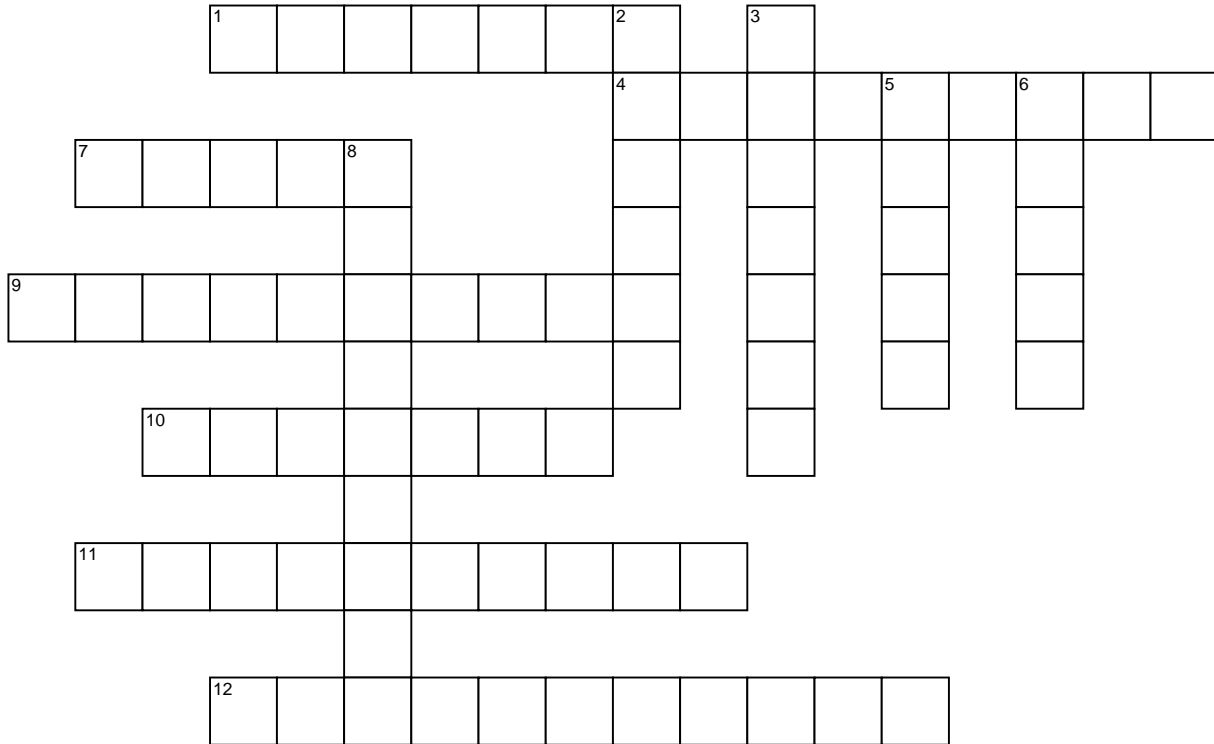


Loch Ness Monster

Level 4.5, Story 1



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ACROSS

- 1 said something as if it were true
- 4 the things you need for a certain activity
- 7 stays hidden or waits quietly
- 9 a picture taken with a camera
- 10 sure or positive
- 11 careful, organized, and able to be measured
- 12 something that interrupts quiet, calmness, or order

