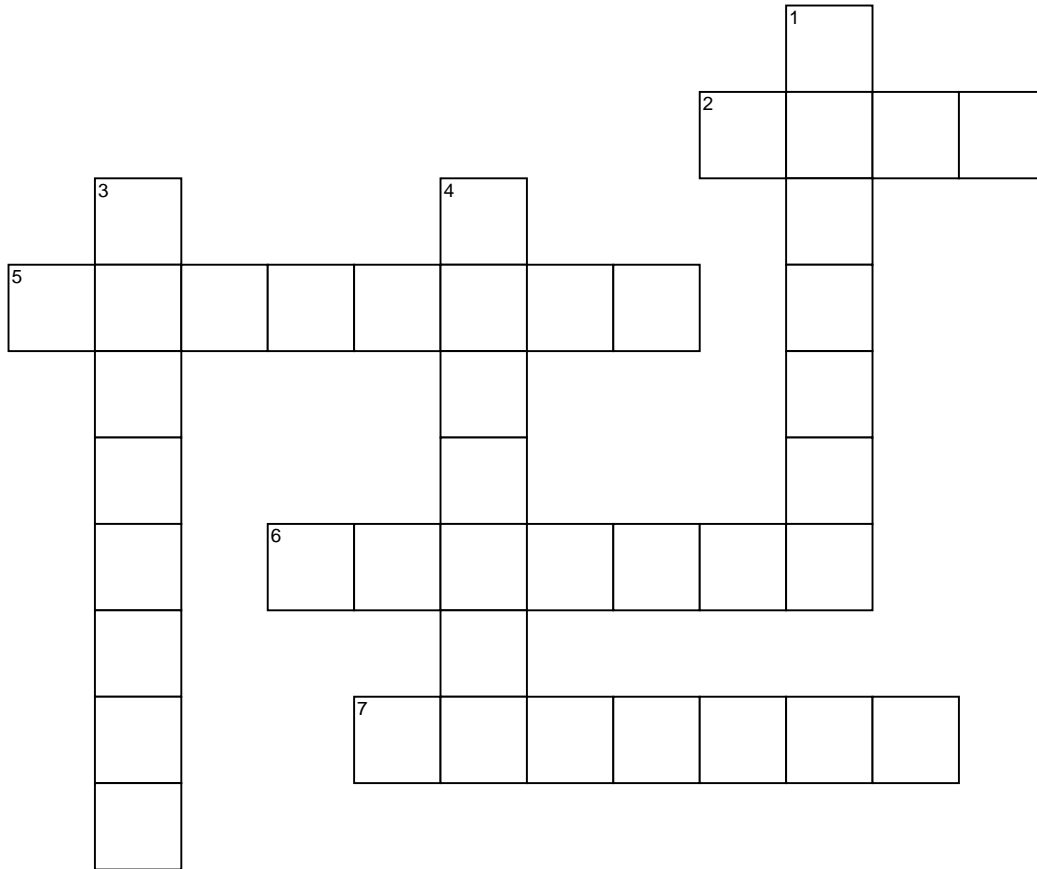


Garter Snakes

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ACROSS

- 2 to move suddenly and quickly
- 5 not likely to hurt anyone or anything
- 6 areas of low, wet land
- 7 most of the time

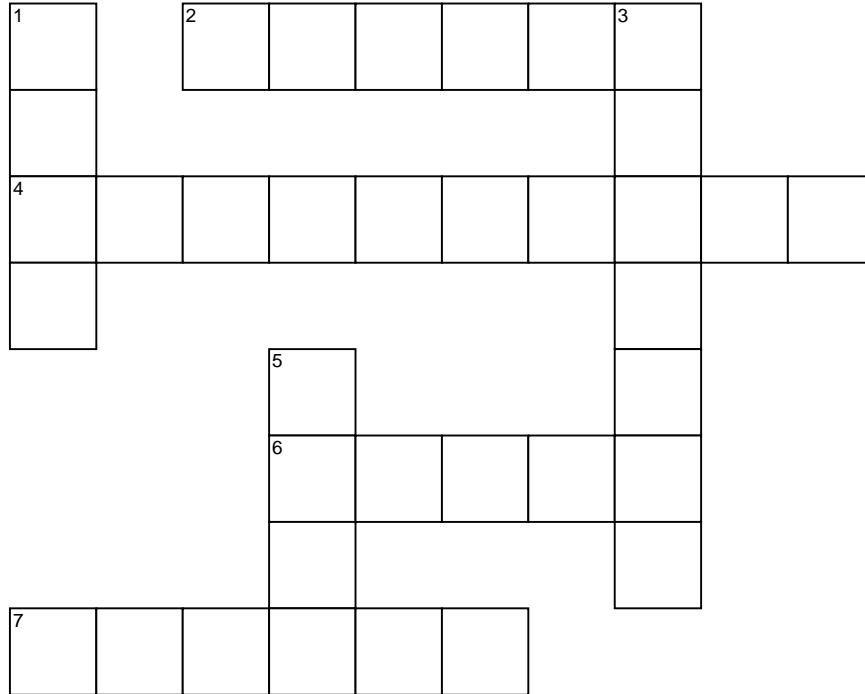
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- 1 elastic bands used to hold up stockings
- 3 colors or patterns on an animal's body
- 4 places that are very dry

WORD BANK: dart, deserts, garters, harmless, markings, marshes, usually

The Awful Shuttle Launch

Level 2.3, Story 2



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ACROSS

- 2 comes to mind again and again
- 4 people who travel in space
- 6 very bad or horrible
- 7 when something is sent upward into the air

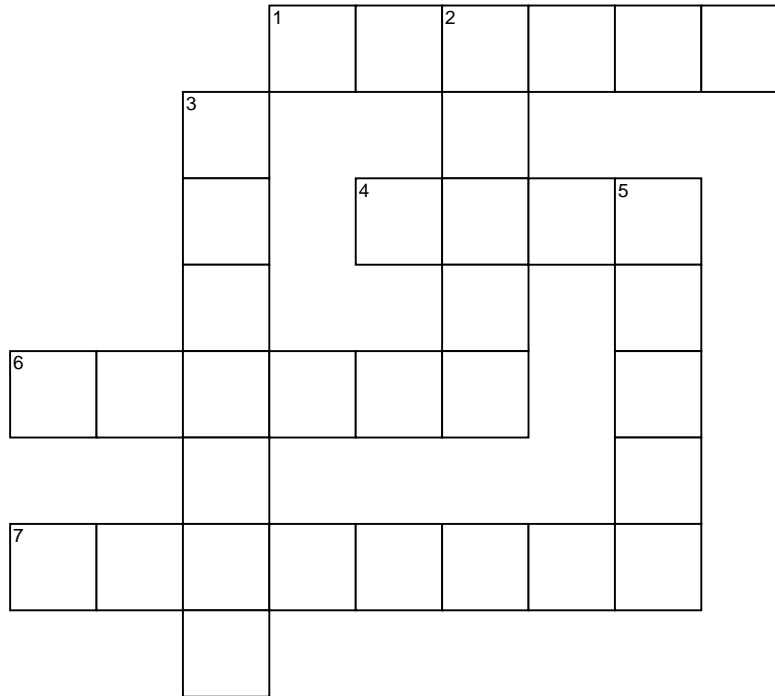
DOWN

- 1 to lose liquid or gas through a crack or hole
- 3 a vehicle that can fly into space and return to Earth
- 5 the start of the day when the sun rises

WORD BANK: astronauts, awful, dawn, haunts, launch, leak, shuttle

Aardvarks

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ACROSS

- 1 having a curved shape
- 4 damage or injury
- 6 small things people wear on chains
- 7 small insects that eat wood

