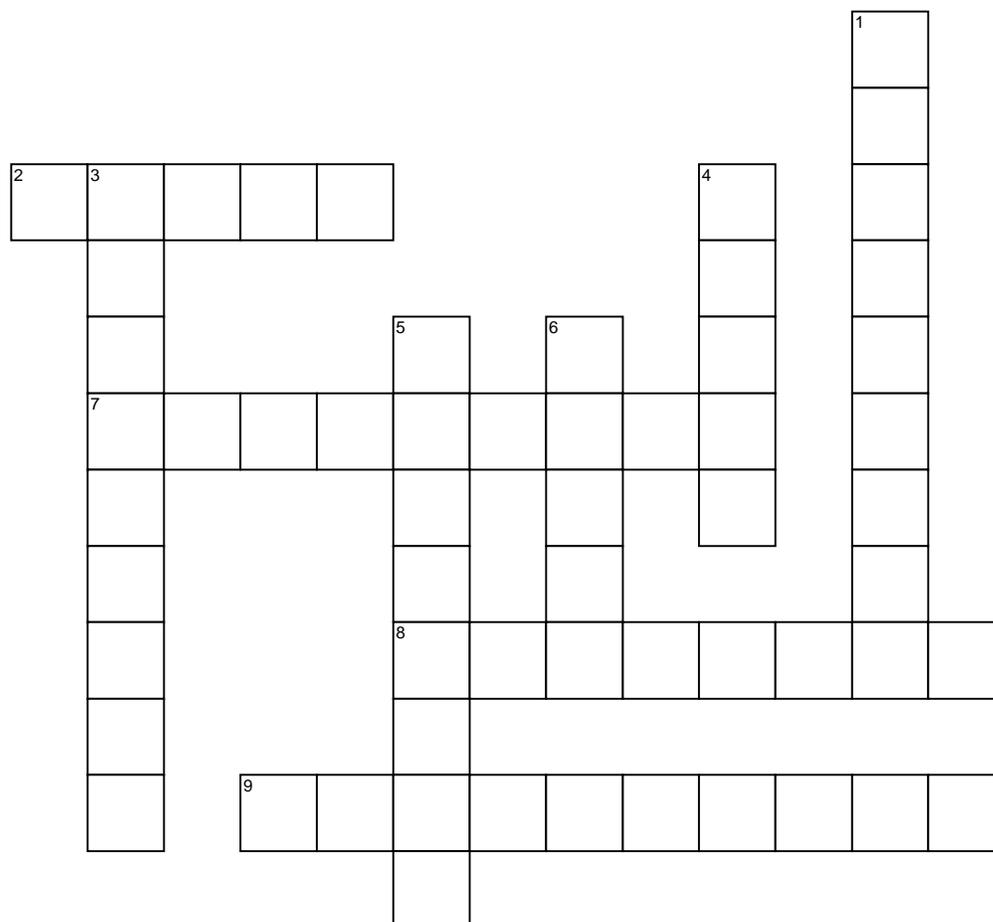


# The First Cellphone

Level 3.5, Story 1



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## ACROSS

- 2 large or taking up a lot of space
- 7 extremely important or necessary
- 8 made available or sold to the public for the first time
- 9 after a long time

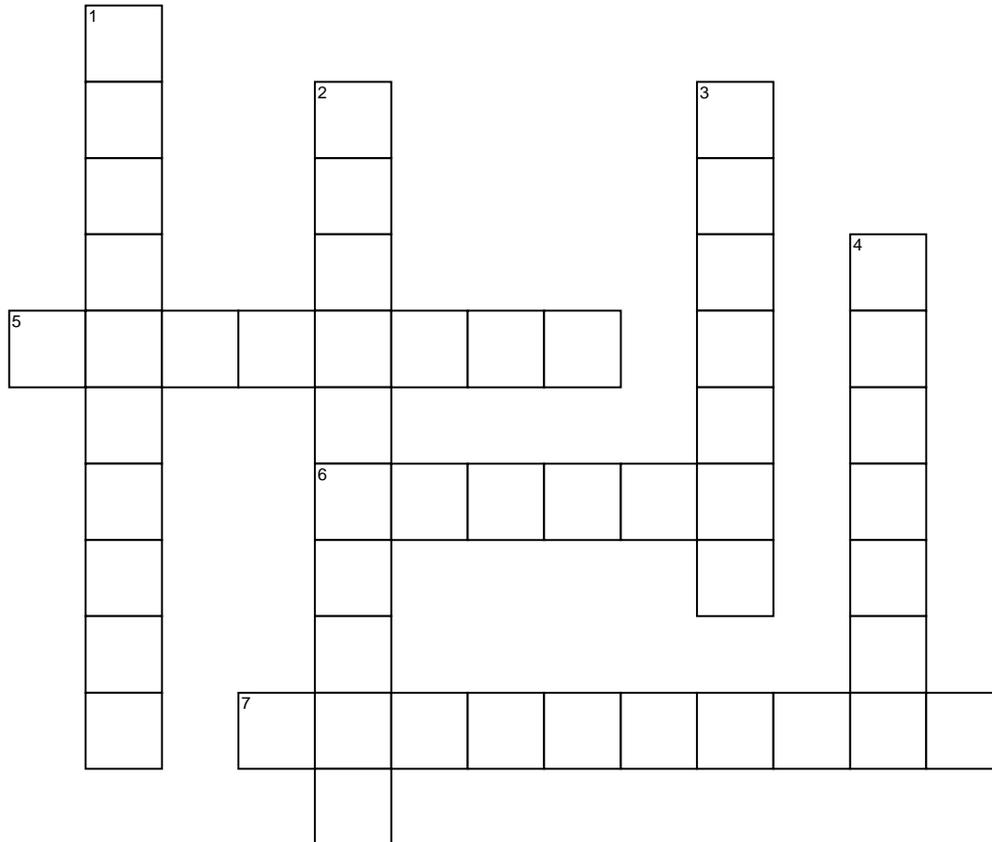
## DOWN

- 1 to know what something is when you see, hear, smell, touch, or taste it
- 3 experienced or went through
- 4 happening every day
- 5 a network that connects computers all over the world
- 6 someone who is trying to get something that you are also trying to get

**WORD BANK:** bulky, daily, essential, eventually, Internet, recognize, released, rival, underwent

# Harry Houdini

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## ACROSS

- 5 hanging loosely
- 6 to get away from something bad or unwanted
- 7 straps, pieces of metal, or other things that keep someone from moving easily or getting away

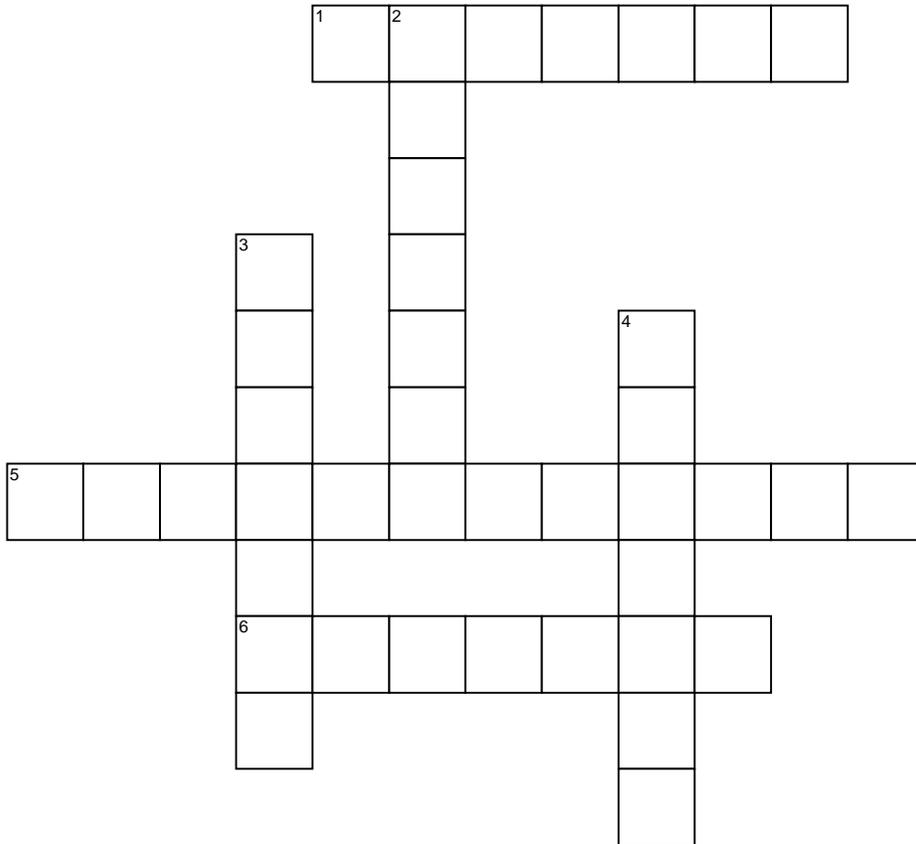
## DOWN

- 1 the things that are happening at certain moments
- 2 asked someone to take part in a game or contest
- 3 had the main part in a show
- 4 a person who uses the body in skillful ways, such as jumping and balancing

**WORD BANK:** acrobat, challenged, dangling, escape, restraints, situations, starred

# America's Emperor

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## ACROSS

- 1 normal or ordinary
- 5 announcements that tell people what someone thinks or decides
- 6 a person or persons belonging to the king's or queen's family

