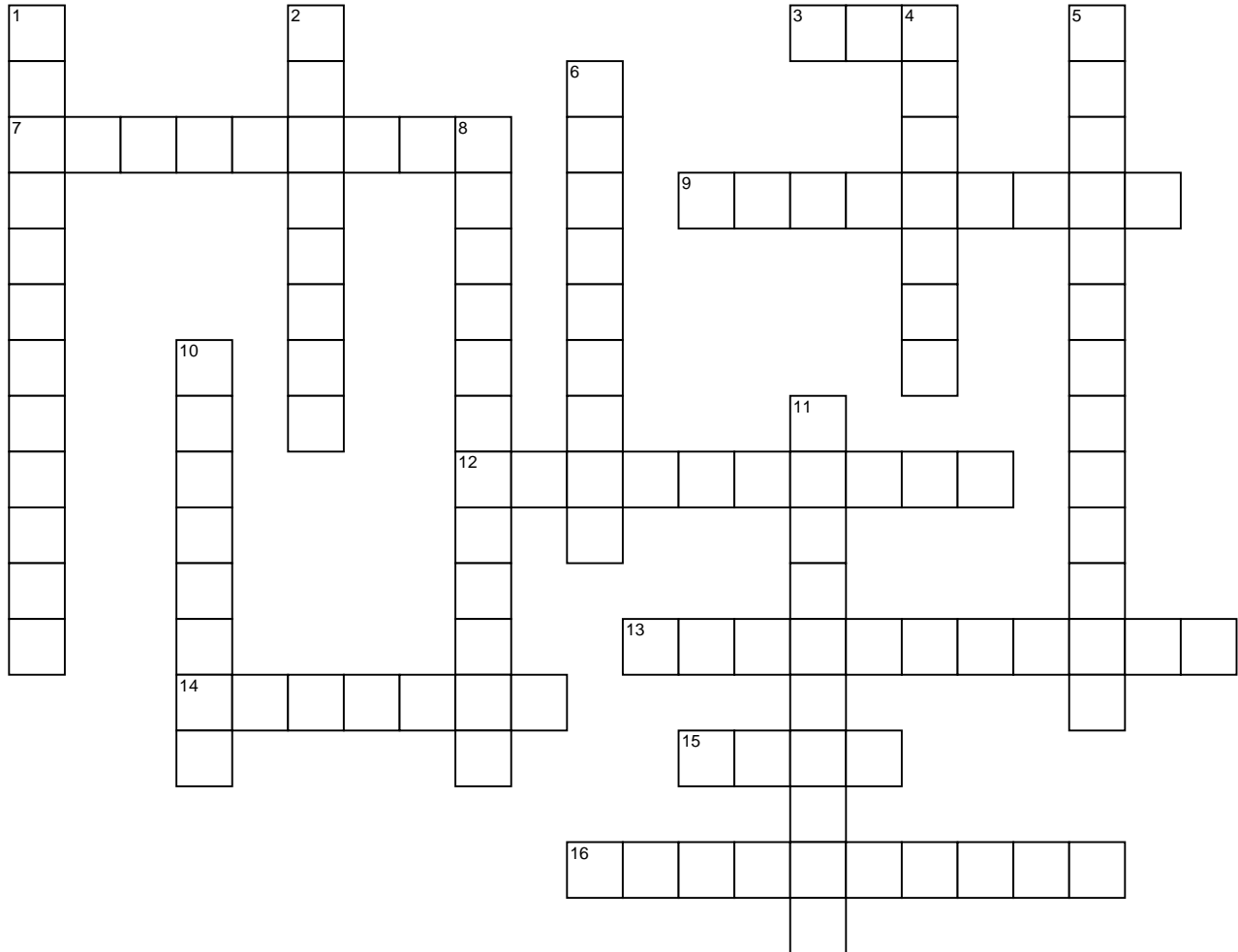
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- 1 a structure that has become historically important
- 3 lines up
- 4 took part in something in order to achieve a goal
- 5 thought seriously about something
- 6 offered a possible explanation after careful observation and thought
- 10 the parts that are left after something has been destroyed

WORD BANK: aligns, arcs, contributed, ditch, legendary, monument, pondered, rings, ruins, shrine, site, stages, theorized

The Four-Minute Mile

Level 5.6, Story 15



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ACROSS

- 3 a prefix that means under or less than
- 7 completely certain of something
- 9 the ability to do something for a long time
- 12 in every part of something
- 13 human beings
- 14 a planned system of diet, exercise, behavior, or study in order to reach a goal
- 15 an act that takes strength, skill, or courage to do
- 16 completely