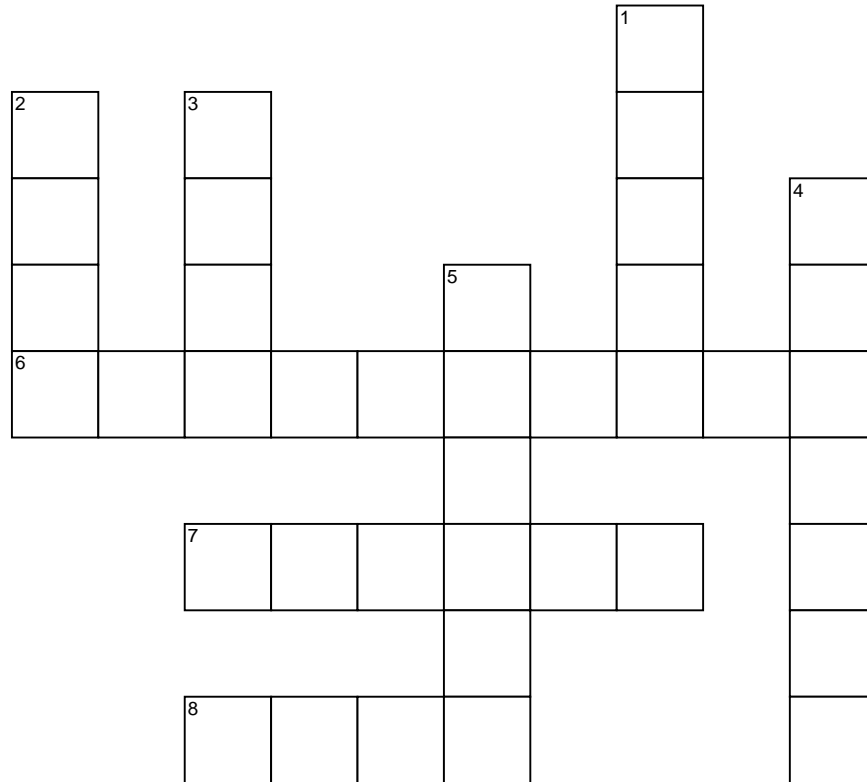
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- 2 sharp nails on the feet of some animals
- 3 very strange
- 5 leaves a spot, stain, or dent on something

WORD BANK: arched, bizarre, charms, claws, harm, marks, termites

The Mohawk

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ACROSS

- 6** long, wooden houses that many families share
- 7** long weapons with pointed ends
- 8** when there is no light because the sun went down

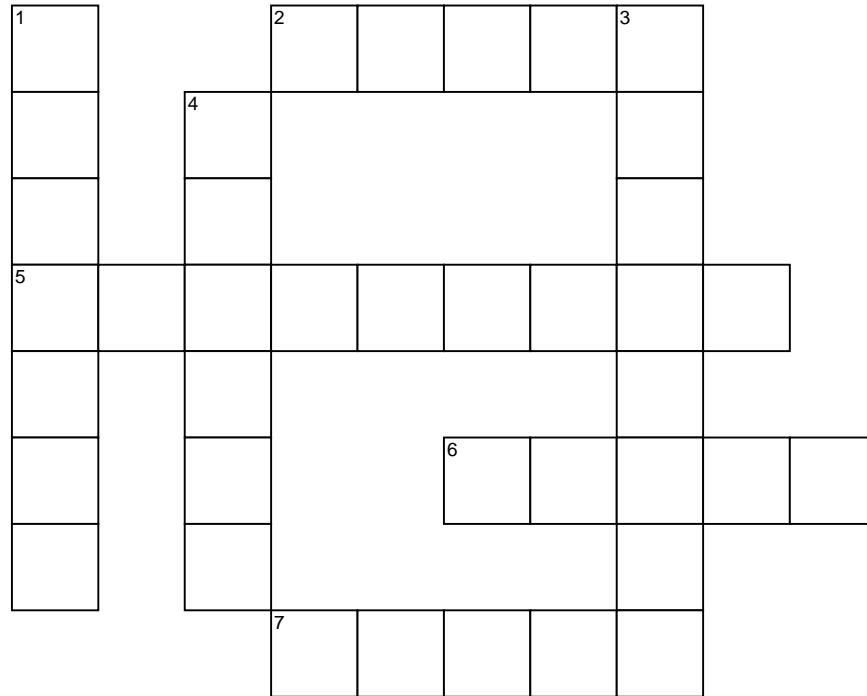
DOWN

- 1** deer that are less than one year old
- 2** the season between summer and winter
- 3** the start of the day when the sun rises
- 4** a person who goes and sees another person or place
- 5** a Native American people from northern New York and Canada

WORD BANK: dark, dawn, fall, fawns, longhouses, Mohawk, spears, visitor

Tornadoes

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ACROSS

- 2 the strength or power of something
- 5 a storm with strong wind but little or no rain
- 6 forced into something
- 7 starts to exist or take shape

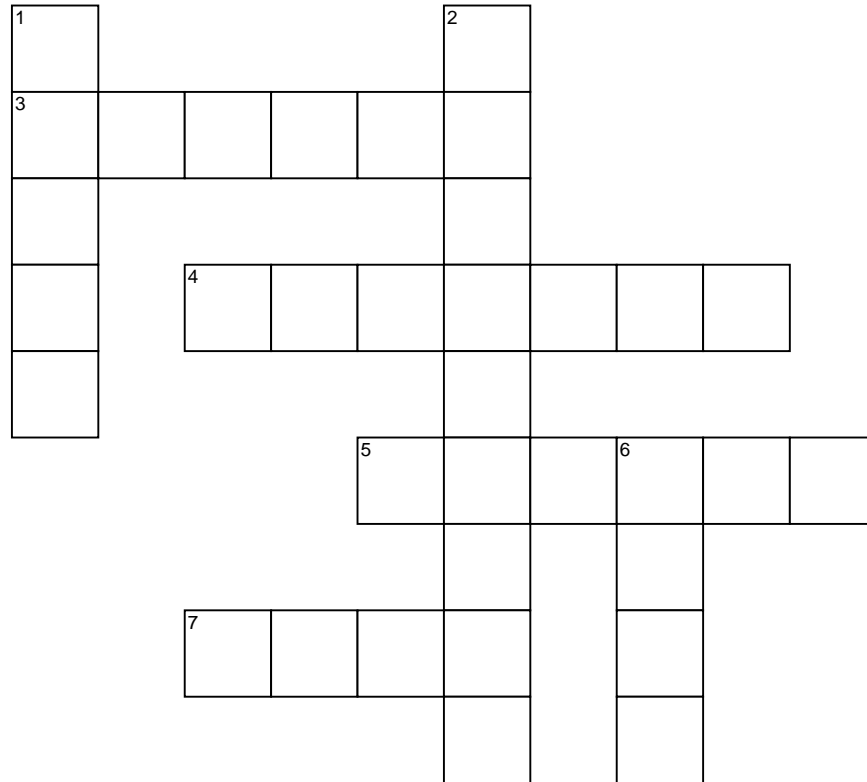
DOWN

- 1 toward the front, or in the direction that is in front
- 3 very big
- 4 a hollow shape that is wide at the top and narrow at the bottom

WORD BANK: drove, enormous, force, forms, forward, funnel, windstorm

A Terrible Oil Spill

Level 2.3, Story 6



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ACROSS

- 3 a long trip or journey
- 4 the person in charge of the ship
- 5 put a lot of effort into something difficult
- 7 a person who takes orders from the captain on a ship