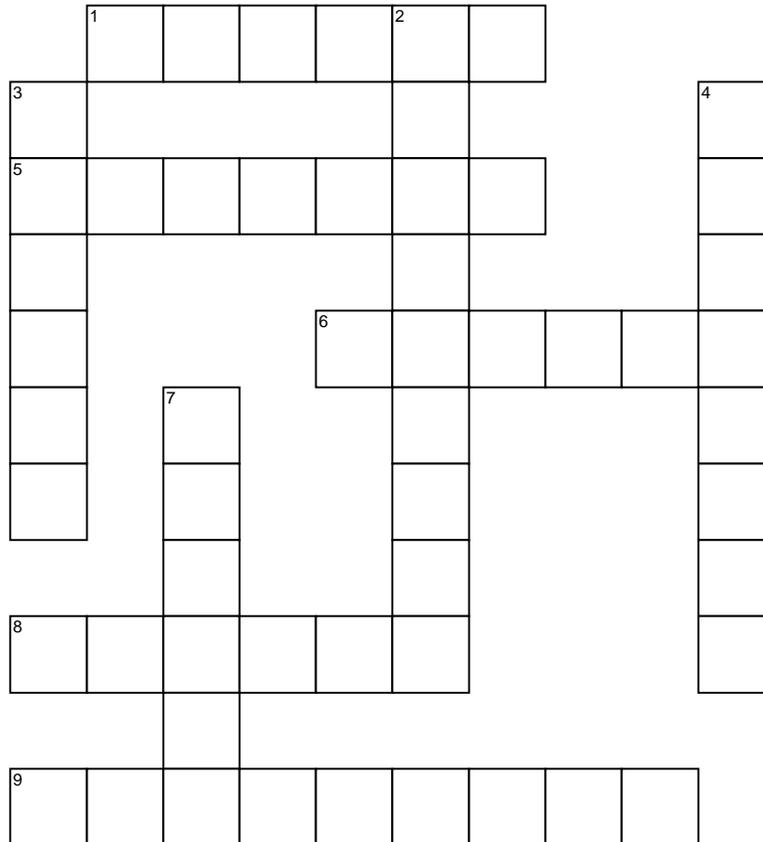
## DOWN

- 2 the leader of a country or kingdom
- 3 to tell people what you think or decide
- 4 put words or pictures on paper, usually for a book, newspaper, or magazine

**WORD BANK:** declarations, declare, emperor, printed, regular, royalty

# Nettle Eating Challenge

Level 3.5, Story 4



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## ACROSS

- 1 to make less
- 5 changed and developed over time, often in a way that made something better
- 6 to make a hole in something
- 8 hard, sharp points that grow on some plants and animals
- 9 a custom or way of doing something as it has been done in the past

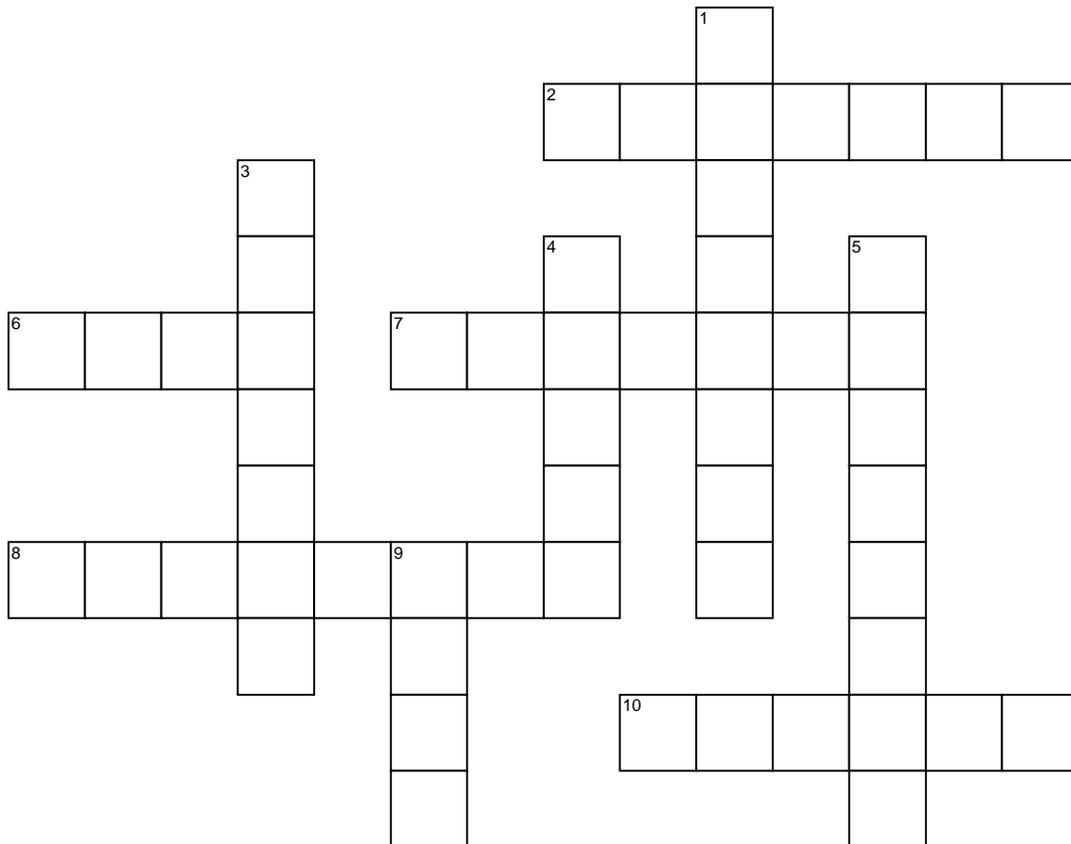
## DOWN

- 2 solid, liquid, or gas substances that can cause a reaction when they enter the body
- 3 a plant with stems and leaves covered in tiny hairs that cause stinging when touched
- 4 the feeling you want food
- 7 watery liquid made by glands in the mouth

**WORD BANK:** appetite, chemicals, evolved, nettle, pierce, reduce, saliva, spines, tradition

# Helen Keller

Level 3.5, Story 5



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## ACROSS

- 2 the willingness to do difficult or dangerous things
- 6 the flat inner part of the hand
- 7 a school where some people go after high school to learn more
- 8 went to or was present at something
- 10 without a sound

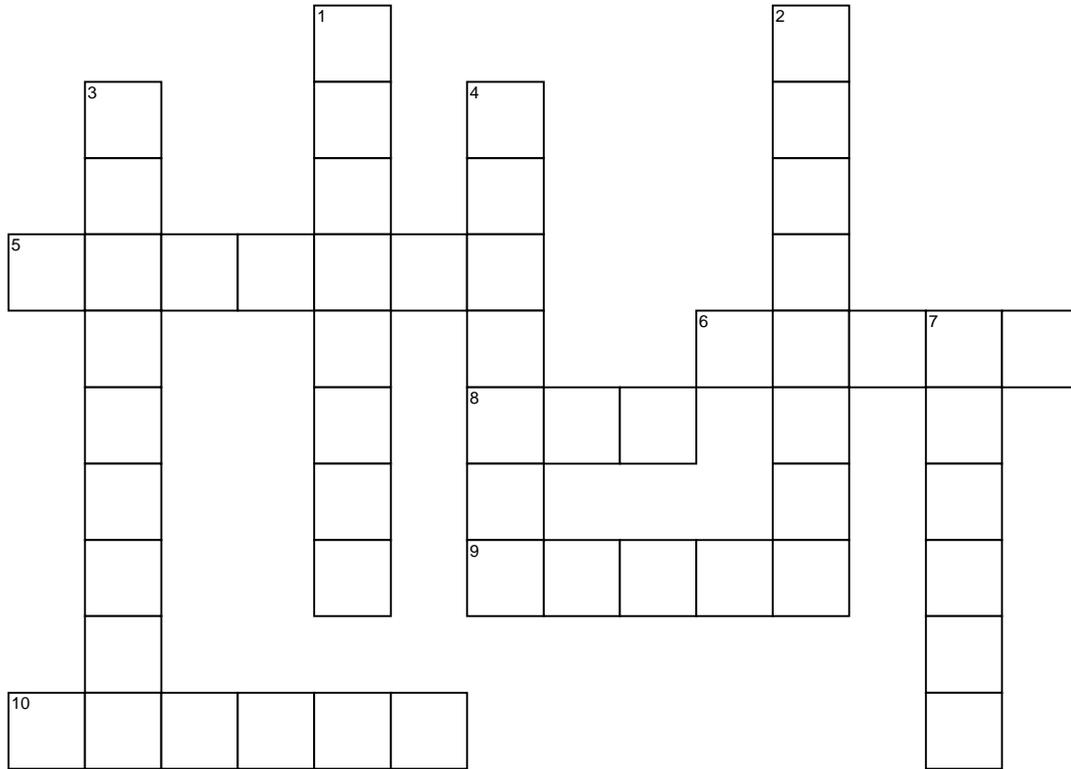
## DOWN

- 1 things you study in school
- 3 respected
- 4 not able to see
- 5 learned or understood something that you did not know before
- 9 not able to hear

**WORD BANK:** admired, attended, blind, college, courage, deaf, palm, realized, silent, subjects

# Stevie Wonder

Level 3.5, Story 6



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## ACROSS

- 5** a person who is naturally good at something at a young age
- 6** a chance to have something good happen
- 8** something that is liked by many people
- 9** flat, thin piece of something such as paper or metal
- 10** the ability to do something well