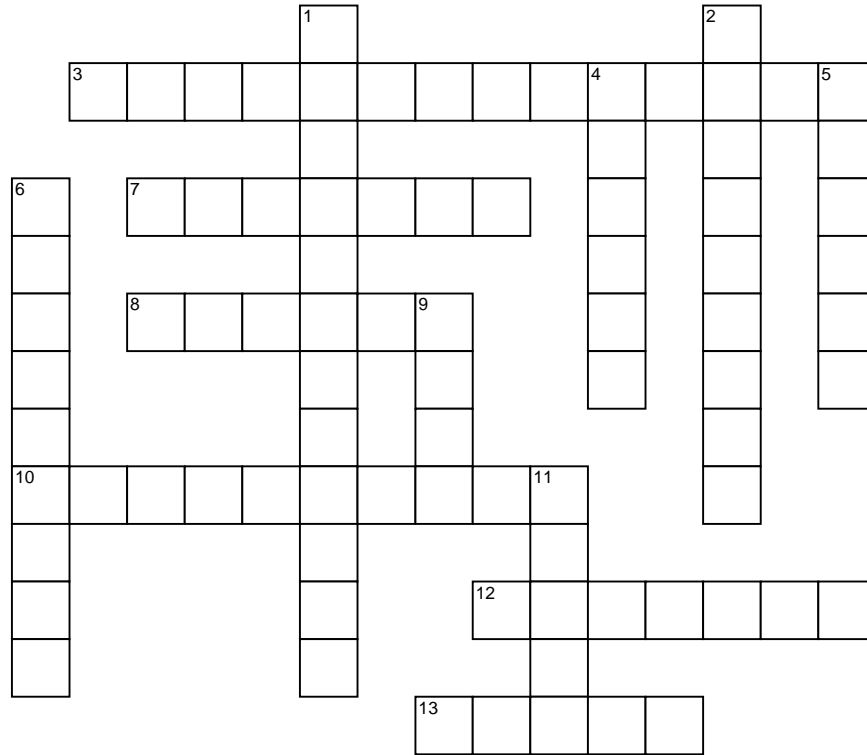
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- 1 succeeded in doing something
- 2 to judge, believe, or think
- 4 an obstacle or something that stands in the way of something else
- 5 having to do with the mind and feelings
- 6 people who trust in an idea
- 8 showed or proved by facts, actions, or feelings
- 10 people who do not believe something is true or possible
- 11 in a way that has to do with the body

WORD BANK: absolutely, accomplished, barrier, believers, consider, convinced, demonstrated, doubters, endurance, feat, individuals, physically, psychological, regimen, sub, throughout

Meteorite!

Level 5.6, Story 16



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ACROSS

- 3** a trait, part, or special feature that makes up what a person or thing is like
- 7** entered by force
- 8** a big, hollow area in rock
- 10** the air or gases that surround a planet, moon, or star
- 12** flattened
- 13** to adjust, vary, or change

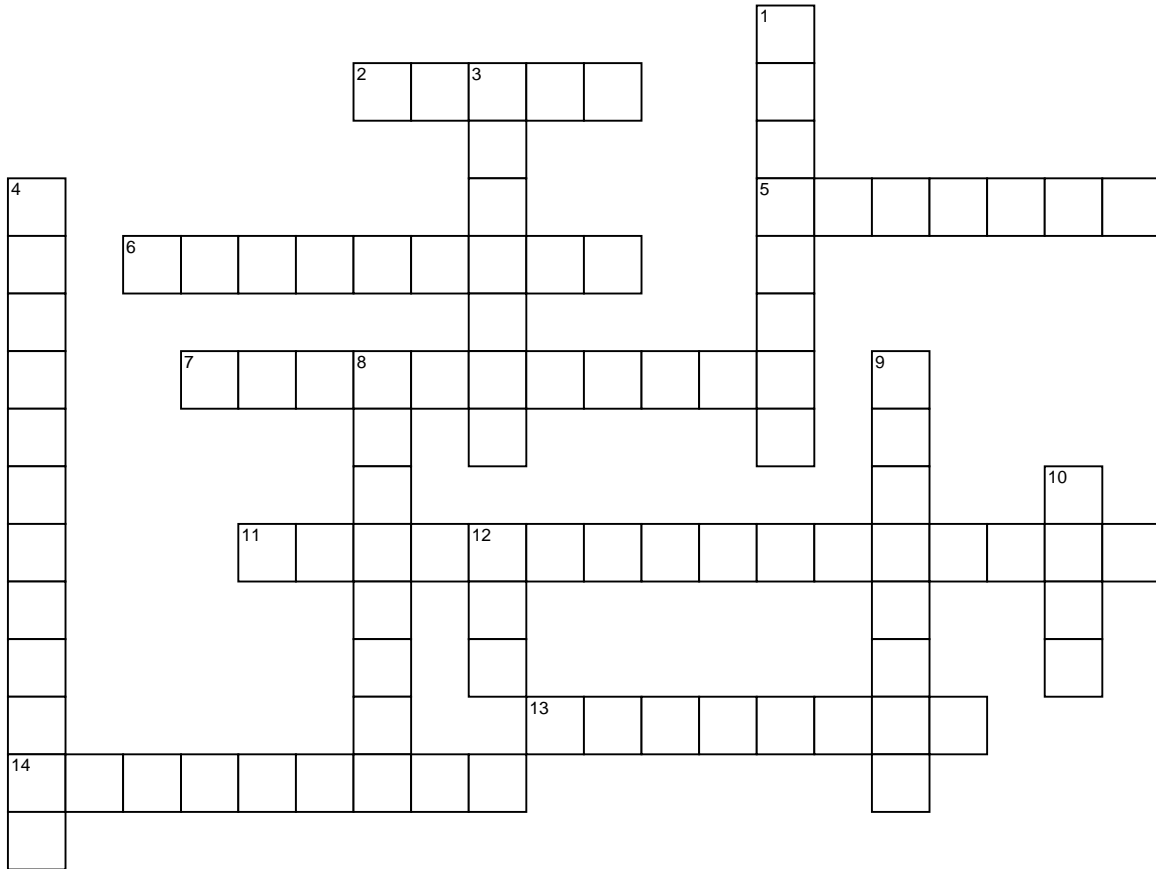
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- 1** causing great damage or loss
- 2** special care or interest
- 4** the act of one thing hitting or crashing into another
- 5** the path that something moves along
- 6** made a guess about number, size, or value after careful thinking
- 9** not often seen, heard, or happening
- 11** something that takes place