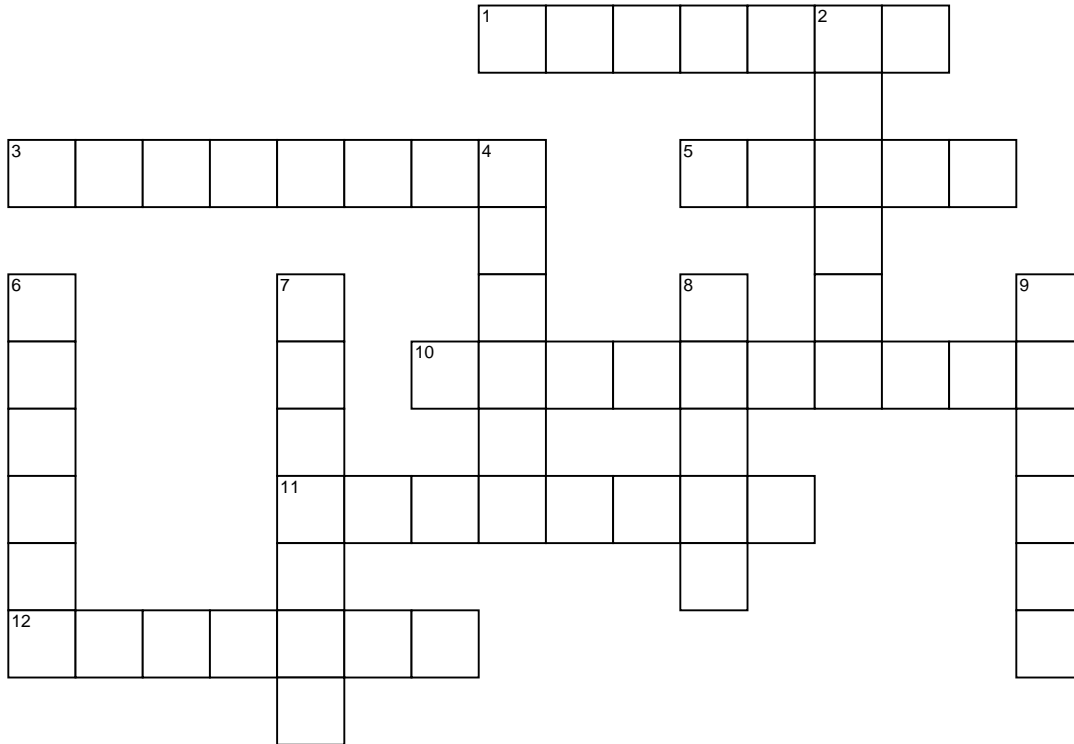
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- 2 very deep places or parts
- 3 the outside or top part of something
- 5 anything that can be used to show something is true
- 6 to be real or alive
- 8 events in which someone sees something important or unusual

WORD BANK: certain, claimed, depths, disturbance, equipment, exist, lurks, photograph, proof, scientific, sightings, surface

Seeing the Super Small

Level 4.5, Story 2



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ACROSS

- 1 to make things look larger than they really are
- 3 understandings or decisions that people reach after studying something
- 5 an activity that a person likes to do in his or her free time
- 10 an instrument that makes small things look larger
- 11 to make it possible to hurt or harm someone
- 12 thought that something might not be true or right

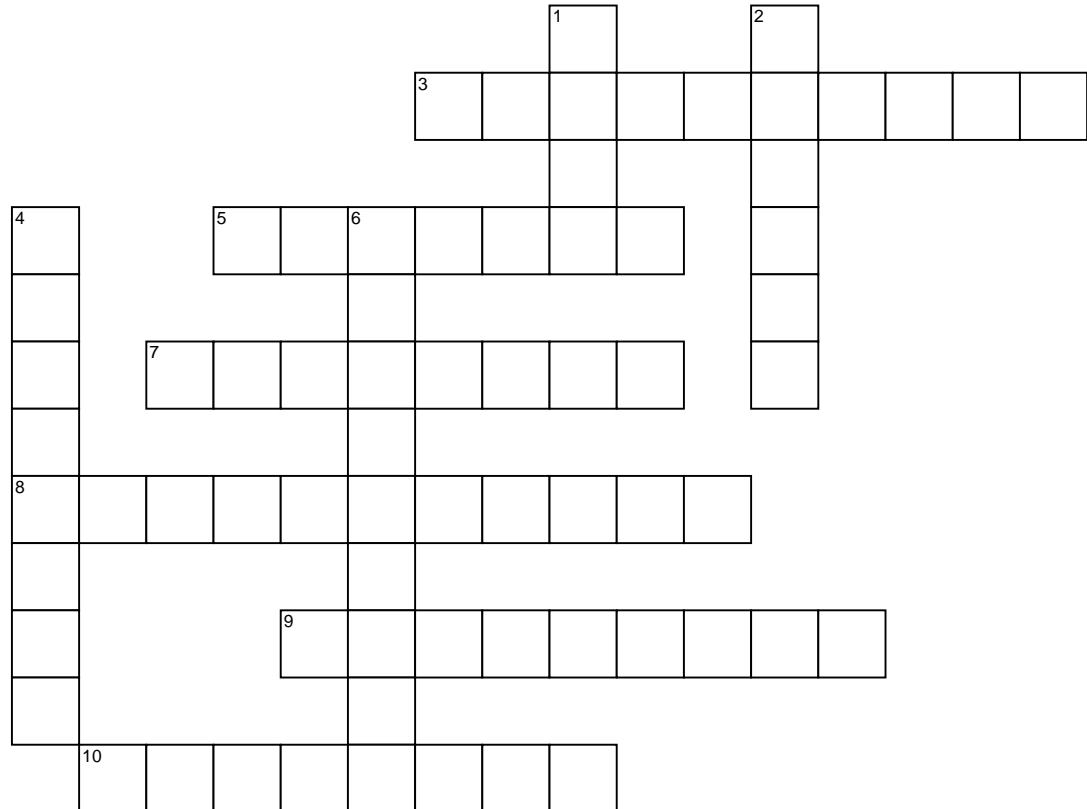
DOWN

- 2 cloth
- 4 the watery liquid made by glands in the mouth
- 6 to go to or be present at something
- 7 things you can see or touch
- 8 jobs that people or things have
- 9 curved pieces of glass that make things look bigger, smaller, or clearer