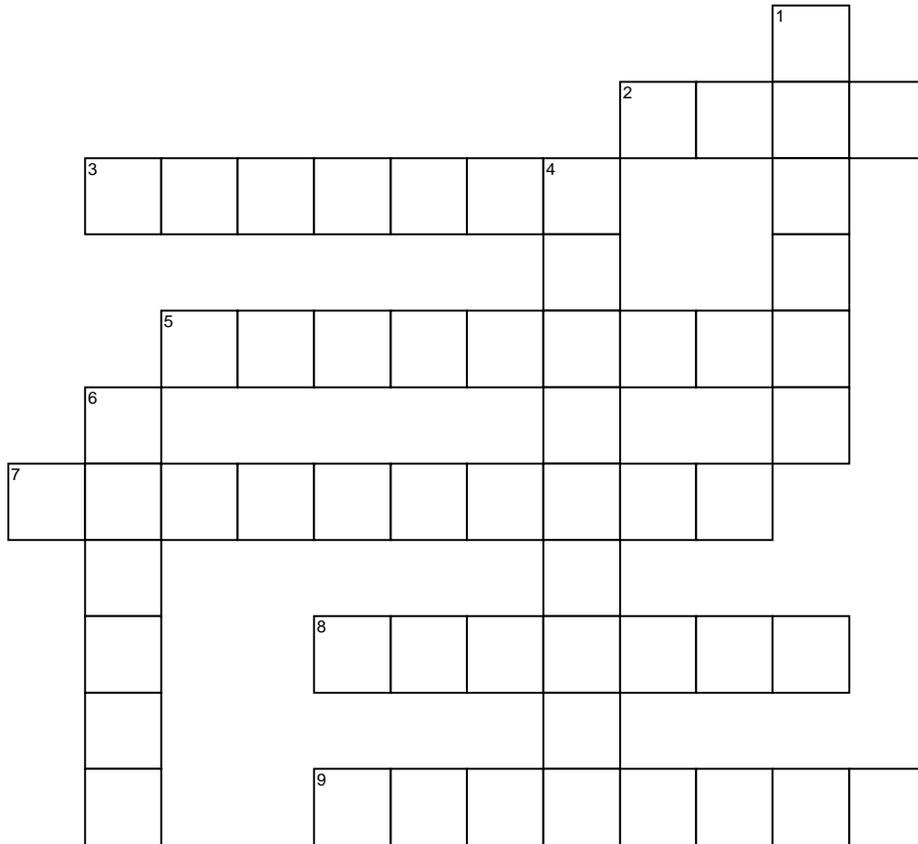
## DOWN

- 1** a person who plays music
- 2** a written agreement between people or companies
- 3** a small, rectangular musical instrument that you blow into to make sounds
- 4** patterns of sounds in music
- 7** collections of recorded music

**WORD BANK:** albums, break, contract, harmonica, hit, musician, prodigy, rhythms, sheet, talent

# New Year's Foods

Level 3.5, Story 7



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## ACROSS

- 2 what seems to happen to people by chance
- 3 from a very long time ago
- 5 more than enough of something
- 7 success or wealth
- 8 tells the hour by making a sound like a chime
- 9 12:00 a.m.

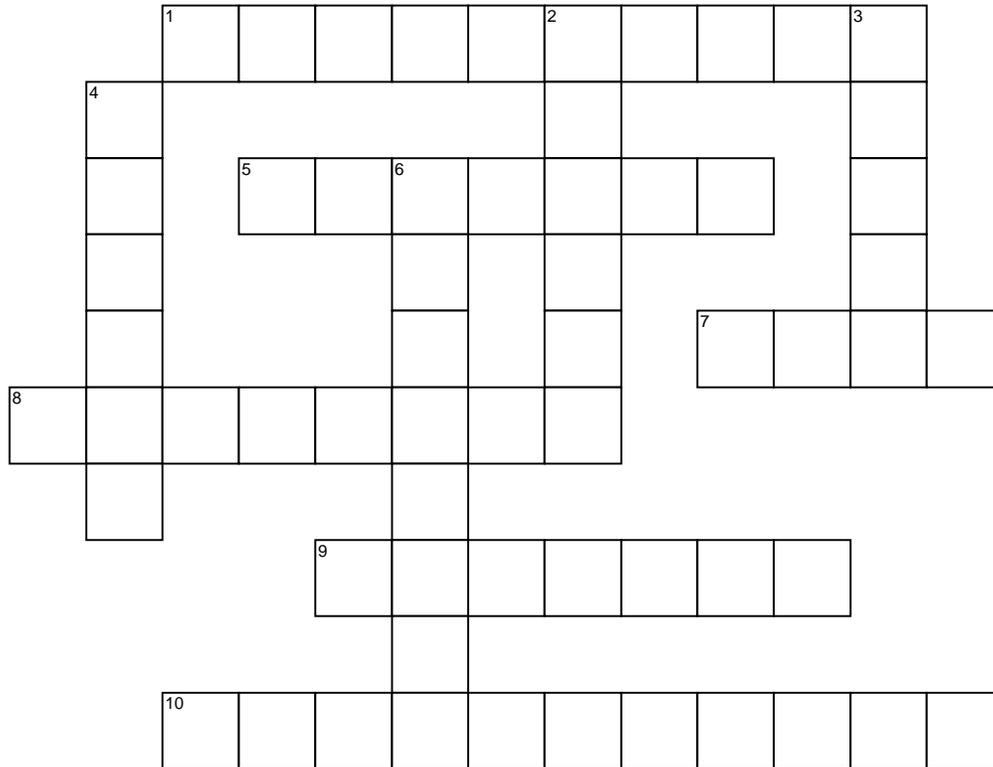
## DOWN

- 1 the hard coverings on the bodies of reptiles
- 4 a way of doing something that is passed from one generation to another
- 6 leafy vegetables such as spinach and cabbage

**WORD BANK:** abundance, ancient, greens, luck, midnight, prosperity, scales, strikes, tradition

# Prickly Personality

Level 3.5, Story 8



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## ACROSS

- 1 good at something
- 5 to stay alive
- 7 not often seen, heard, or happening
- 8 important or worth a lot
- 9 touchy or easily annoyed
- 10 not friendly or not wanting visitors

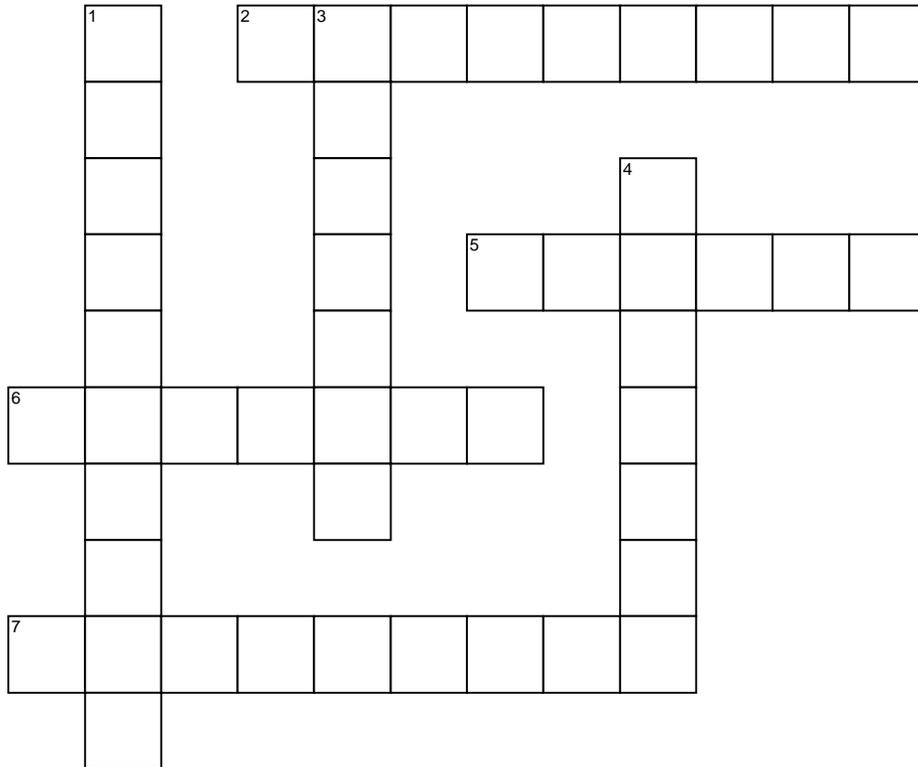
## DOWN

- 2 hard, sharp points that grow on some plants and animals
- 3 a person or animal that likes to be alone
- 4 a place that is dry and often hot
- 6 something that helps in some way

**WORD BANK:** desert, loner, precious, prickly, rare, resource, spines, successful, survive, unwelcoming

# Jim Thorpe

Level 3.5, Story 9



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## ACROSS

- 2 a sports contest in which people are rated in ten different events
- 5 activities or contests, like races, that are usually held during a sports competition
- 6 someone who plays a sport or sports
- 7 a group of people who meet in order to do a certain job