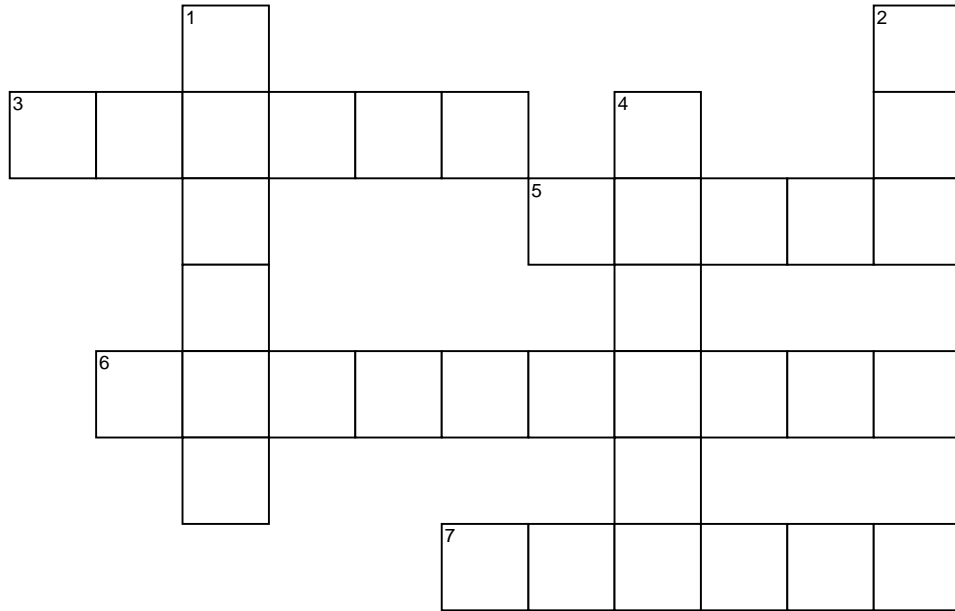
DOWN

- 1 to stay away from
- 2 completely damaged
- 6 a set course used by planes or ships

WORD BANK: avoid, captain, destroyed, lane, mate, toiled, voyage

Henry Ford

Level 2.3, Story 7



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ACROSS

- 3** small jobs a person has to do often
- 5** the strength or power of something
- 6** having to do with machines
- 7** carts that have four wheels

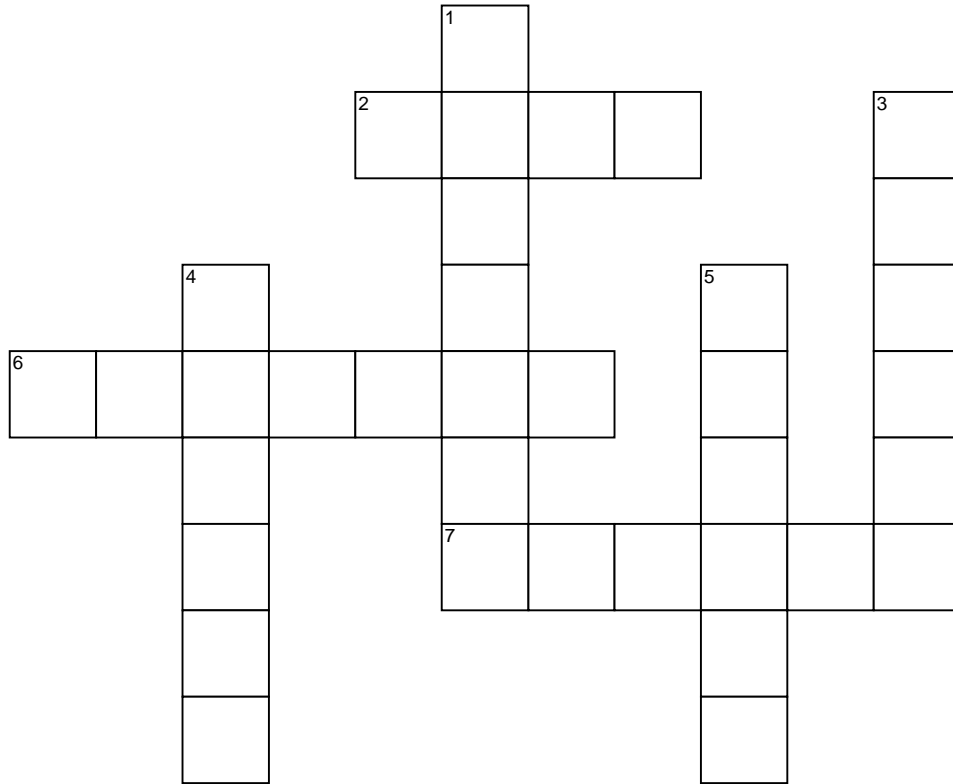
DOWN

- 1** made or created
- 2** a certain period of time
- 4** uninteresting, dull, or not fun

WORD BANK: age, boring, chores, force, forged, mechanical, wagons

Cowboy Hats

Level 2.3, Story 8



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ACROSS

- 2 an edge that sticks out at the bottom of a hat
- 6 badly behaved because of getting things too easily
- 7 put a lot of effort into something difficult

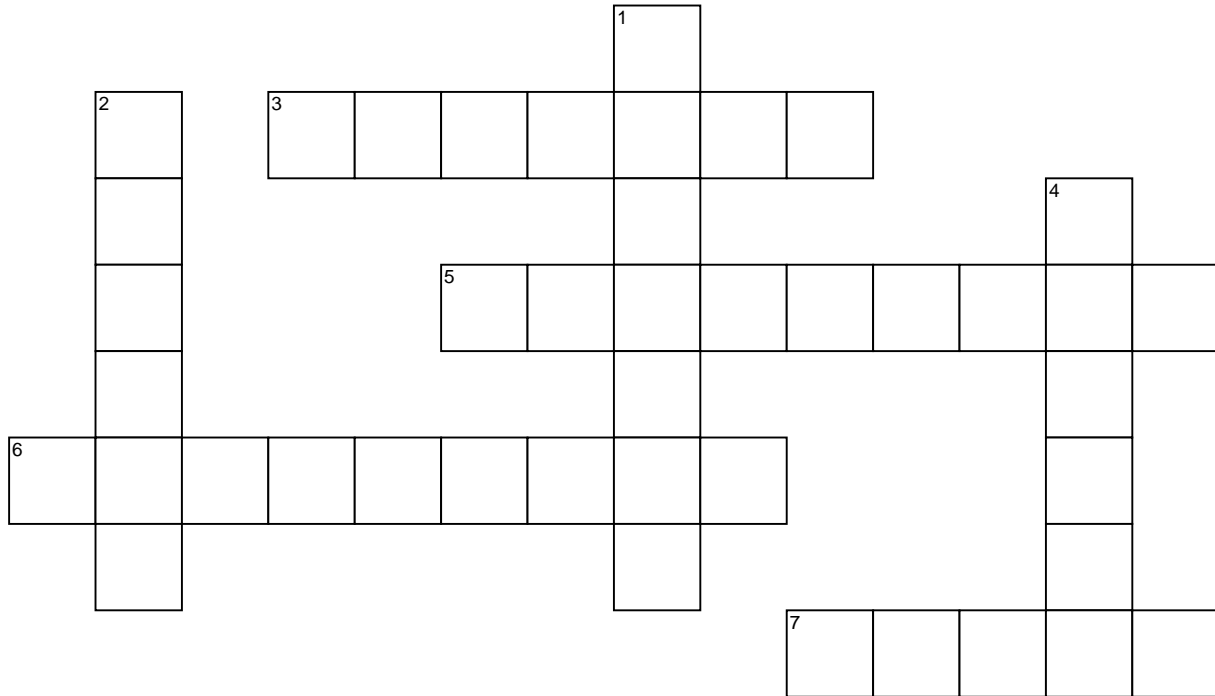
DOWN

- 1 keep safe from danger
- 3 took part in something with others
- 4 cooked in very hot water
- 5 full of dust or dirt

WORD BANK: boiled, brim, joined, protect, soiled, spoiled, toiled

Kermit and the Puppet Master

Level 2.3, Story 9



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ACROSS

- 3 wanting to find out about something
- 5 for sure
- 6 put on a show for others to watch
- 7 an odd way someone has of doing something