WORD BANK: attend, doubted, endanger, fabric, findings, hobby, lenses, magnify, microscope, objects, roles, saliva

Eruption of Destruction

Level 4.5, Story 3



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ACROSS

- 3 in a way that is opposite of what was expected
- 5 came out of somewhere or came into existence
- 7 someone or something harmed or killed in a war or accident
- 8 daring, or willing to take risks in looking for new experiences
- 9 toppled over or fell down suddenly
- 10 a terrible event that causes harm

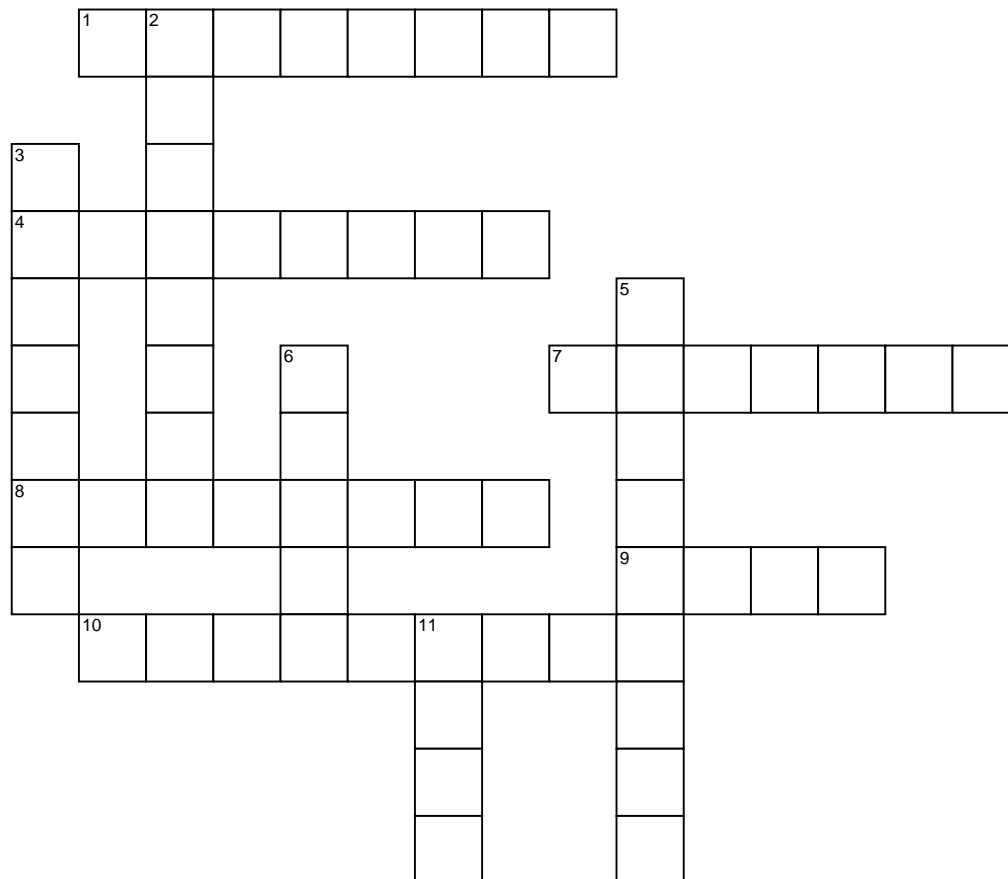
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- 1 something with a shape that is wide and round at one end and pointed at the other end
- 2 working
- 4 very large ocean waves
- 6 explosions in which something is violently forced out

WORD BANK: active, adventurous, casualty, collapsed, cone, disaster, emerged, eruptions, ironically, tsunamis

Neil Armstrong

Level 4.5, Story 4



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ACROSS

- 1 chose or picked something
- 4 the science of airplanes and other aircraft
- 7 hard to understand or having many parts
- 8 plain or normal
- 9 a U.S. government group in charge of space research and space travel
- 10 a person who travels in space