WORD BANK: alter, atmosphere, attention, catastrophic, characteristic, course, crater, estimated, event, impact, invaded, leveled, rare

The Race From Coast to Coast

Level 5.6, Story 17



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ACROSS

- 2 a person whose job is to keep track of documents in an office or court
- 5 an area of ground or land
- 6 the courage to face trouble
- 7 hard to do
- 11 going from one end of a continent to the other
- 13 stopped taking part in something
- 14 the ability to do something for a long time

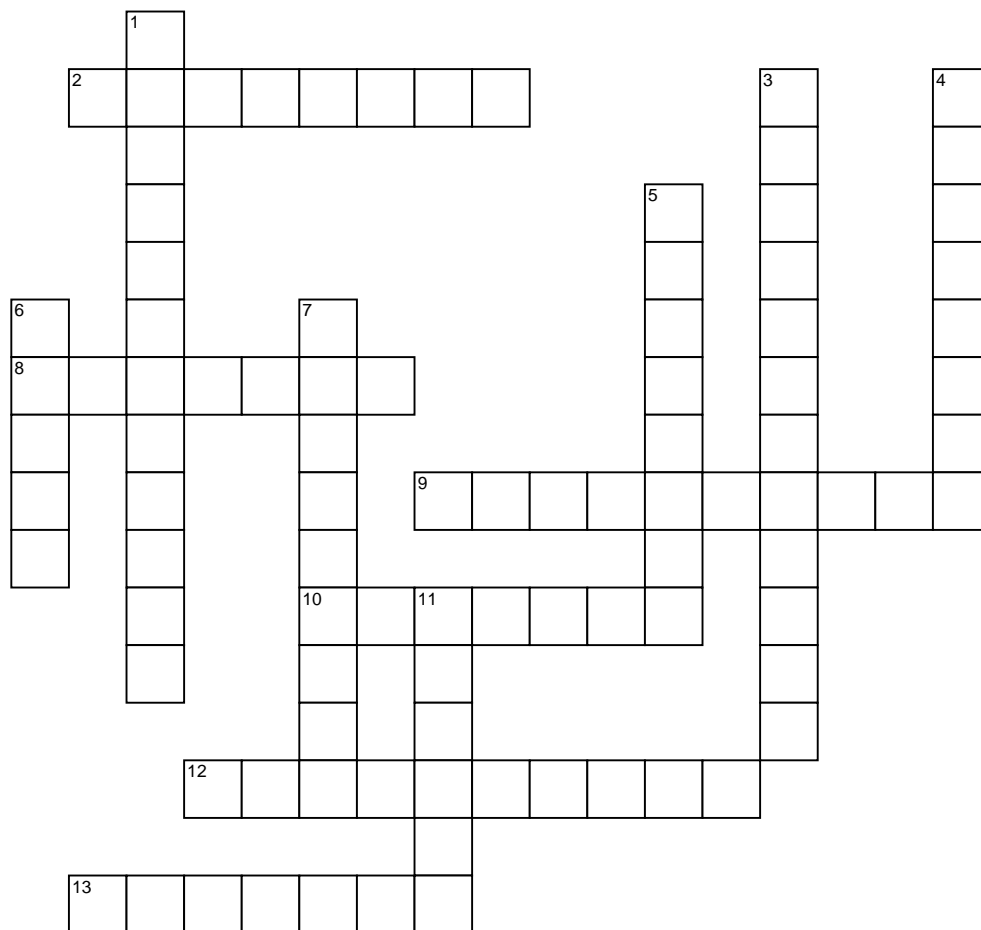
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- 1 an agreement to borrow money from a bank in order to buy property
- 3 suffered through or put up with something
- 4 took part in an activity
- 8 the place where something is
- 9 was greater than or went beyond
- 10 how fast a person or thing is moving
- 12 established or already decided