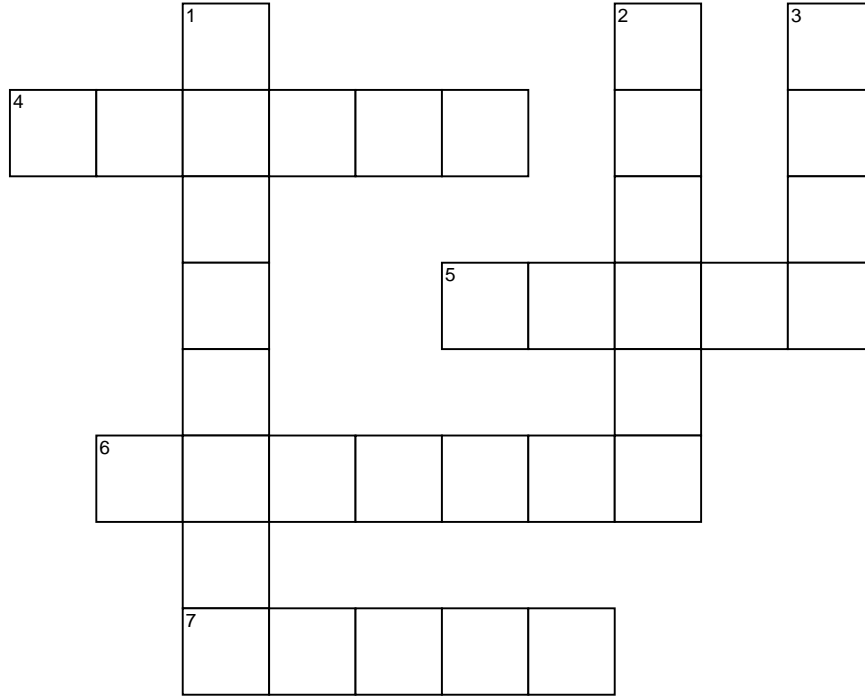
DOWN

- 1 felt afraid that something bad would happen
- 2 a person who is able to do something very well
- 4 smart or skillful

WORD BANK: certainly, clever, curious, master, performed, quirk, worried

Owls

Level 2.3, Story 10



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ACROSS

- 4 tall, narrow buildings or parts of buildings
- 5 to make a low, angry sound
- 6 jumps at or attacks
- 7 the backbone of an animal

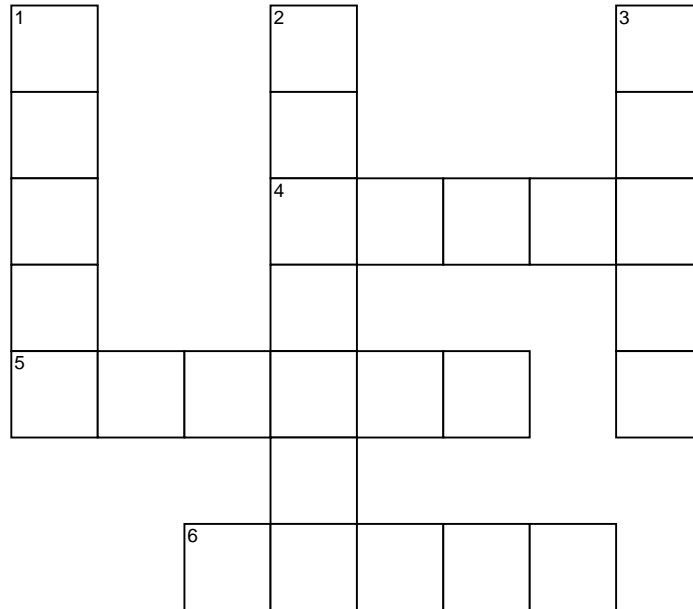
DOWN

- 1 lets something pass from the mouth into the stomach
- 2 quickly moves down through the air
- 3 to make a long, loud crying sound

WORD BANK: growl, howl, pounces, spine, swallows, swoops, towers

What Is Chirping in the Tree?

Level 2.3, Story 11



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ACROSS

- 4 moves a little
- 5 strong and hard to break
- 6 very happy and full of energy

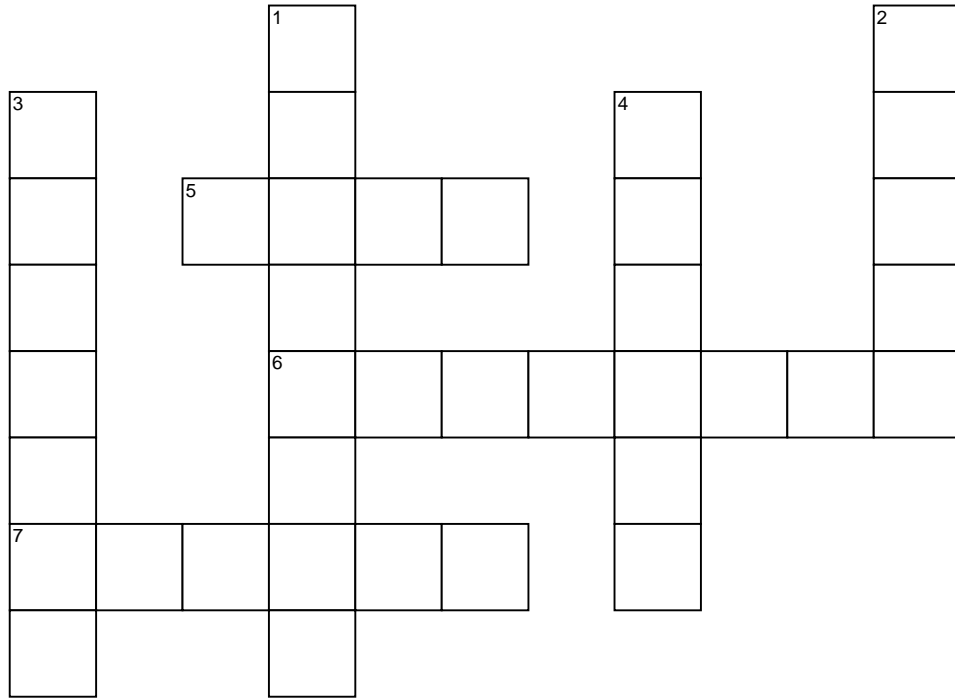
DOWN

- 1 very small living things that can cause sickness
- 2 to watch carefully
- 3 thick and spreading out

WORD BANK: bushy, germs, observe, perky, stirs, sturdy

Ground Zero

Level 2.3, Story 12



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ACROSS

- 5 easy to hear from far away
- 6 sprinkled or sprayed
- 7 fell down thick and fast

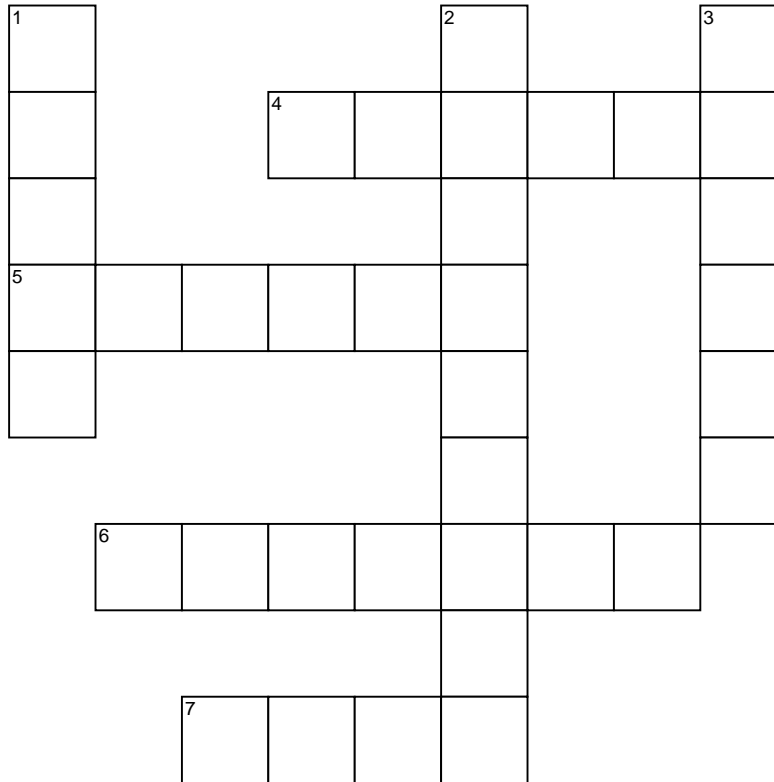
DOWN

- 1 an amount equal to ten hundreds
- 2 happy or pleased with a person for something the person has done
- 3 colorful parts of plants
- 4 tall, narrow buildings or parts of buildings