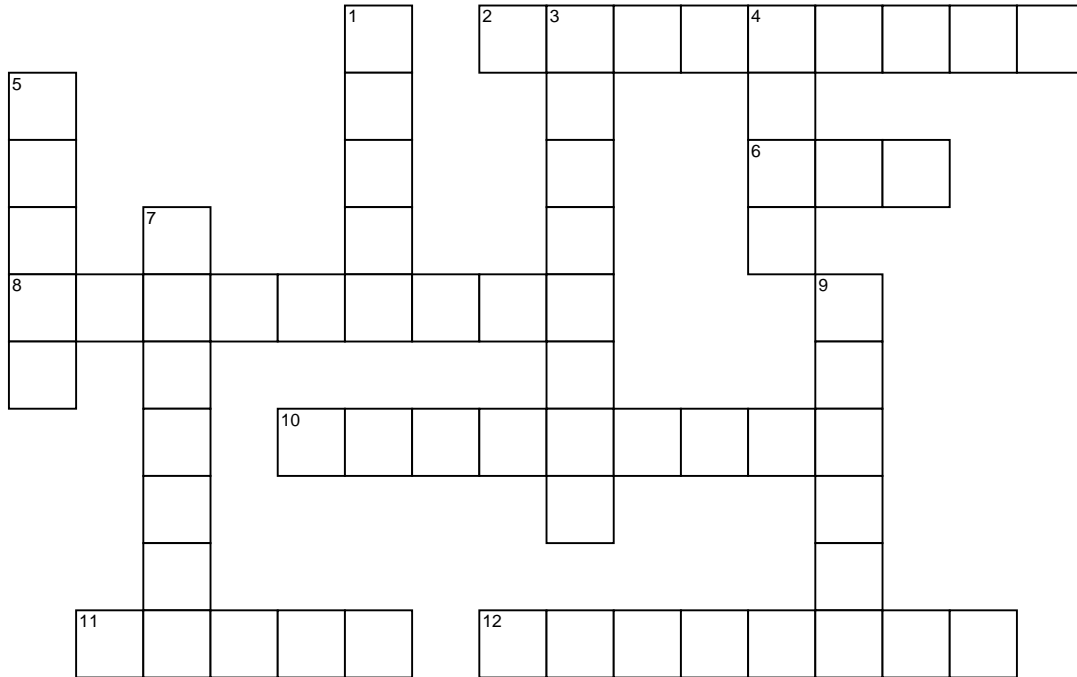
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- 2 joined a group, usually the military
- 3 a strong feeling of excitement about something
- 5 very important or having a big effect on the things that come after
- 6 having to do with the moon
- 11 one part of the United States military

WORD BANK: astronaut, aviation, complex, enlisted, lunar, momentous, NASA, Navy, ordinary, passion, selected

Amelia Earhart

Level 4.5, Story 5



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ACROSS

- 2 pleased with the way things are
- 6 a part of a trip
- 8 an interesting or exciting thing that people do
- 10 having the skill or ability to do a certain task
- 11 as a test or to try out
- 12 a person's sense of his or her own position