WORD BANK: challenging, clerk, endurance, endured, exceeded, fortitude, location, mortgage, pace, participated, set, terrain, transcontinental, withdrew

Northern Lights

Level 5.6, Story 18



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ACROSS

- 2** is made up of
- 8** bright, sometimes colorful, displays in the night sky
- 9** a fact, condition, or happening that people can see or feel
- 10** to smash together with force
- 12** difficult to explain or understand
- 13** released, given off, or sent out

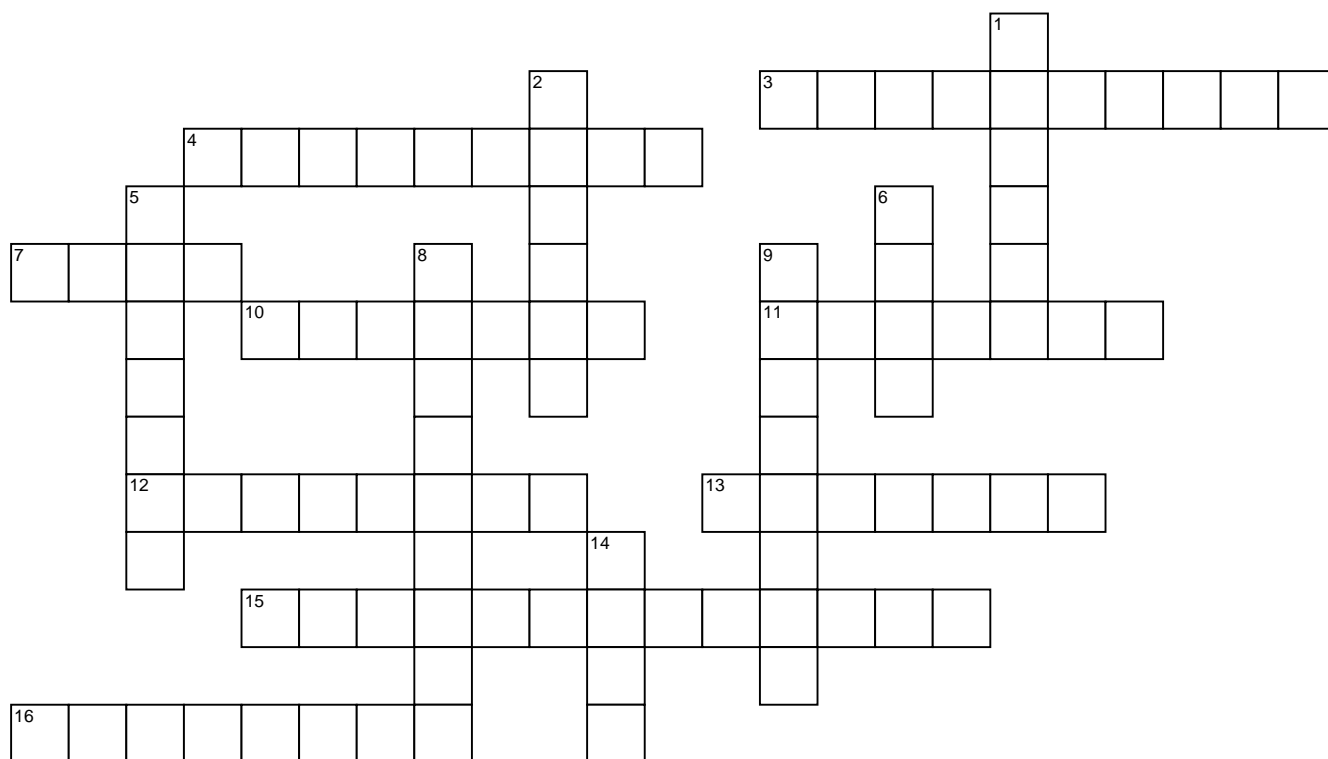
DOWN

- 1** furthest to the north
- 3** as a result of something
- 4** a colorless, odorless gas in the air
- 5** the stories, beliefs, and traditions of a group of people
- 6** forms of matter that are not liquids or solids
- 7** small pieces or amounts of things
- 11** an old story that may or may not be true