WORD BANK: flowers, loud, proud, rained, showered, thousand, towers

Cinco de Mayo

Level 2.3, Story 13



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ACROSS

- 4 wild, violent, or dangerous
- 5 a possibility that something might happen
- 6 sure or positive
- 7 get control of a person or place by force

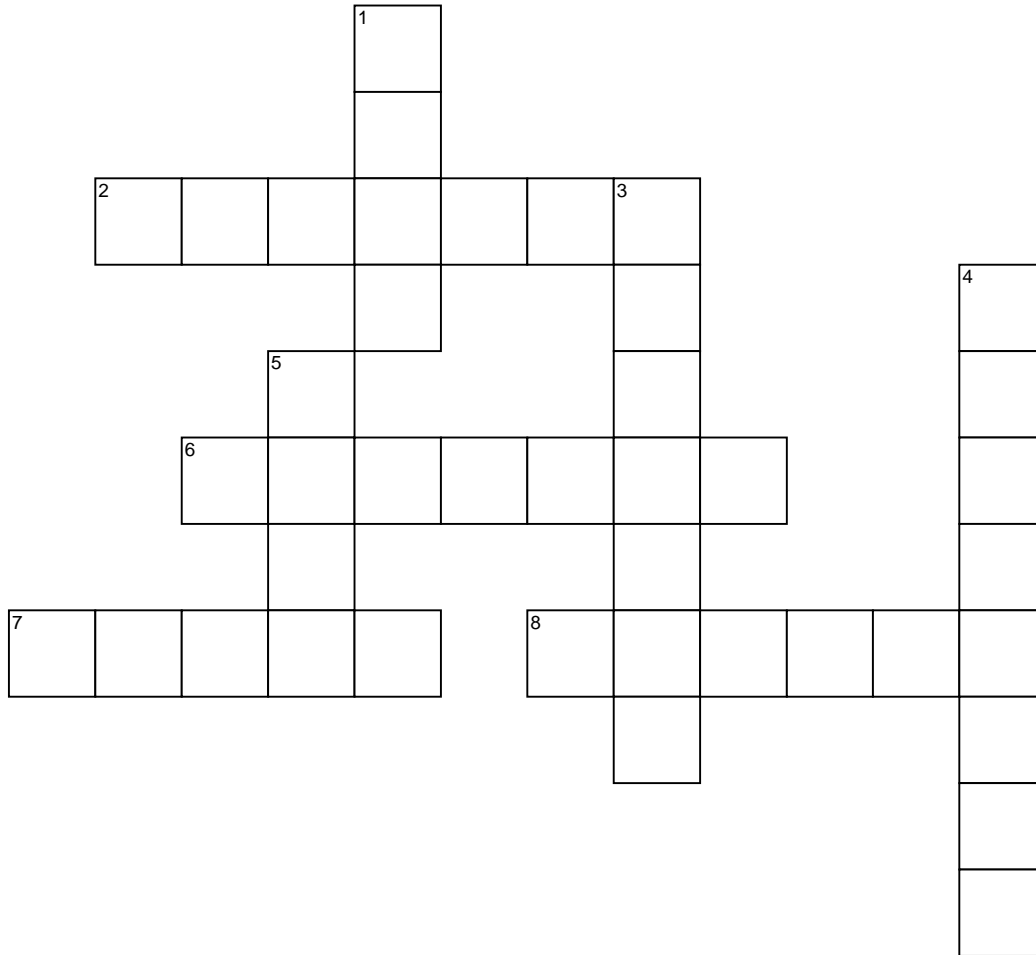
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- 1 full of color or other details that look interesting
- 2 to do something special because a good thing happened
- 3 a place where many people come together to do things

WORD BANK: celebrate, center, certain, chance, fancy, fierce, take

The Red Kangaroo

Level 2.3, Story 14



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ACROSS

- 2 made clean and neat
- 6 not deep
- 7 a seat without arms or a back
- 8 took a quick, secret look

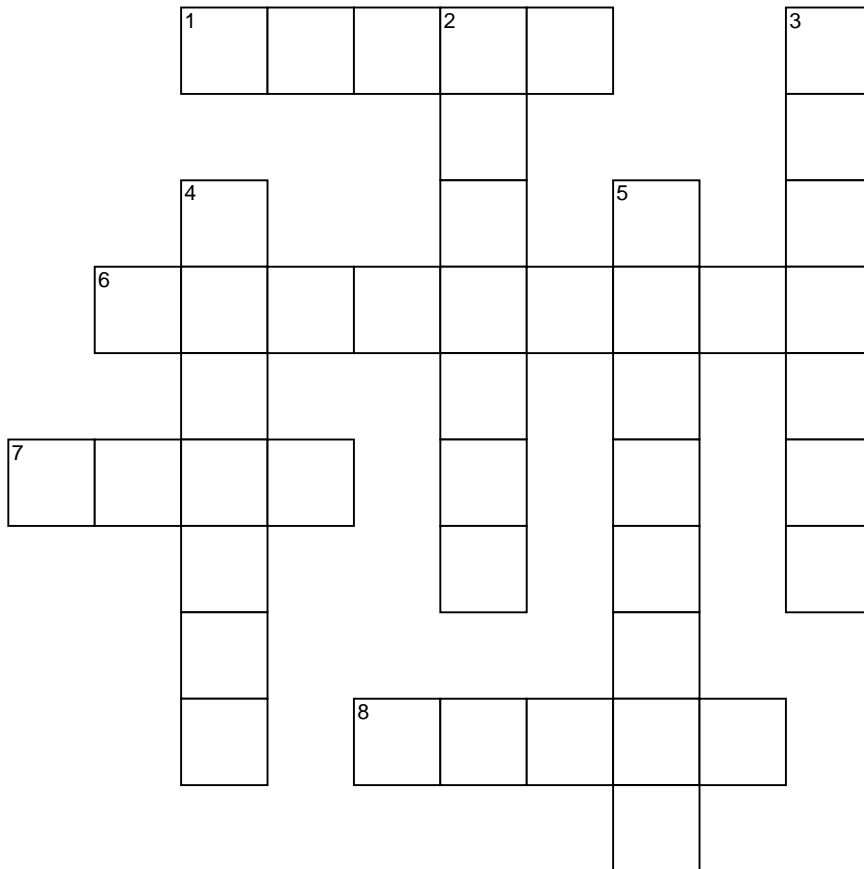
DOWN

- 1 to make someone leave a place
- 3 let liquid drip from the mouth
- 4 crushing into small pieces
- 5 scare or drive away

WORD BANK: boot, drooled, grinding, groomed, peeked, shallow, shoo, stool

Battle of the Bicyclists

Level 2.3, Story 15



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ACROSS

- 1 dealt with or took on
- 6 attention from the public
- 7 contest of speed
- 8 from then until now