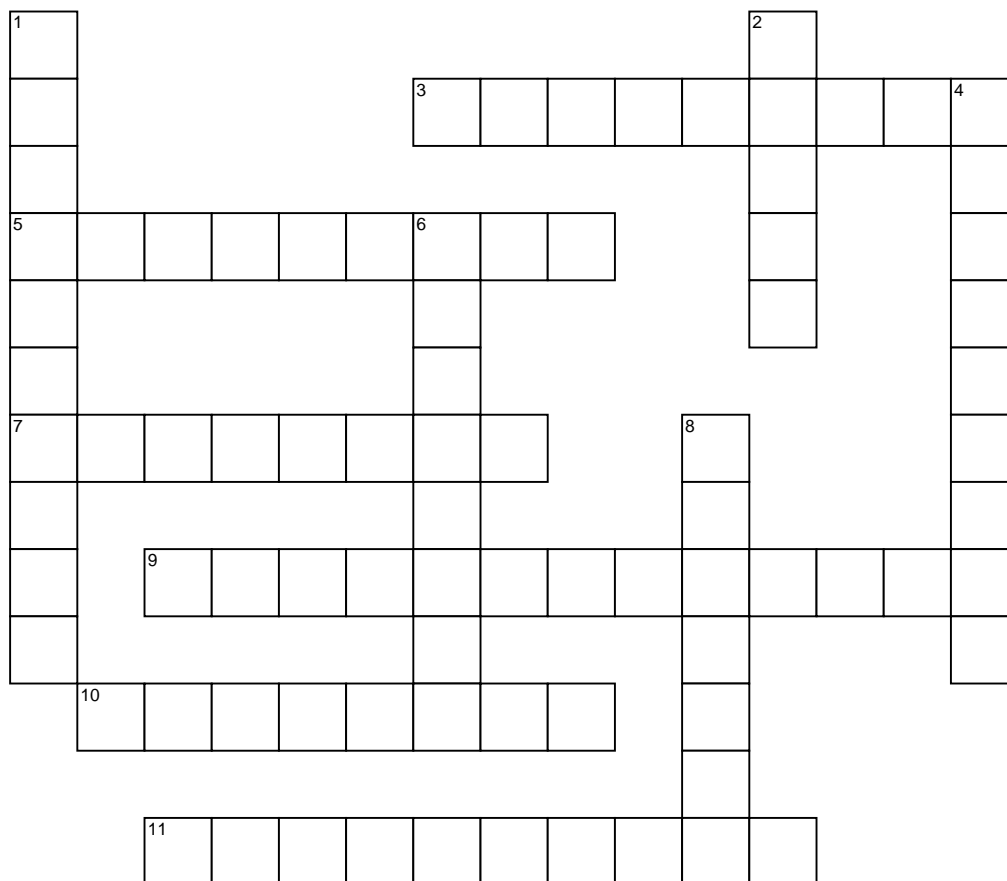
DOWN

- 1 to fly a plane
- 3 completed, won, or made real
- 4 alone or by oneself
- 5 causing death
- 7 a person who flies airplanes, helicopters, or other machines that fly
- 9 to get something, usually through effort

WORD BANK: achieved, adventure, aviator, bearings, competent, fatal, leg, obtain, pilot, satisfied, solo, trial

A Marathon of Hope

Level 4.5, Story 6



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ACROSS

- 3** cut off a body part, usually by a doctor
- 5** got better after an illness or accident
- 7** made others want to do something or try for something
- 9** strength and willingness to finish something even when it is difficult
- 10** a race in which people run about 26.2 miles
- 11** something bad or unlucky that happens

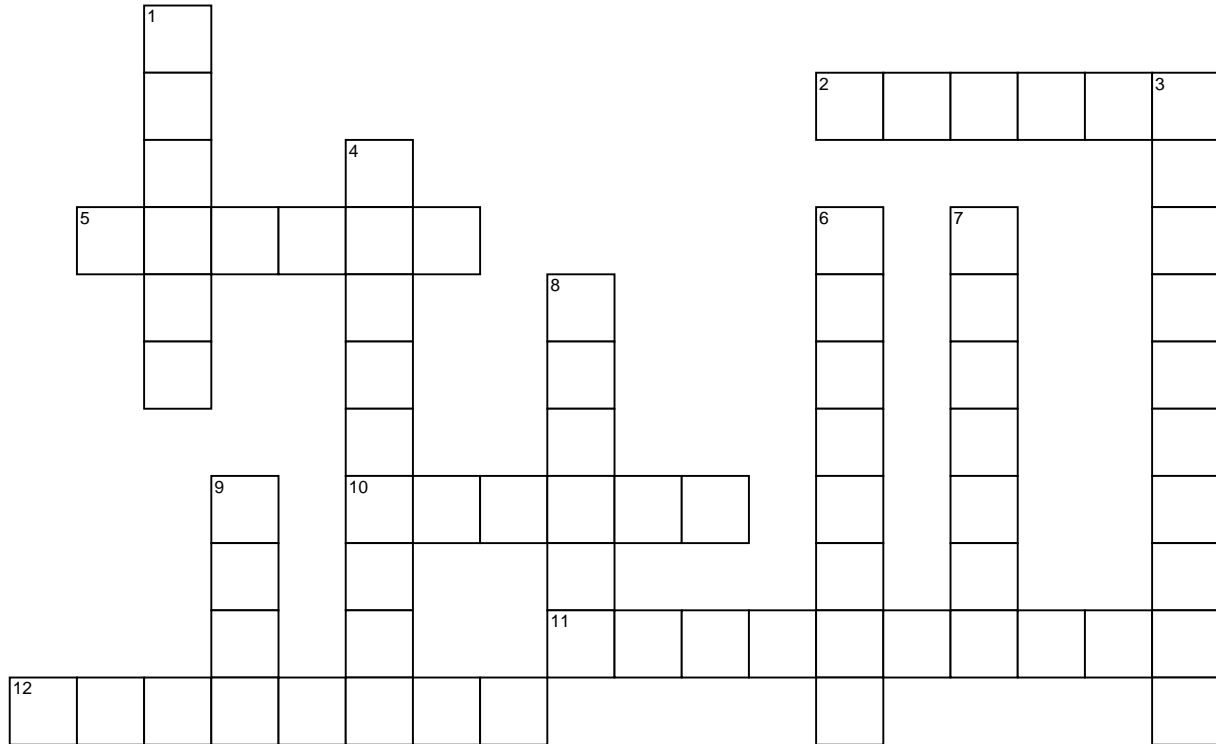
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- 1** hard to believe or amazing
- 2** an idea, goal, or principle that a person or group works for
- 4** money, food, or gifts you give to help a person or group
- 6** careful investigation or study to learn new facts about something
- 8** to leave someone or something or to completely give up

WORD BANK: abandon, amputated, cause, determination, donations, incredible, inspired, marathon, misfortune, recovered, research

What Big Eyes You Have!