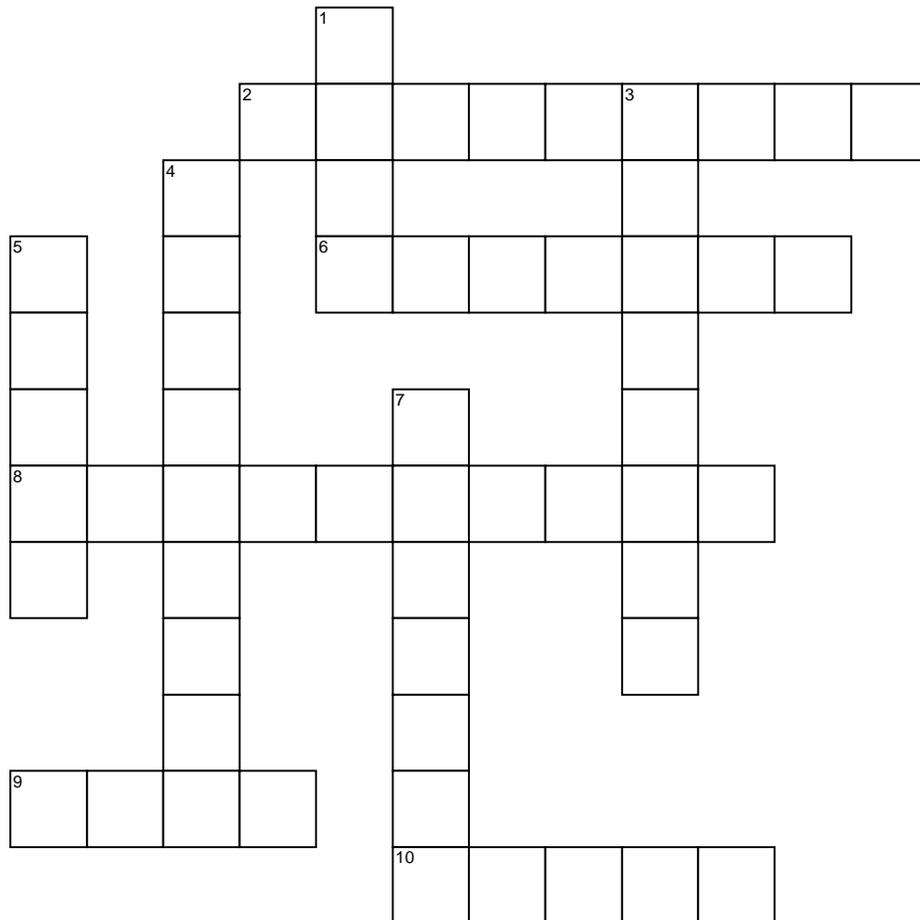
## DOWN

- 1 a sports contest in which people are rated in five different events
- 3 signed up for something or decided to take part in something
- 4 to give something back or put something back where it belongs

**WORD BANK:** athlete, committee, decathlon, entered, events, pentathlon, restore

# The Great Molasses Flood

Level 3.5, Story 10



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## ACROSS

- 2** done or made using whatever was available
- 6** stood much taller than other things
- 8** surrounding and completely covering something
- 9** a container that holds liquid
- 10** thick and sticky

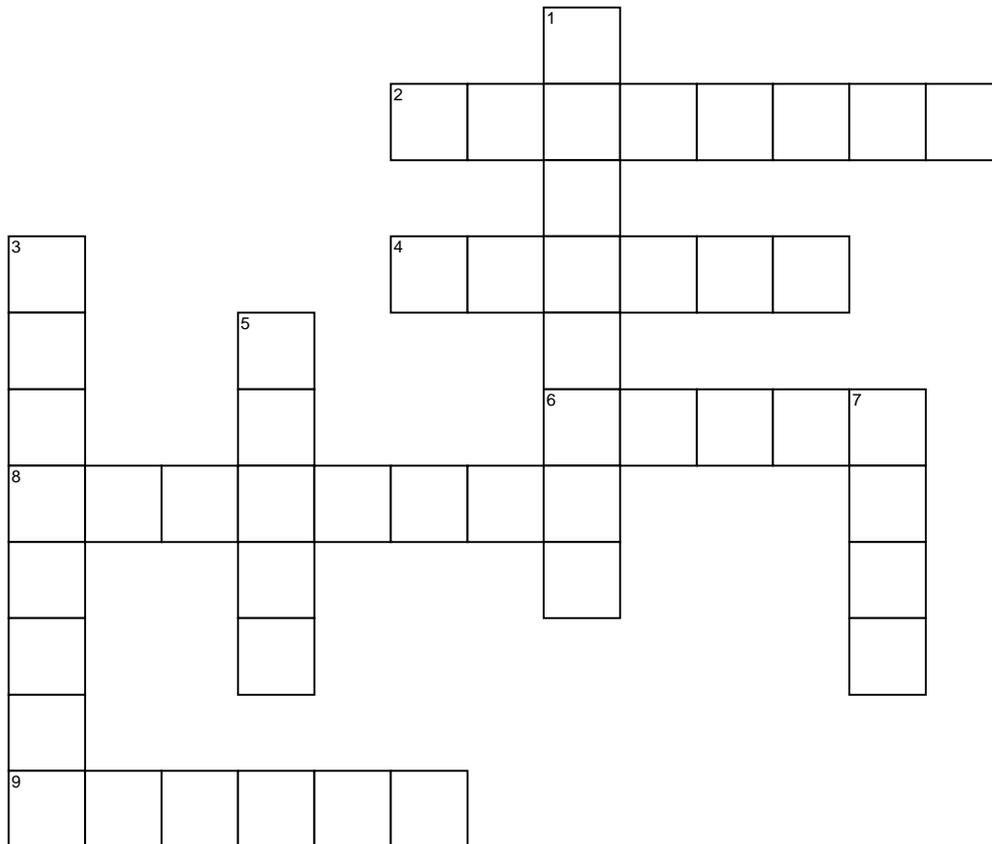
## DOWN

- 1** a flat surface that floats
- 3** became thicker or more solid
- 4** the thing that is happening at a certain moment
- 5** exploded or came open
- 7** moving in a loud, fast, and out-of-control way

**WORD BANK:** burst, gooey, hardened, makeshift, raft, roaring, situation, swallowing, tank, towered

# Is There a Bigfoot?

Level 3.5, Story 11



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## ACROSS

- 2 bugged or disturbed by someone or something
- 4 a gentle noise that a horse makes
- 6 anything that can be used to show something is true
- 8 sure, certain, or without any doubt
- 9 is real or is alive

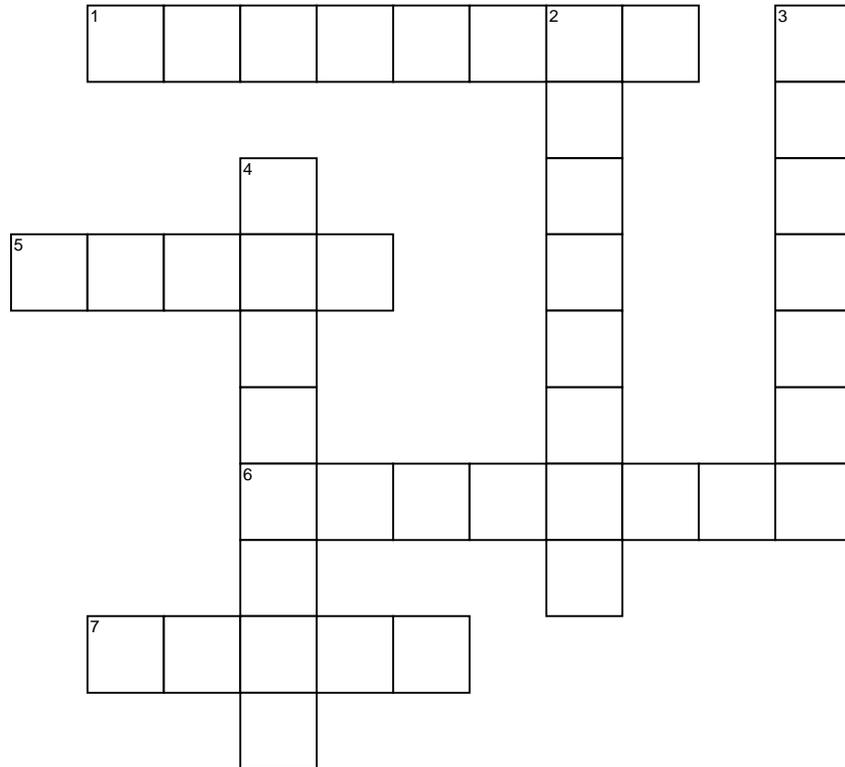
## DOWN

- 1 pulled something off or took away a covering
- 3 a living animal or person
- 5 an animal that comes from mixing two different kinds of animals
- 7 a movie

**WORD BANK:** absolute, bothered, creature, cross, exists, film, proof, stripped, whinny

# The Spruce Goose

Level 3.5, Story 12



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## ACROSS

- 1 uses
- 5 to stay away from
- 6 things that are stored and then used when needed
- 7 a group of people doing a job

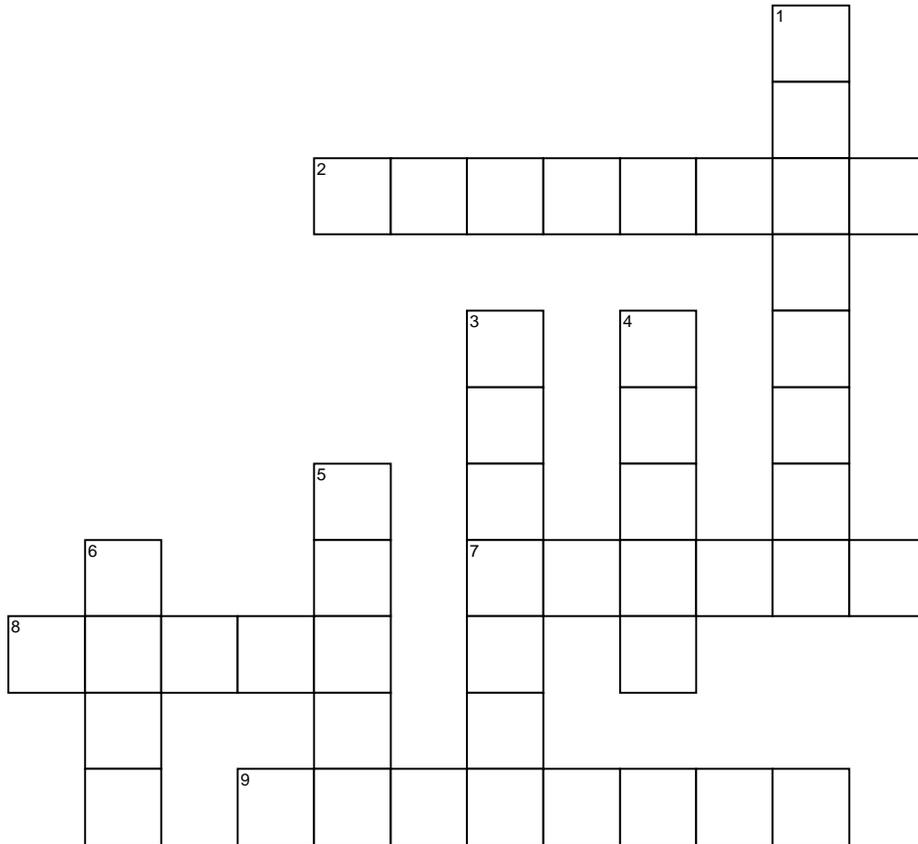
## DOWN

- 2 completely or totally
- 3 machines that make things move or give things power
- 4 the distance between the tips of the wings of an airplane or of an animal with wings