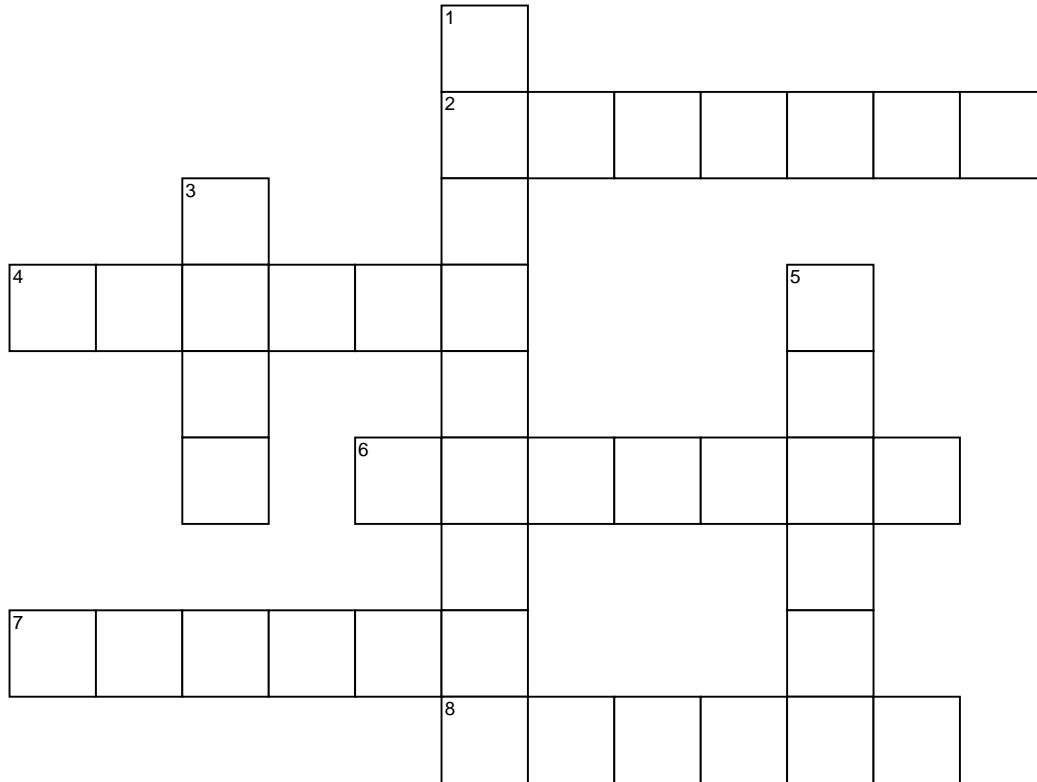
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- 2 really looking forward to something
- 3 something with two wheels that you ride by pushing pedals
- 4 something that went well
- 5 length of space between two points

WORD BANK: distance, faced, publicity, since, success, excited, bicycle, race.

The Doodles of Dr. Seuss

Level 2.3, Story 16



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ACROSS

- 2 signed up for something
- 4 areas of land between streets
- 6 a funny drawing
- 7 one of a kind
- 8 picked words that have the same ending sound

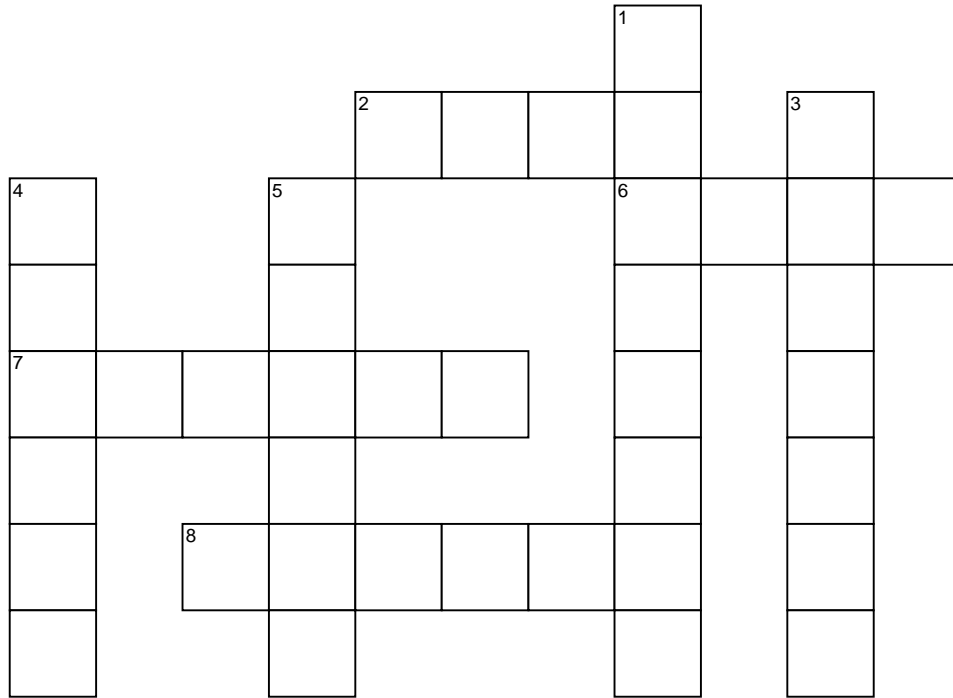
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- 1 printed reports, photos, and other information about what is happening
- 3 interesting or very good
- 5 to make silly drawings without thinking much about what you are doing

WORD BANK: blocks, cartoon, cool, doodle, entered, newspaper, rhymed, unique

Giants

Level 2.3, Story 17



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ACROSS

- 2 start to take shape
- 6 a very long time
- 7 the world and everything in it that people did not make
- 8 mild or not likely to cause harm

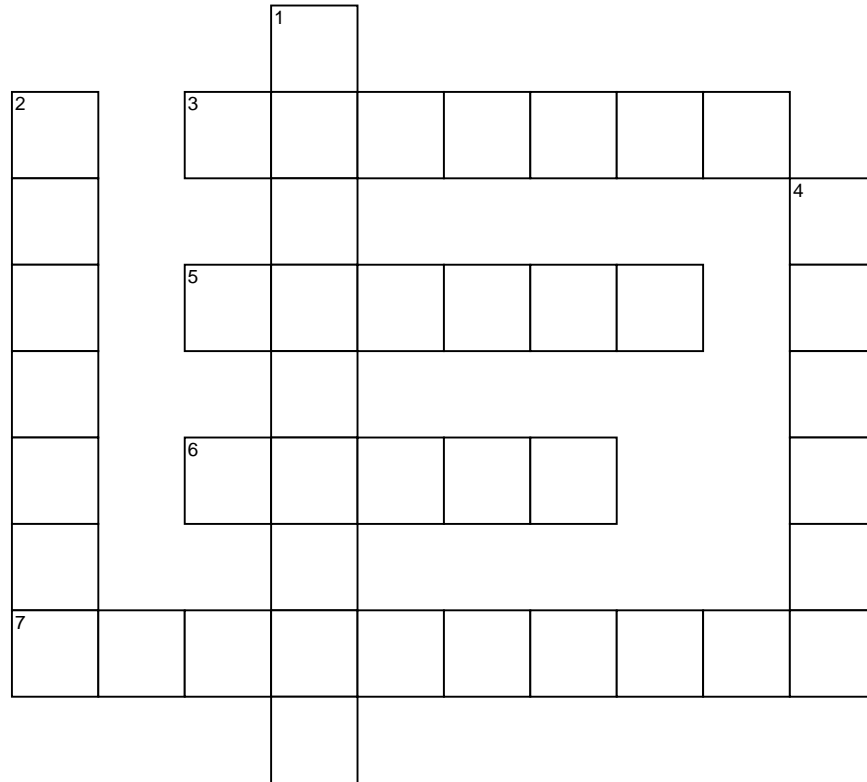
DOWN

- 1 formed a picture or idea in your mind
- 3 old stories that may or may not be true
- 4 groups of mountains
- 5 makes something happen

WORD BANK: ages, causes, form, gentle, imagined, legends, nature, ranges

Jesse Owens

Level 2.3, Story 18



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ACROSS

- 3 the facts about people and events in the past
- 5 turned up the soil to get it ready for planting
- 6 someone who gives lessons to a team or person
- 7 the telling of what to do, where to go, or how to do something