Level 4.5, Story 7



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ACROSS

- 2** depends on or needs
- 5** the ability to see, or the sense of sight
- 10** to turn or spin something around a center point
- 11** a well-known group of words that means something specific
- 12** usually or regularly

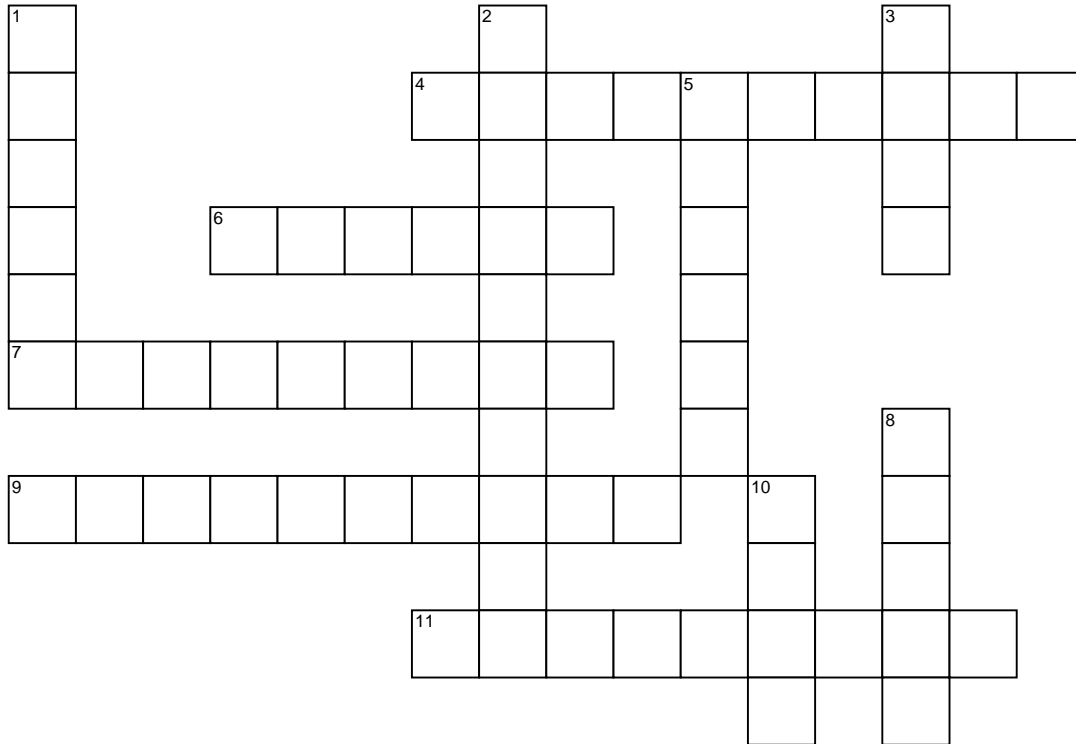
DOWN

- 1** small or tiny
- 3** enough or as much as needed
- 4** active at night and asleep during the day
- 6** eats or drinks
- 7** pocket-like holes in a body
- 8** to find out where something is
- 9** the flat, inner part of the hand, not including the fingers

WORD BANK: consumes, expression, locate, nocturnal, normally, palm, petite, relies, rotate, sockets, sufficient, vision

The San Francisco Earthquake

Level 4.5, Story 8



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ACROSS

- 4** quick movements back and forth
- 6** caused to spread
- 7** people who are skilled in planning and designing things such as roads, bridges, and buildings
- 9** a strong, sudden shaking of the earth's crust caused by volcanic forces or shifting rock
- 11** guesses about number or size that are made after careful thinking