**WORD BANK:** avoid, engines, entirely, purposes, staff, supplies, wingspan

# The Lake That Disappeared

Level 3.5, Story 13



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## ACROSS

- 2 to fall down suddenly
- 7 large boats with flat bottoms that are used to carry loads
- 8 to empty into a hole or pipe
- 9 a surface that is raised

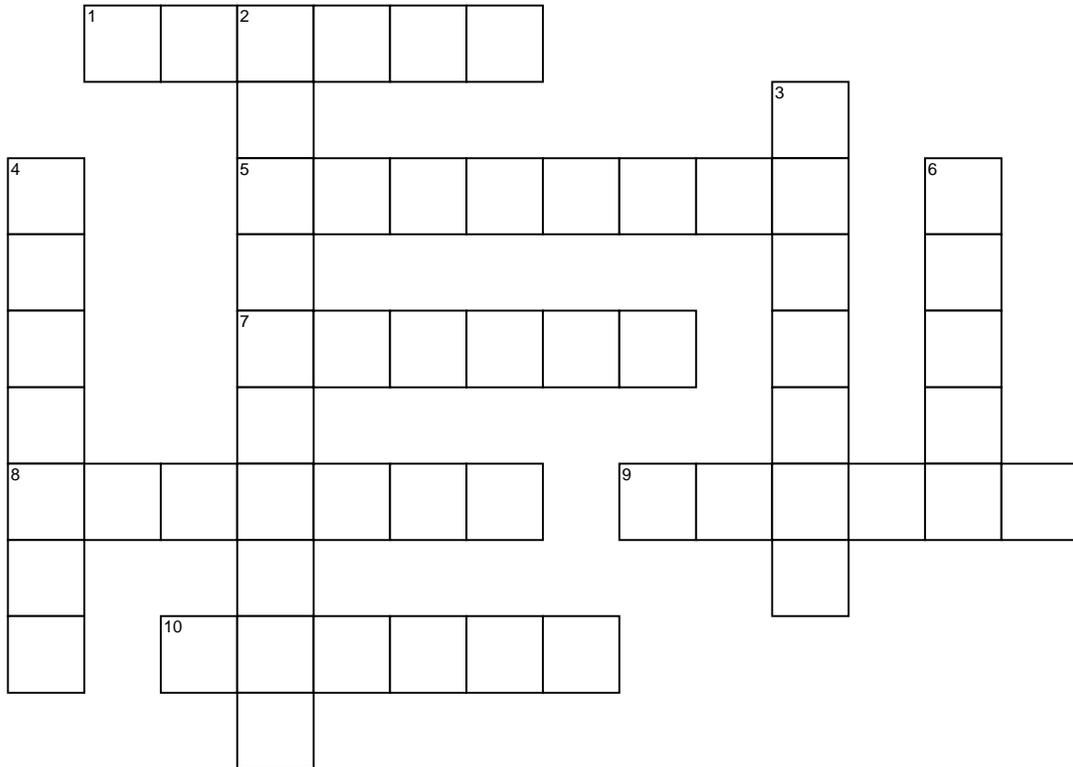
## DOWN

- 1 to mix into liquid
- 3 a powerful boat that tows or pushes barges and ships
- 4 to move in a circle
- 5 a ditch dug into the ground and filled with water
- 6 a group of people working together

**WORD BANK:** barges, canal, collapse, crew, dissolve, drain, platform, swirl, tugboat

# Atlantis—Found?

Level 3.5, Story 14



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## ACROSS

- 1 flowed over a surface
- 5 small parts or pieces left over after the main part is gone
- 7 cut into
- 8 tall pillars used as support or as decoration
- 9 a place people go to pray
- 10 an old story that may or may not be true

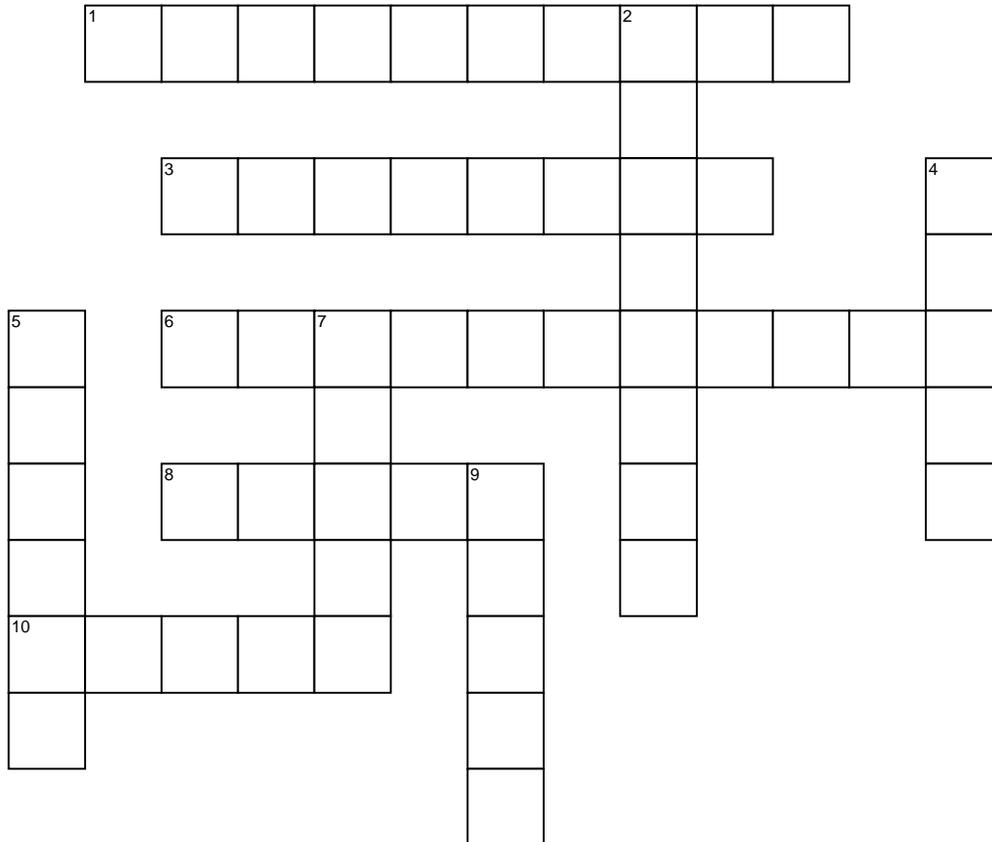
## DOWN

- 2 things that have been made, like buildings or bridges
- 3 a very large ocean wave
- 4 saw, observed, or paid attention to something
- 6 related to the king or queen's family

**WORD BANK:** carved, columns, legend, noticed, remnants, royal, structures, temple, tsunami, washed

# Old Faithful

Level 3.5, Story 15



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## ACROSS

- 1 a scale used to measure temperature
- 3 at an earlier time or in the past
- 6 easy to tell what will happen in the future
- 8 sends out with great force or speed
- 10 to be real or alive

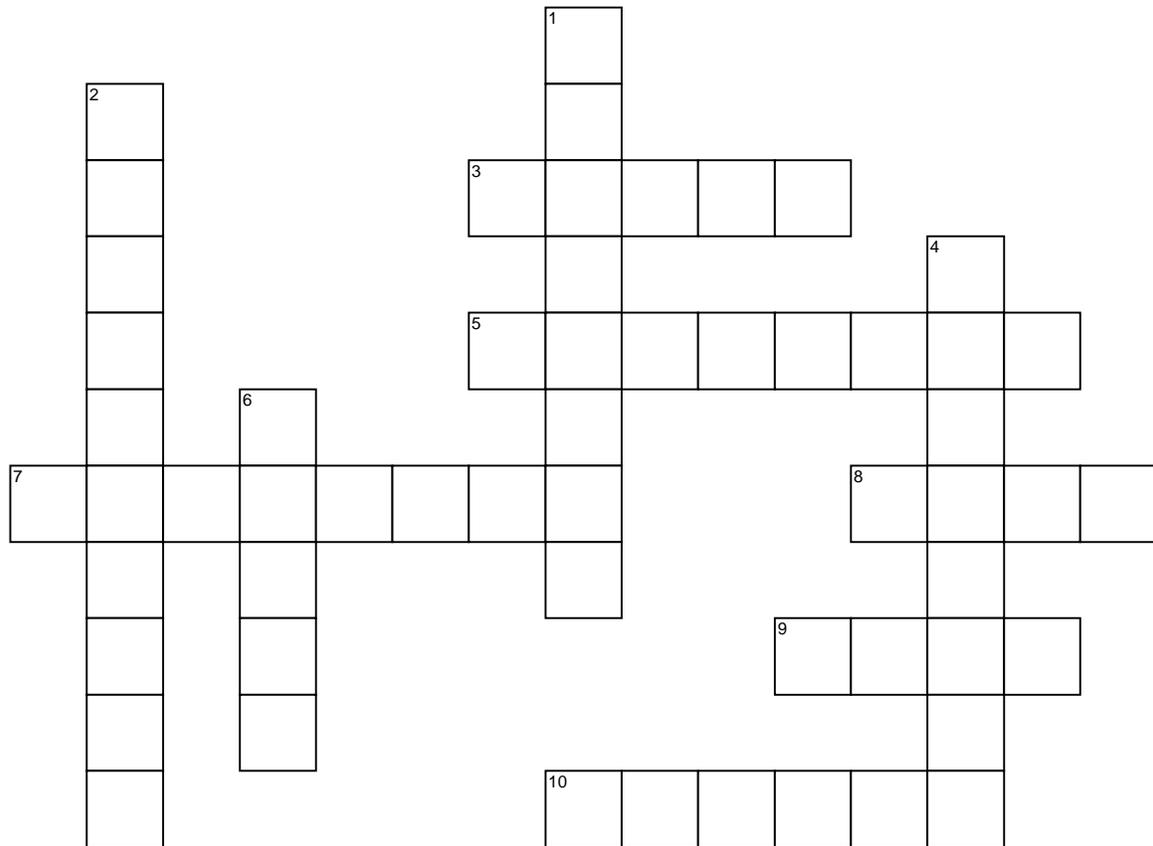
## DOWN

- 2 an explosion in which fire, smoke, or liquid shoots out of something
- 4 water that has been turned into vapor or gas
- 5 a hole in the ground from which water or steam shoots out
- 7 a thing that takes place
- 9 to come out suddenly