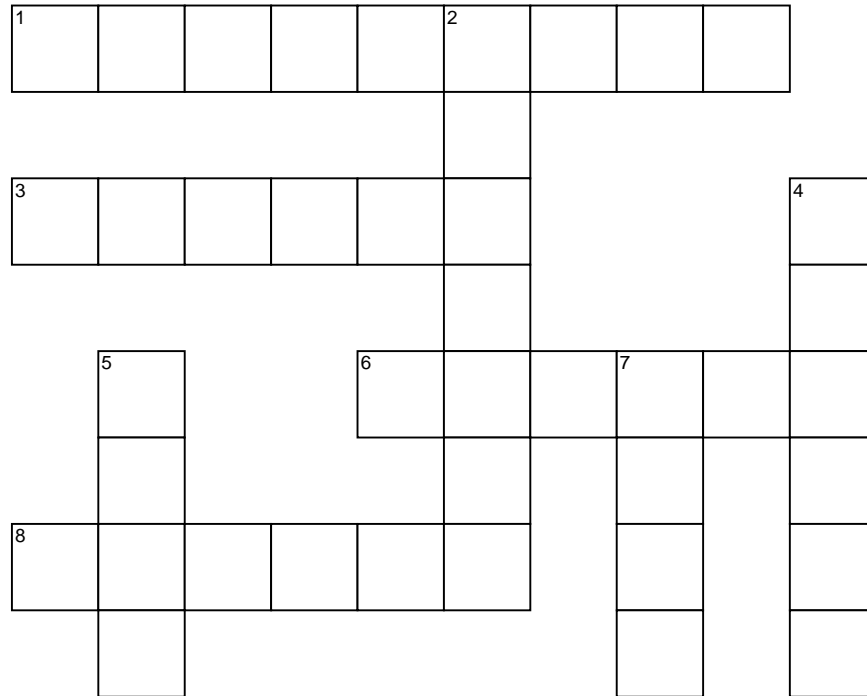
DOWN

- 1 the ability to make yourself do what you have decided, even if it is hard
- 2 named the winner in front of many people
- 4 activities or contests held during a sports competition

WORD BANK: coach, crowned, directions, events, history, plowed, willpower

A Village on the Cliffs

Level 2.3, Story 19



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ACROSS

- 1 a shrub with silver-green leaves
- 3 a deep valley formed by running water
- 6 saw or observed
- 8 flat spaces like shelves on the sides of cliffs

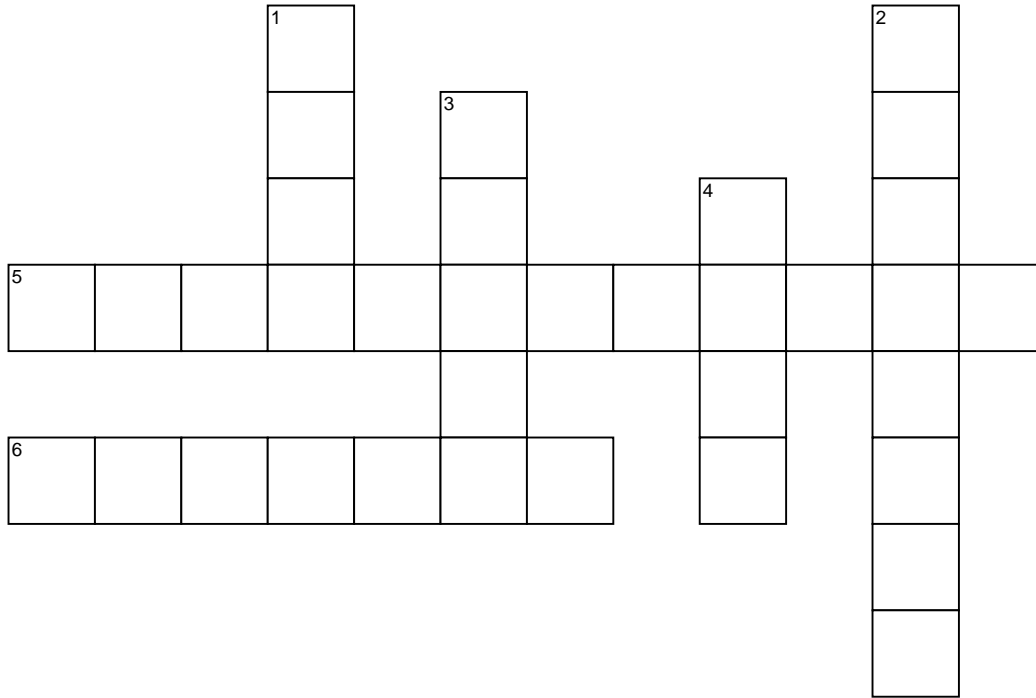
DOWN

- 2 people who work in forests or parks
- 4 crowded or squeezed into a small space
- 5 a very long time
- 7 the outside end of something

WORD BANK: ages, beheld, canyon, edge, ledges, rangers, sagebrush, wedged

Did I Spell It Wrong?

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ACROSS

- 5 books that tell you what words mean,
how to say them, and how to spell them
- 6 not used anymore

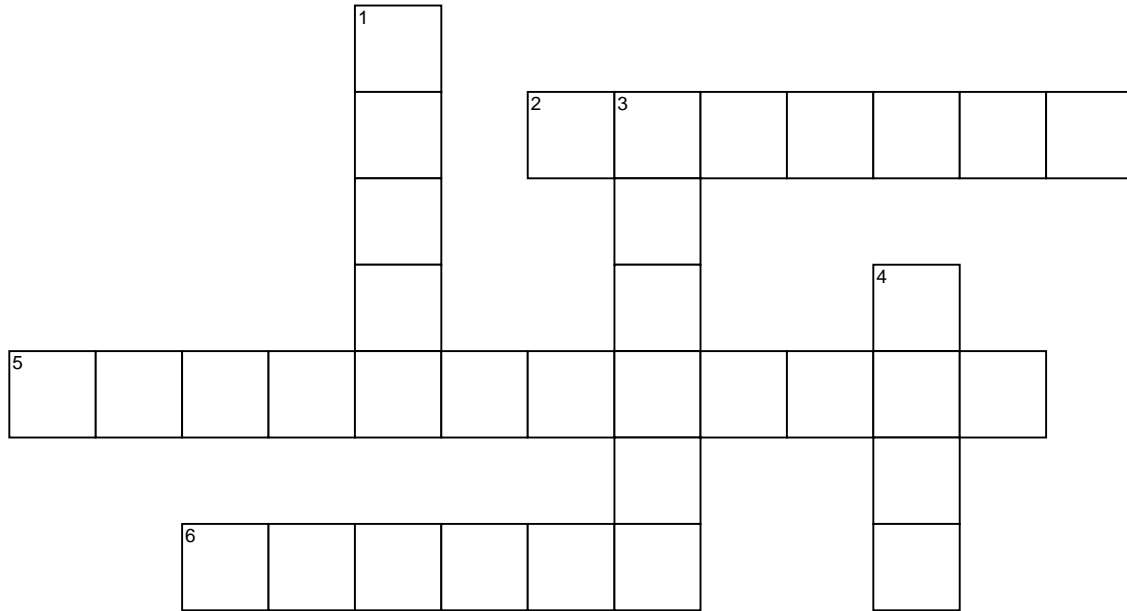
DOWN

- 1 a very small biting insect that flies
- 2 made for the first time
- 3 a small person from folk tales who
lives inside the earth
- 4 put a cover all the way around
something

WORD BANK: dictionaries, dropped, gnat, gnome, invented, wrap

Thurgood Marshall

Level 2.3, Story 21



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ACROSS

- 2 people who are trained to give other people advice about the law or to help in court
- 5 the basic set of written laws of the United States
- 6 was useful to a person or thing