WORD BANK: auroras, collide, consequently, consists, emitted, folklore, gases, legend, mysterious, nitrogen, northernmost, particles, phenomenon

Titanic Survivor

Level 5.6, Story 19



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ACROSS

- 3 came back up to the top of something
- 4 sure or certain
- 7 the upper level of a ship or boat
- 10 came out of something or somewhere
- 11 to leave someone or something without planning to return
- 12 brought back together again
- 13 an event that causes great loss, harm, or sadness
- 15 nearly, close to, or about
- 16 tipped upside down or overturned

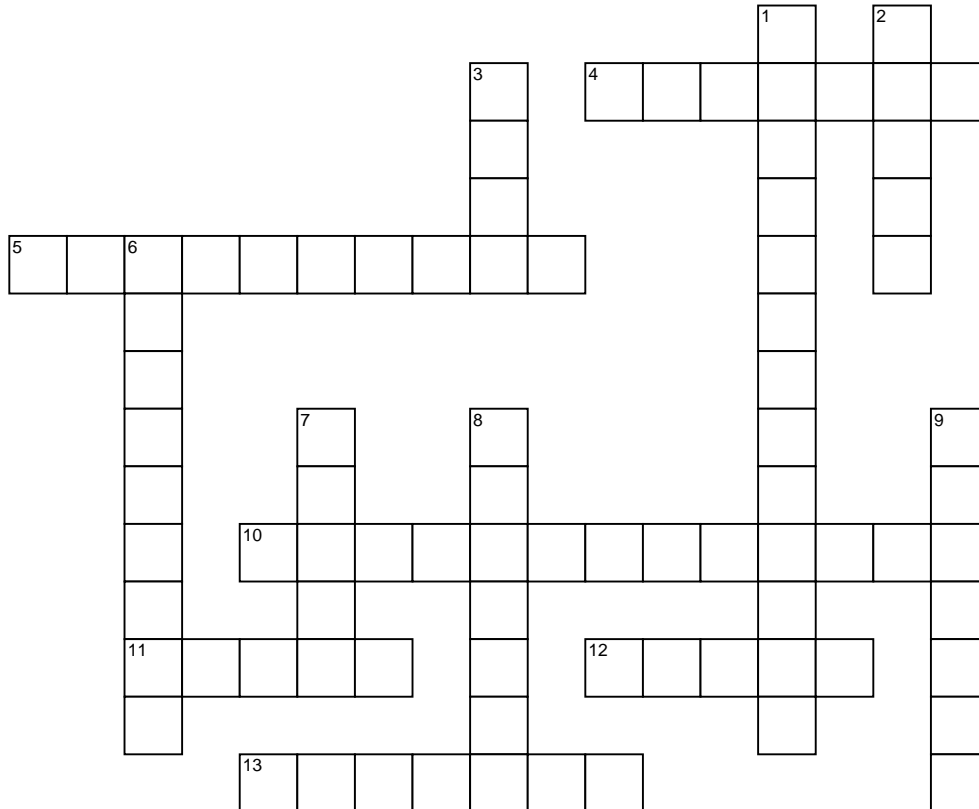
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- 1 extremely cold
- 2 a ship or large boat that travels on water
- 5 a very large piece of floating ice
- 6 to move back and forth slowly
- 8 broken into pieces, cracked, or split
- 9 most of something
- 14 to lean or tip

WORD BANK: abandon, approximately, capsized, confident, deck, emerged, fractured, frigid, iceberg, majority, resurfaced, reunited, sway, tilt, tragedy, vessel

Hammurabi's Laws

Level 5.6, Story 20



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ACROSS

- 4 claims that a person has done wrong or committed a crime
- 5 rules, beliefs, or ideas that make you behave in a particular way
- 10 groups of people that have reached advanced stages or ways of living
- 11 to be real or alive
- 12 money or things people owe to others
- 13 a medical operation in which doctors cut into the body to fix or remove a problem