**WORD BANK:** eruption, event, exist, Fahrenheit, geyser, predictable, previous, shoot, spews, steam

# Ice Cream Sodas

Level 3.5, Story 16



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## ACROSS

- 3** a small counter or table where things are sold
- 5** made for the first time
- 7** to buy or to get something by paying money
- 8** to change from a solid into a liquid
- 9** to make a build-up of bubbles
- 10** to form little pockets of air or gas

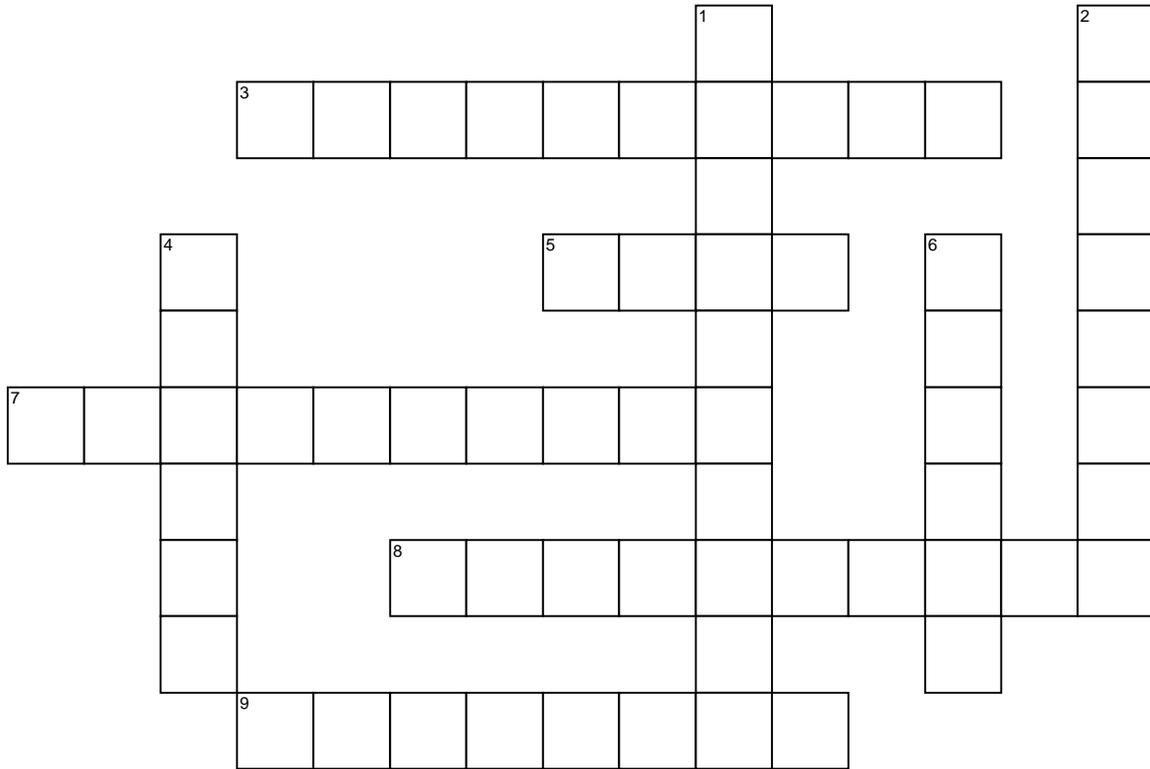
## DOWN

- 1** planned or meant
- 2** after a long time
- 4** any liquid for drinking
- 6** an amount of something that is dished out by a deep spoon or a **cup**

**WORD BANK:** beverage, bubble, eventually, foam, intended, invented, melt, purchase, scoop, stand

# Velcro

Level 3.5, Story 17



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## ACROSS

- 3 new things people think up or create
- 5 prickly coverings of the seeds of some plants
- 7 people who travel in space
- 8 learned about or found out about something
- 9 something that keeps things together

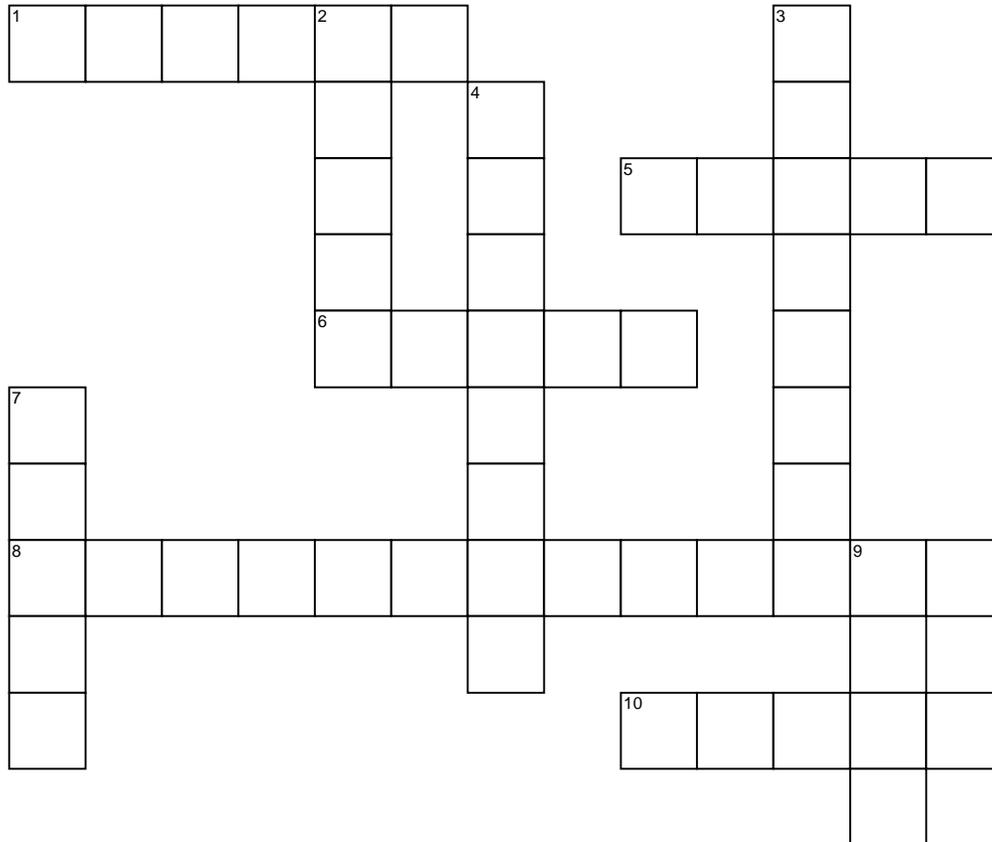
## DOWN

- 1 an instrument that makes tiny things look bigger
- 2 thought about or imagined
- 4 to connect things together
- 6 the world and everything in it that people did not make

**WORD BANK:** astronauts, attach, burs, discovered, fastener, inventions, microscope, nature, wondered

# Treasures in a Tomb

Level 3.5, Story 18



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## ACROSS

- 1 what is left after something has been destroyed or damaged
- 5 equal in value to something
- 6 the bones that form the face and protect the brain
- 8 scientists who study ancient people and things
- 10 a dead body that has been kept from rotting