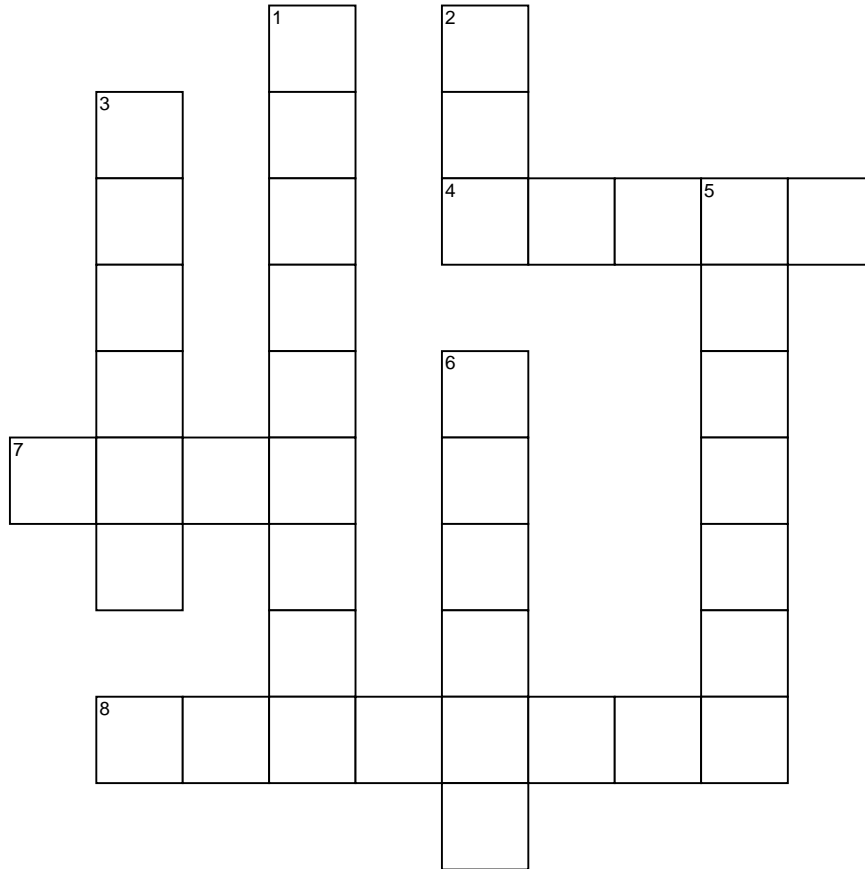
DOWN

- 1 away from each other
- 3 gave reasons why you believe something is or is not true
- 4 to make or start something

WORD BANK: apart, argued, Constitution, form, lawyers, served

Bamboo

Level 2.3, Story 22



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ACROSS

- 4 like wood, or made of wood
- 7 a unit of measurement equal to 12 inches
- 8 places or things that offer protection from weather or danger

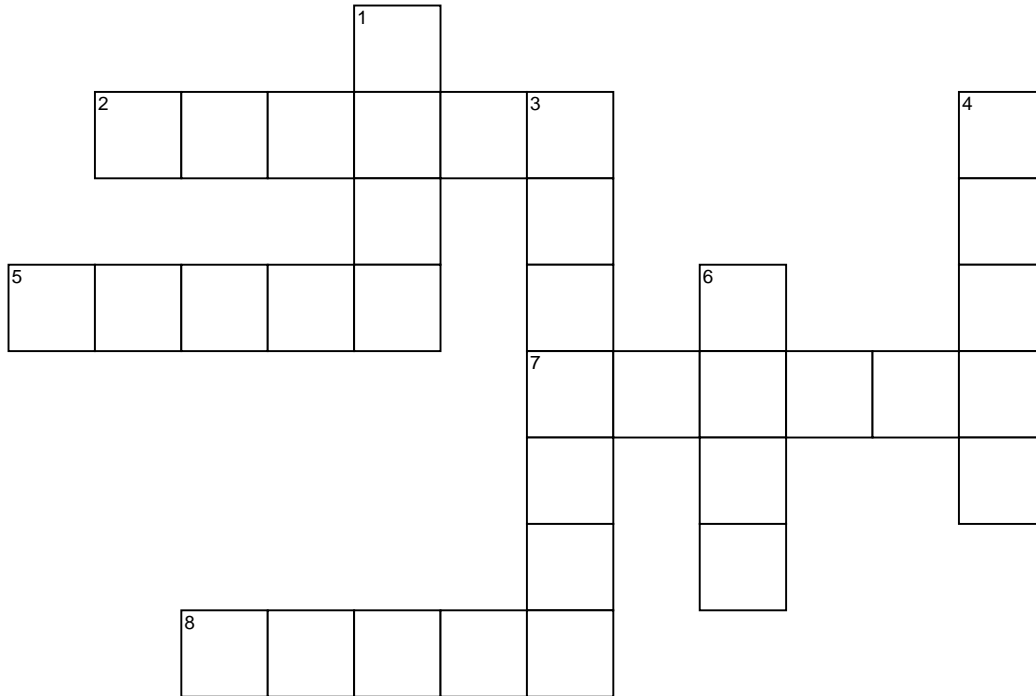
DOWN

- 1 objects in people's living spaces to sit or place things on
- 2 a small number of something
- 3 tall, hard grass
- 5 periods of 10 years
- 6 sprouts or new growths of a plant

WORD BANK: bamboo, decades, few, foot, furniture, shelters, shoots, woody

Hurricanes

Level 2.3, Story 23



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ACROSS

- 2 takes place or happens
- 5 to spin around
- 7 big pools of water that cover places that are usually dry
- 8 move in the shape of a circle

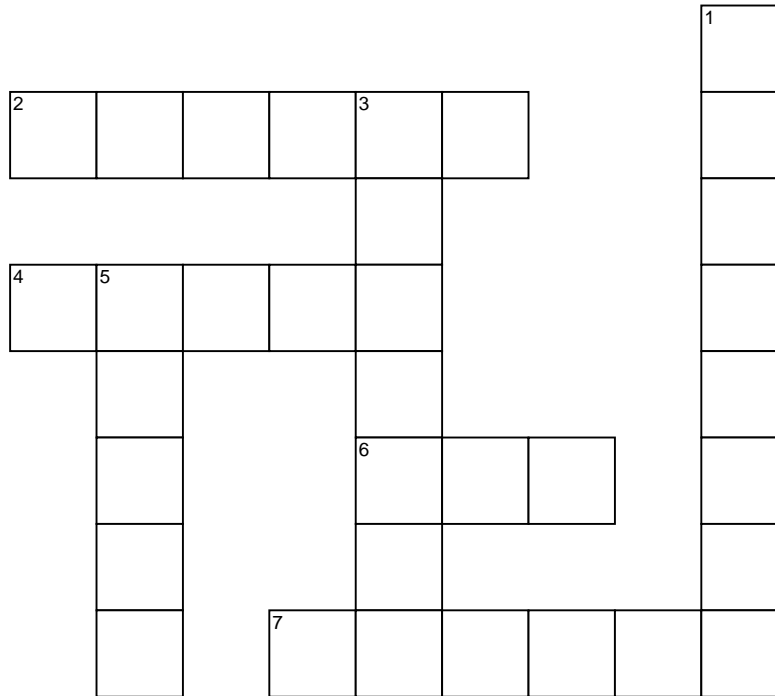
DOWN

- 1 throw something with great force
- 3 the outside or top part of something
- 4 to make something happen
- 6 started or created

WORD BANK: born, cause, curve, floods, hurl, occurs, surface, whirl

Mount St. Helens Blew Its Top

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ACROSS

- 2 working
- 4 very bad or horrible
- 6 gray powder left over after something has been burned
- 7 started to exist or take shape

DOWN

- 1 showed up or became visible
- 3 an opening in the earth through which hot liquid rock is forced out
- 5 not correct or not right

WORD BANK: active, appeared, ash, awful, formed, volcano, wrong