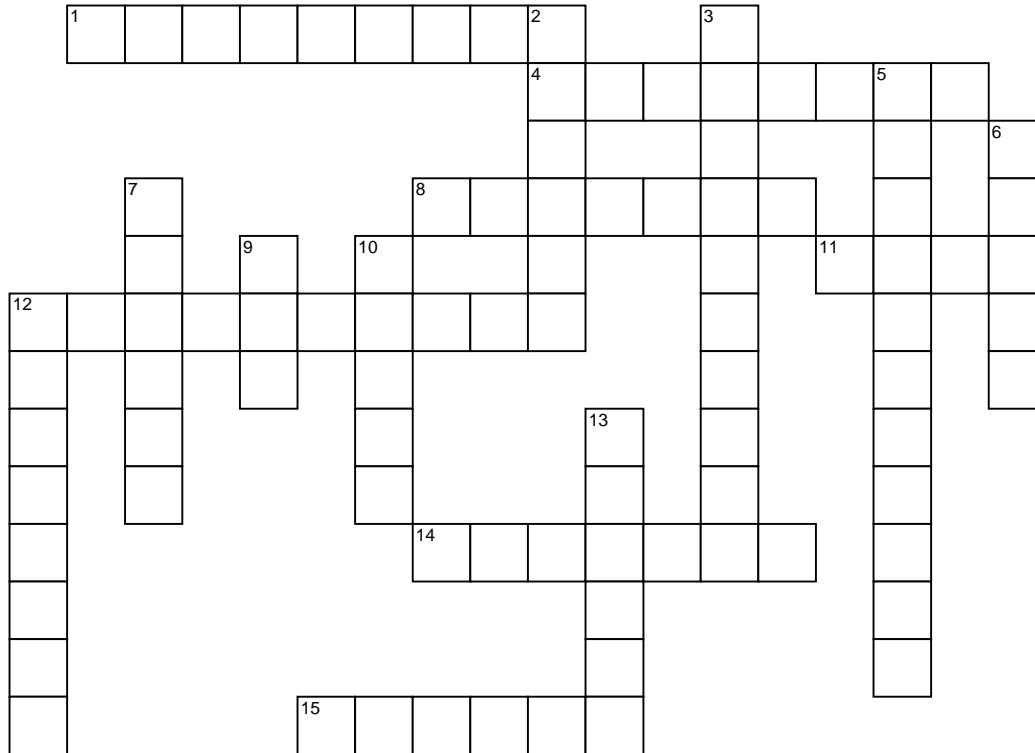
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- 1 scientists who study ancient people and things
- 2 a time as leader
- 3 a set or collection of laws
- 6 having carved or written words or designs
- 7 the parts of buildings or cities that are left after the rest has been destroyed
- 8 the beliefs, skills, arts, tools, traditions, and ways of life of a group of people
- 9 information that has been put in a place where others can see it

WORD BANK: archeologists, charges, civilizations, code, culture, debts, exist, inscribed, posting, principles, reign, ruins, surgery

Mount Vesuvius Erupts

Level 5.6, Story 21



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ACROSS

- 1 kept from being harmed, damaged, or changed
- 4 served as a burial place for something
- 8 luck or the way things end up
- 11 hot, melted rock that comes out of a volcano
- 12 causing much damage or harm
- 14 inactive or in a state of rest
- 15 the basic characteristic of a person or thing

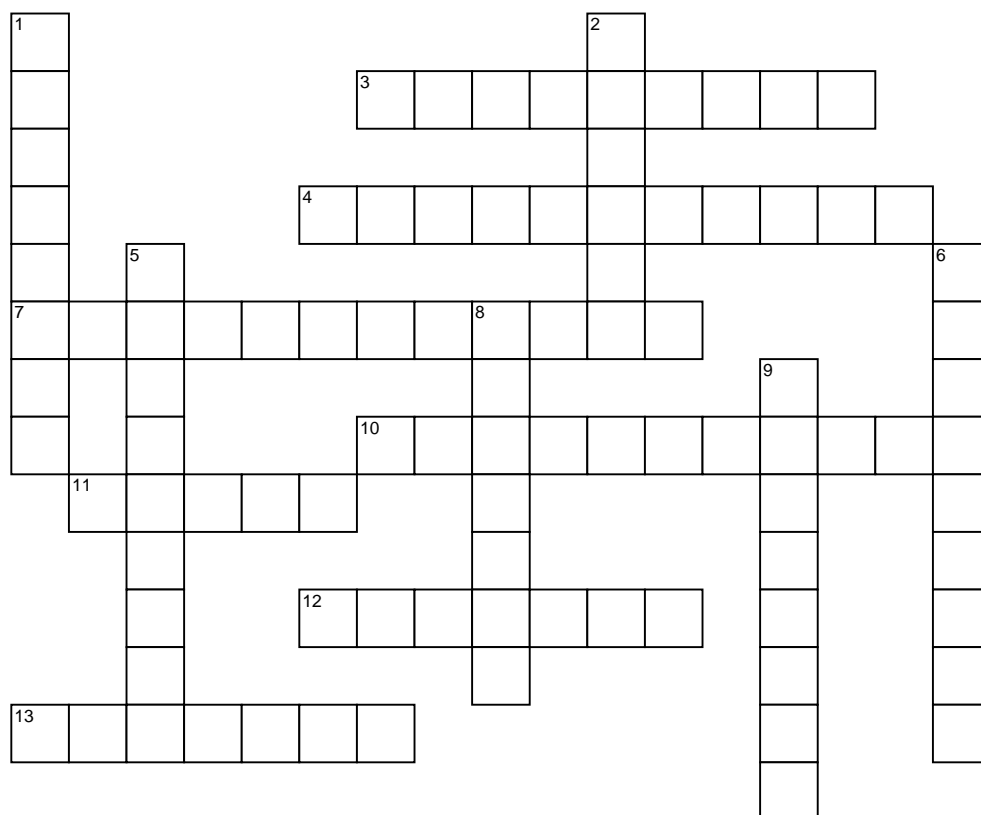
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- 2 what is left after something has been destroyed or damaged
- 3 a relationship between two or more things, ideas, or events
- 5 projects where workers dig to uncover and remove objects from underground
- 6 a step in a process or project
- 7 to leave or abandon someone or something without planning to return
- 9 gray powder left over after something has been burned
- 10 to explode or burst, shooting out fire, smoke, water, or another substance
- 12 a heavy, continuous fall of something
- 13 light volcanic rock