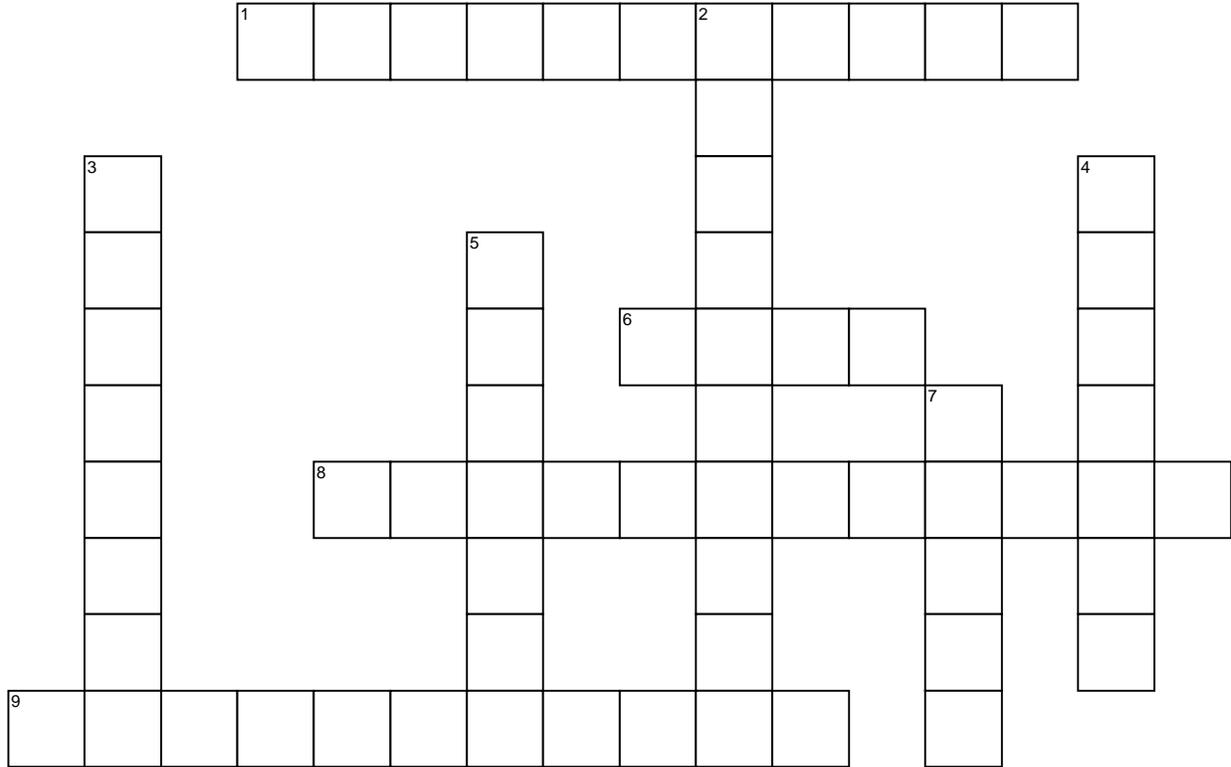
## DOWN

- 2 separate things
- 3 people who work for other people in their homes
- 4 very useful, important, or worth a lot of money
- 7 a place where a dead person is buried
- 9 a grave or structure that holds a dead body

**WORD BANK:** archeologists, debris, grave, items, mummy, servants, skull, tomb, valuable, worth

# Three-Legged Man

Level 3.5, Story 19



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## ACROSS

- 1 uncomfortable and nervous in front of other people
- 6 not able to hear
- 8 conditions that make it hard for a person to do tasks
- 9 not grown

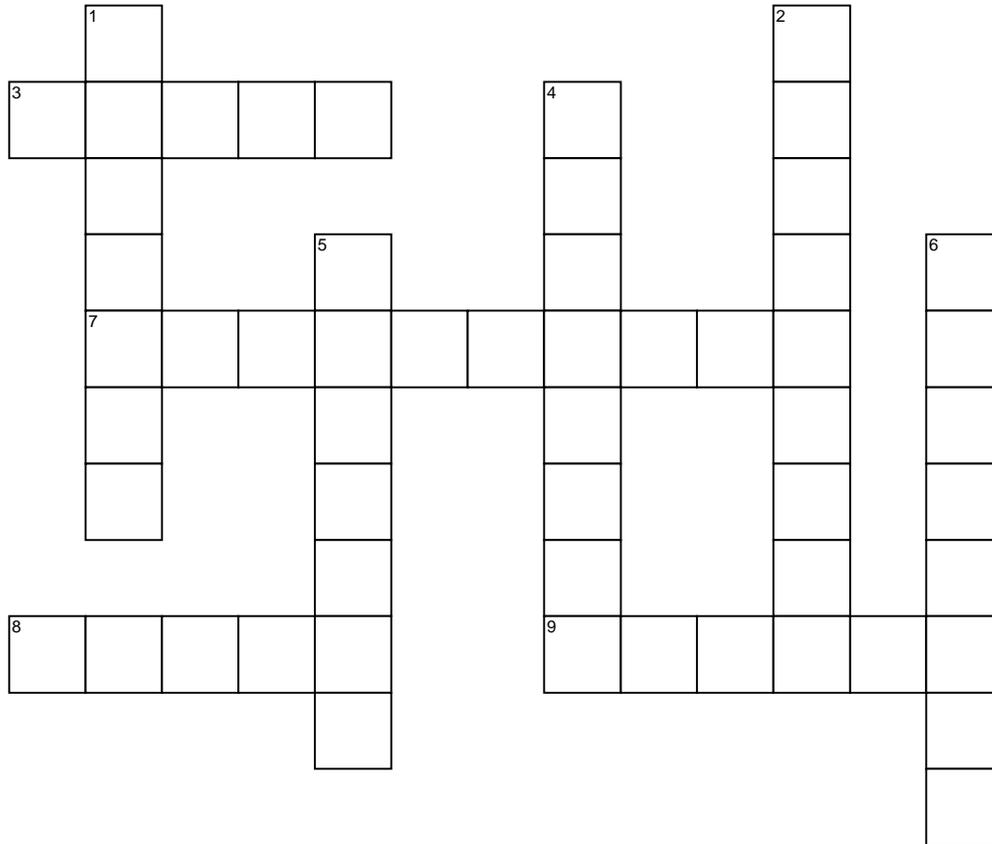
## DOWN

- 2 to enjoy or see the value in something
- 3 to say you are unhappy or angry about something
- 4 to keep from happening
- 5 strange or different from what you see most of the time
- 7 to guide something

**WORD BANK:** appreciate, complain, deaf, disabilities, embarrassed, prevent, steer, undeveloped, unusual

# Saint Bernards

Level 3.5, Story 20



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## ACROSS

- 3 religious men who live together in quiet places
- 7 large amounts of ice and snow or dirt and rock that fall down the side of a mountain
- 8 to cause someone to know or be aware of something
- 9 led or showed the way

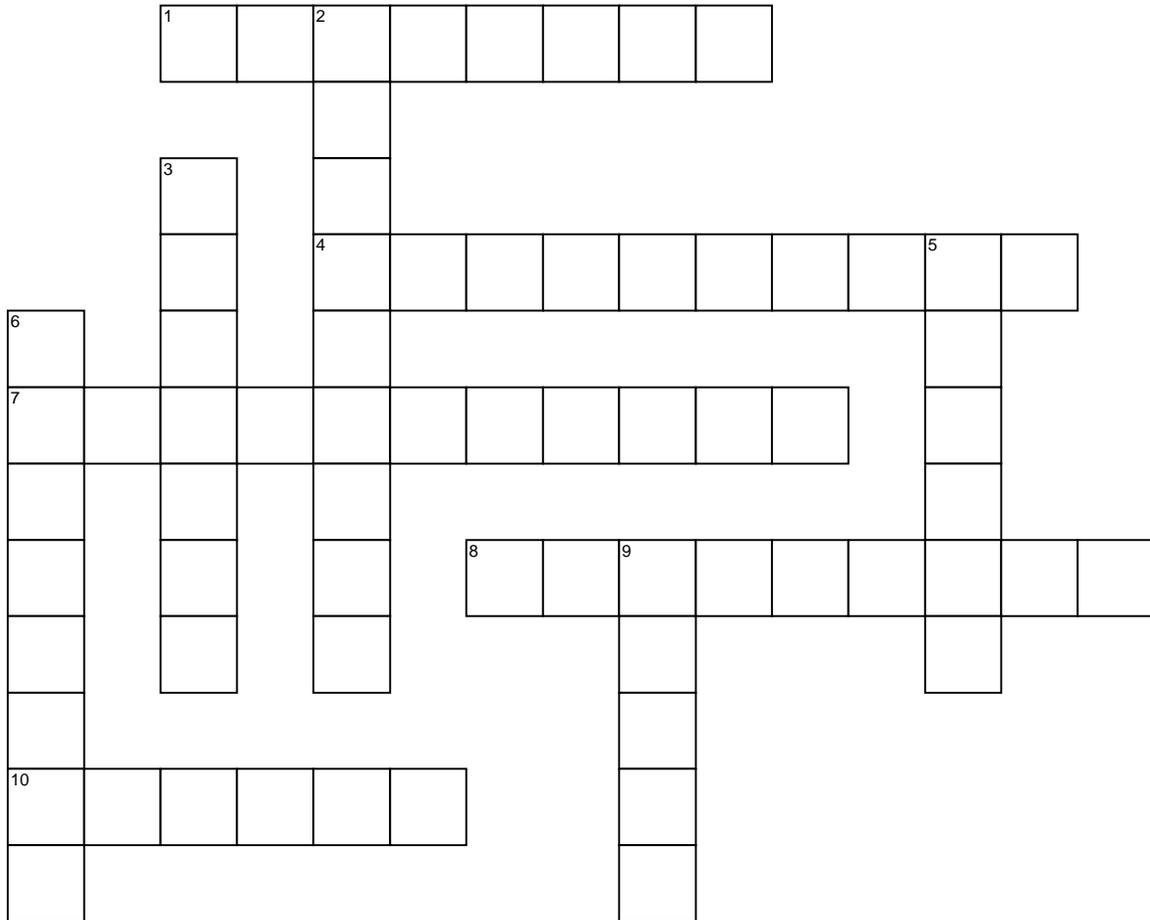
## DOWN

- 1 the willingness to do difficult or dangerous things
- 2 to endure, survive, or make it through something difficult
- 4 saving someone from danger
- 5 the usual weather conditions of a place
- 6 gave or supplied

**WORD BANK:** alert, avalanches, climate, courage, guided, monks, provided, rescuing, withstand

# Hippos

Level 3.5, Story 21



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## ACROSS

- 1 to keep from being lost or wasted
- 4 put in danger
- 7 a chance to do something
- 8 placed under the surface
- 10 whole or all of something