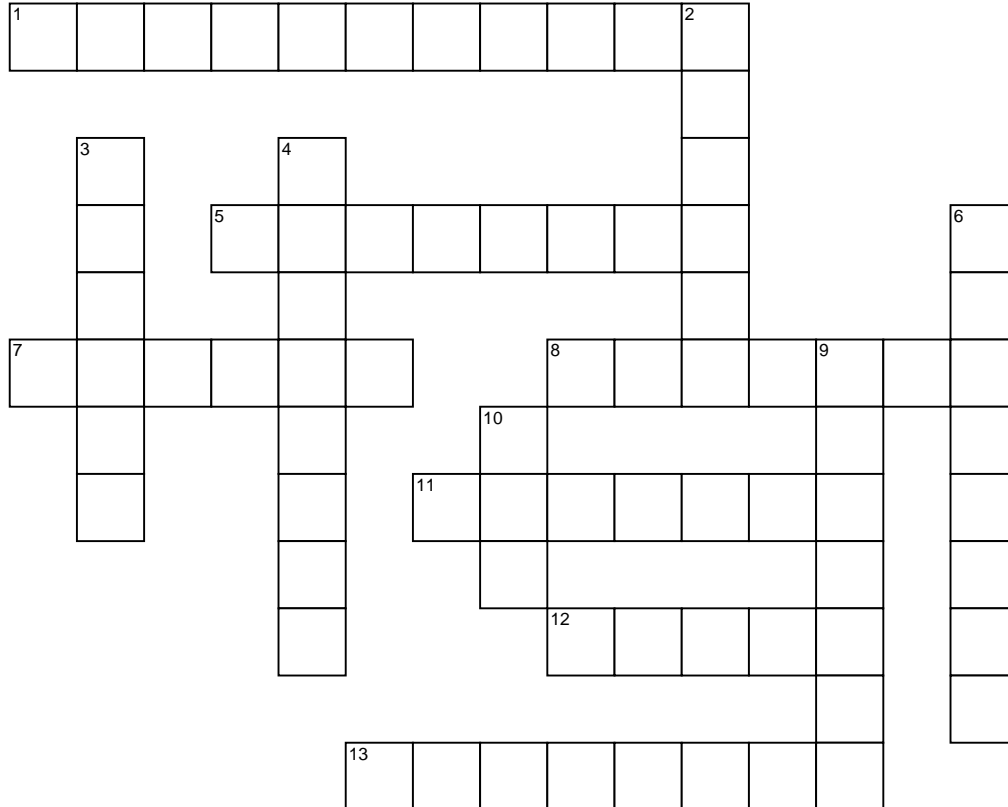
DOWN

- 1** broken pieces of rock, stone, or brick
- 2** sections of land that are cleared to stop the spread of a fire
- 3** to steal, rob, or carry away something that doesn't belong to you
- 5** to take in or gather something, such as energy
- 8** connected groups of pipes or tubes that carry something from one place to another
- 10** to move back and forth slowly

WORD BANK: absorb, earthquake, engineers, estimates, firebreaks, fueled, lines, loot, rubble, sway, vibrations

Flood in Johnstown

Level 4.5, Story 9



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ACROSS

- 1 gathered over a period of time
- 5 a heavy fall of rain
- 7 the low land between hills or mountains
- 8 very big or huge
- 11 made of dirt or clay
- 12 to explode or come open
- 13 made completely wet

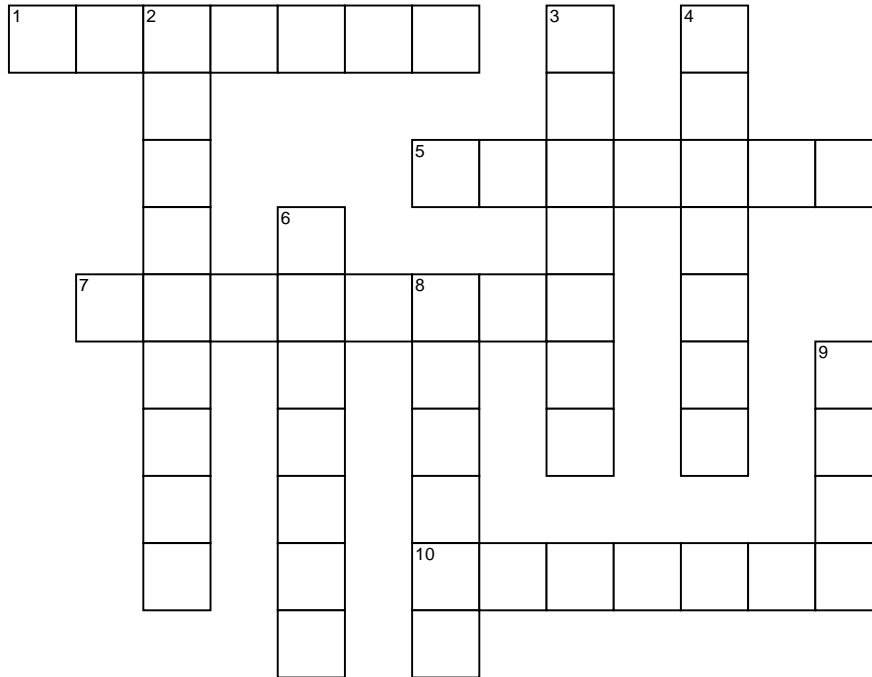
DOWN

- 2 what is left after something has been destroyed or damaged
- 3 in one piece or not broken
- 4 much taller than nearby things
- 6 force or weight that is put on something
- 9 lit or started on fire
- 10 a wall that stops or controls the flow of water