WORD BANK: ash, connection, debris, desert, disastrous, dormant, downpour, entombed, erupt, excavations, fortune, lava, nature, preserved, pumice, stage

Marie Curie

Level 5.6, Story 22



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ACROSS

- 3 energy that is sent out in rays or waves by certain substances
- 4 two or more people cooperating or working with each other toward a common purpose
- 7 things that get done because of skill, work, or courage
- 10 actions taken ahead of time to guard against dangers or mistakes
- 11 an area of study or a certain kind of work
- 12 a metallic element that gives off high amounts of radiation
- 13 the study of heat, sound, light, and movement

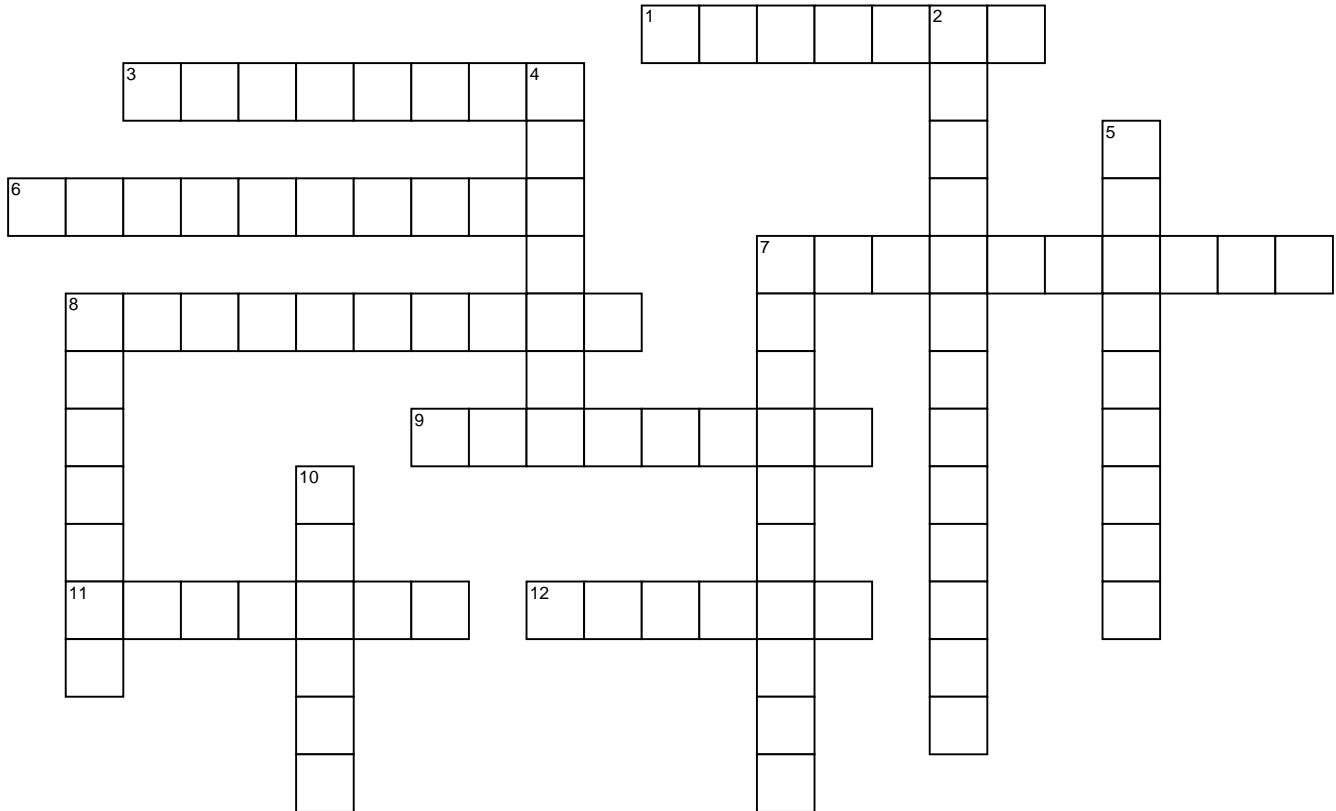
DOWN

- 1 meeting accepted guidelines or having the approval of an authority
- 2 to gain the legal right to be the only person or company that can make or sell something
- 5 the study of different substances and what happens when they are changed in some other way
- 6 a liquid, solid, or gas
- 8 a basic substance that cannot be broken down into different substances
- 9 to make something smaller or less of a problem