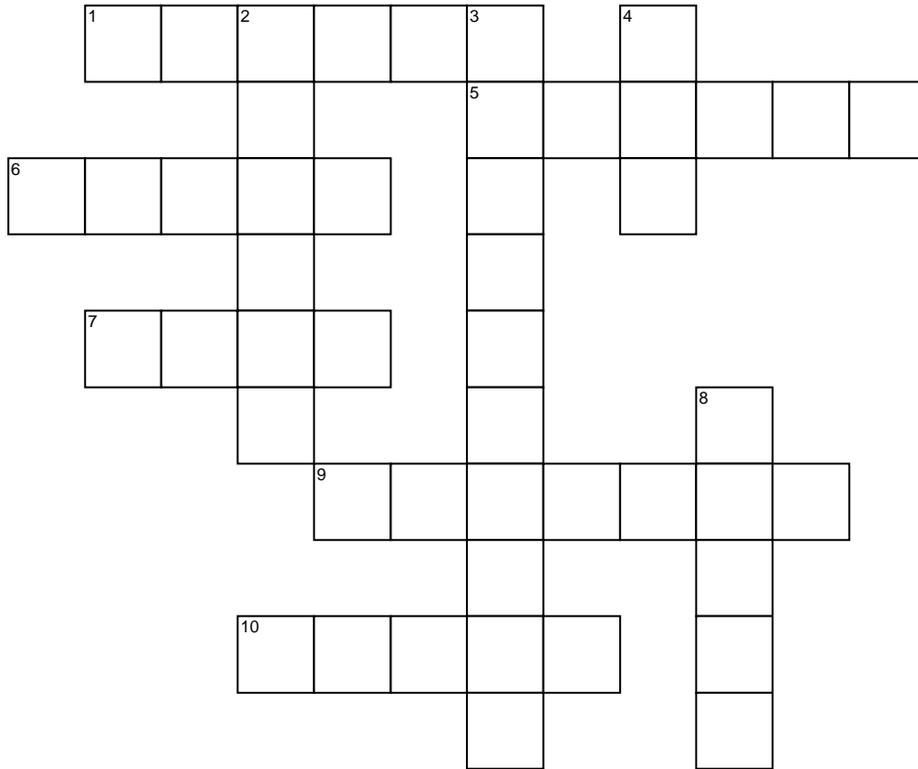
## DOWN

- 2 active at night and asleep during the day
- 3 right for a certain place or situation
- 5 the power to work
- 6 eats or drinks
- 9 shows, uncovers, or makes something seen

**WORD BANK:** adapted, bares, conserve, consumes, energy, entire, nocturnal, opportunity, submerged, threatened

# Hummingbird

Level 3.5, Story 22



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## ACROSS

- 1 how long something is
- 5 the power to work
- 6 to sit on something
- 7 to move up and down
- 9 quickly
- 10 to stay in the air in one place

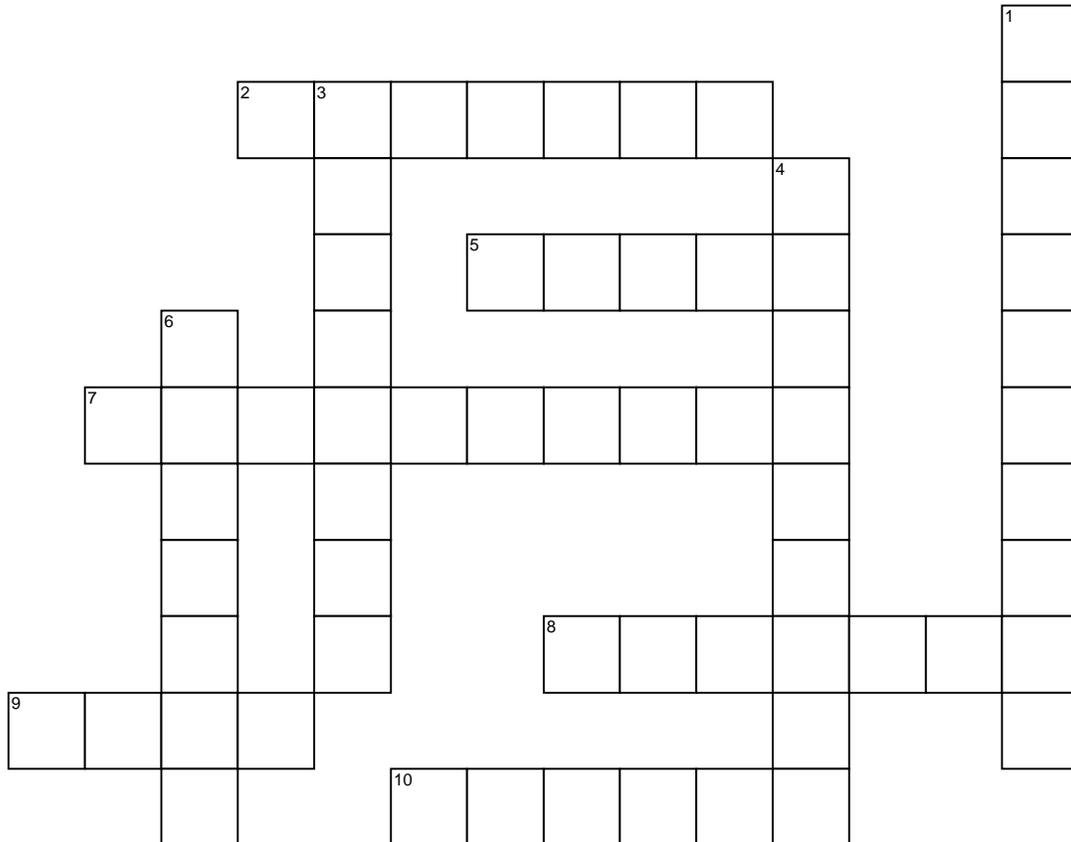
## DOWN

- 2 the sweet juice found in flowers
- 3 a machine that uses large spinning blades to hover or to fly
- 4 each
- 8 to let something happen

**WORD BANK:** allow, beat, energy, helicopter, hover, length, nectar, perch, rapidly

# Zebras

Level 3.5, Story 23



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## ACROSS

- 2 groups of plants or animals that are alike in certain ways
- 5 to be useful in some way
- 7 a way of hiding something by making it look like the things around it
- 8 no longer existing
- 9 a kind or type of something
- 10 one of a kind

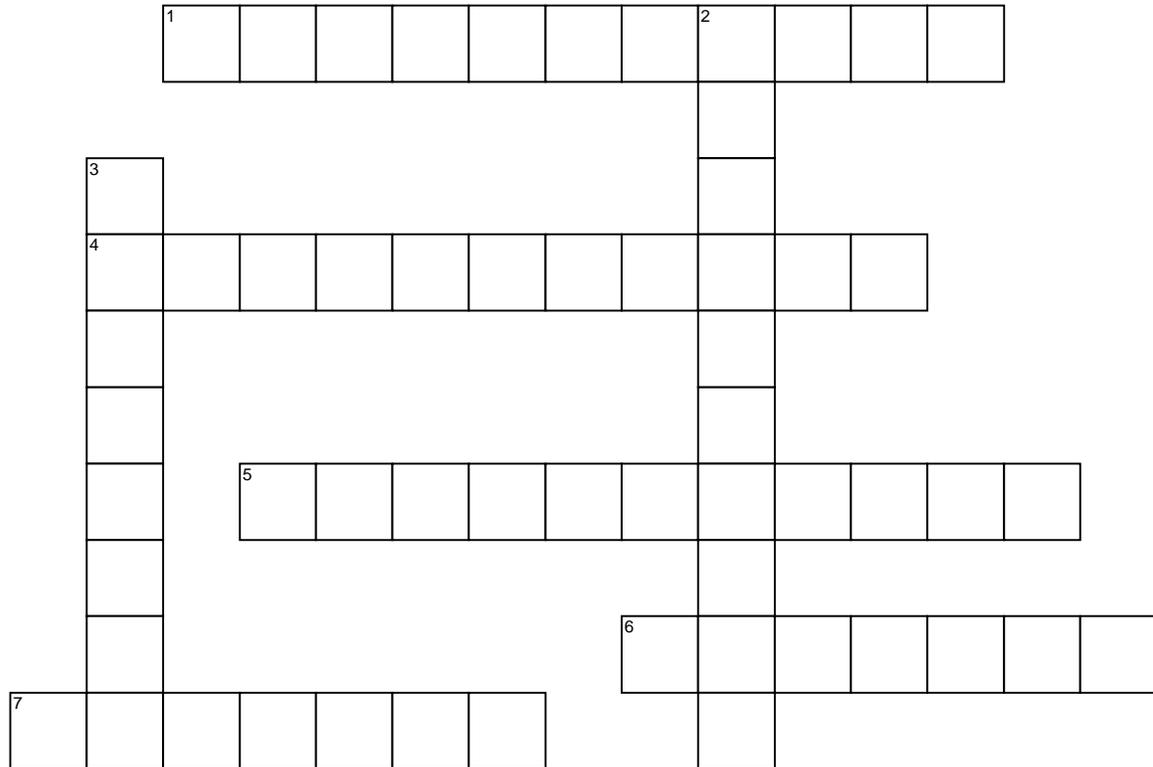
## DOWN

- 1 people who study animals
- 3 uses
- 4 to figure out something
- 6 a set of things, like colors, shapes, lines, or sounds, that is repeated

**WORD BANK:** camouflage, determine, extinct, form, pattern, purposes, serve, species, unique, zoologists

# Sacagawea

Level 3.5, Story 24



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## ACROSS

- 1 a person whose job is to put words from one language into another language
- 4 something that gets done because of skill, work, or courage
- 5 went with or came along
- 6 putting marks on trees to show a path that others can follow
- 7 saved from danger or harm

## DOWN

- 2 in particular or even more so
- 3 a group of sounds, written symbols, or movements used to show thoughts and feelings

**WORD BANK:** accompanied, achievement, blazing, especially, interpreter, language, rescued