WORD BANK: achievements, chemistry, element, field, minimize, partnership, patent, physics, precautions, radiation, standard, substance, uranium

The Earth's Moon

Level 5.6, Story 23



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ACROSS

- 1 to make something
- 3 the way someone or something is placed compared to others
- 6 a vehicle that can travel in outer space
- 7 an image that bounces, or reflects, off of another surface
- 8 the air or gases that surround a planet, moon, or star
- 9 the way in which one thing compares to another thing
- 11 a force that pulls objects toward each other
- 12 moves in a circle or oval around something in space

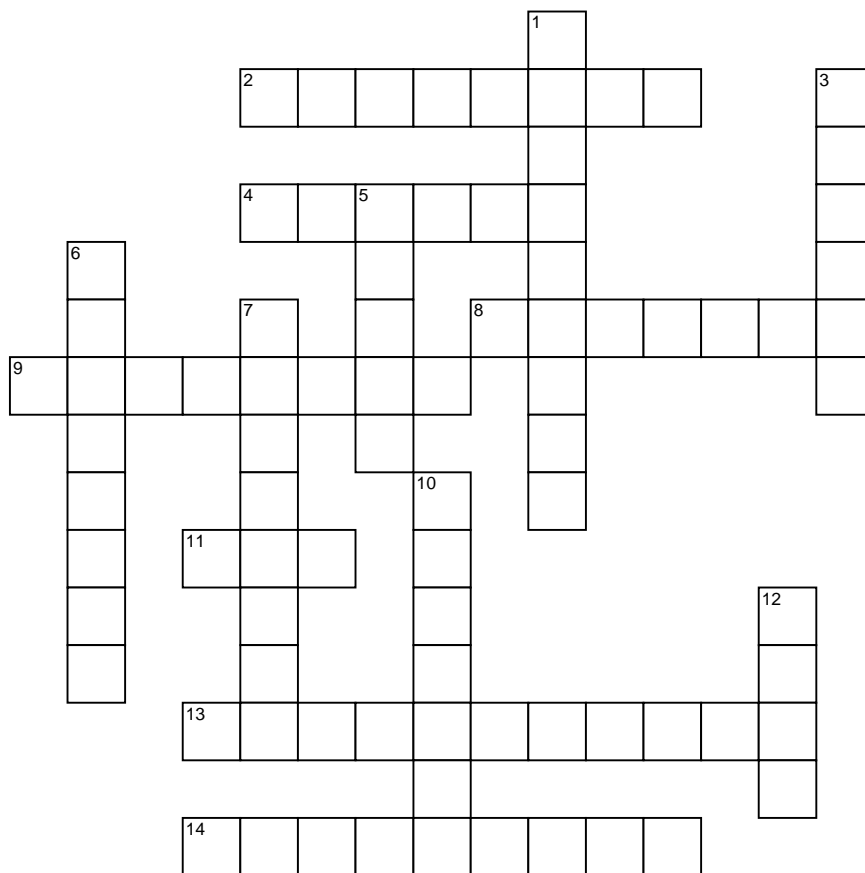
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- 2 groups of people that have reached advanced stages or ways of living
- 4 not made by people
- 5 a small moon or object that revolves around a planet
- 7 one complete path all the way around something
- 8 an amount that is found by adding a set of numbers and dividing by how many numbers are in the set
- 10 a small piece broken off or cut from a larger object

WORD BANK: atmosphere, average, civilizations, gravity, natural, orbits, position, produce, reflection, relation, revolution, satellite, sliver, spacecraft

The Hindenburg

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ACROSS

- 2 narrow, high walkways
- 4 a gas that has no color or smell and is lighter than air
- 8 very big or huge
- 9 gave or supplied
- 11 a thick, sticky liquid
- 13 actions taken ahead of time to guard against dangers or mistakes
- 14 not easily damaged or affected by something

DOWN

- 1 able to burn easily
- 3 a reddish-brown metal that turns green when exposed to air for a long time
- 5 covered the inside of something with another material
- 6 a vehicle that travels in the air
- 7 the length through the widest part of a circle
- 10 sacks that can be filled with air or other gases
- 12 the chance that something bad will happen

WORD BANK: aircraft, catwalks, copper, diameter, flammable, gasbags, gel, helium, lined, massive, precautions, provided, resistant, risk