WORD BANK: accumulated, burst, dam, debris, downpour, drenched, earthen, ignited, intact, massive, pressure, towering, valley

Underground Workers

Level 4.5, Story 10



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ACROSS

- 1** paths that go under the ground
- 5** the surface, or top, layer of soil
- 7** natural substances like iron, coal, and salt that are found in the ground
- 10** to get the useful parts out of something so that they can be used again

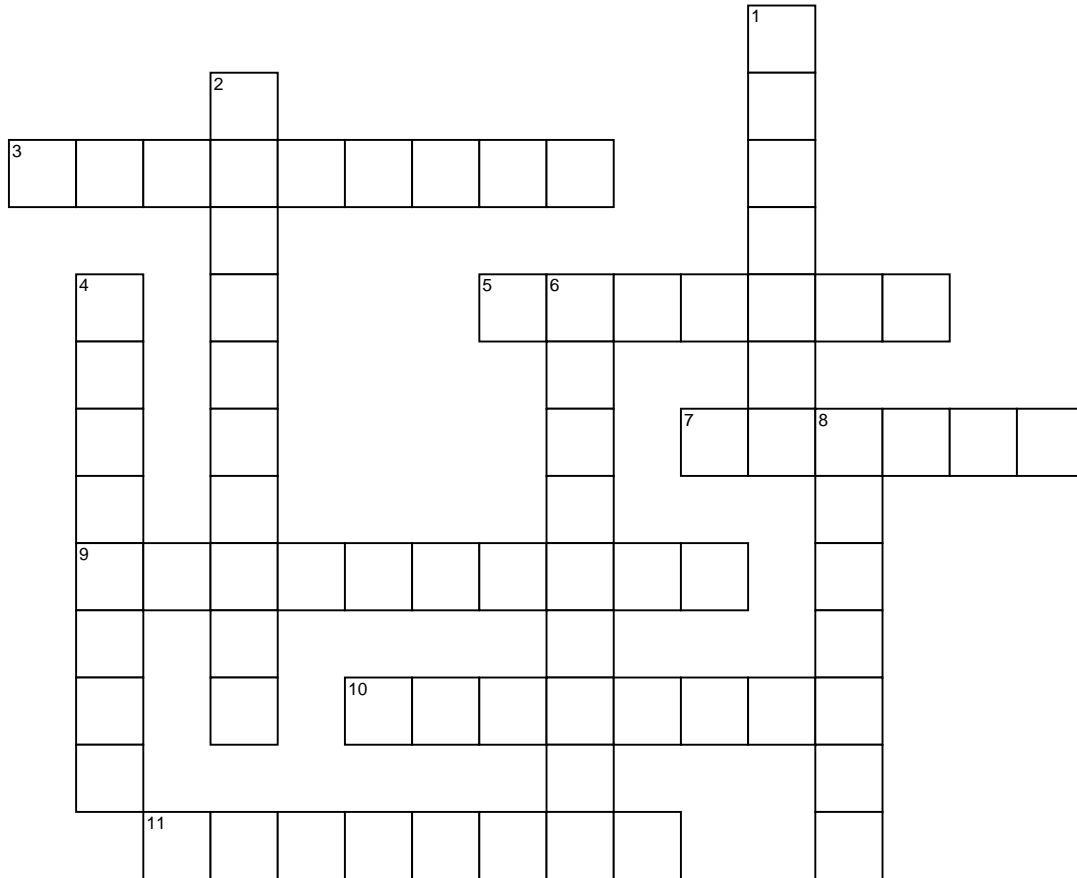
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- 2** things that feed plants and animals and help them grow
- 3** to leave or set down
- 4** a series of steps in doing something
- 6** do or carry out a task
- 8** to take in another substance
- 9** an area of land that is 43,560 square feet

WORD BANK: absorb, acre, deposit, minerals, nutrients, perform, process, recycle, topsoil, tunnels

Fried to Perfection

Level 4.5, Story 11



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ACROSS

- 3 things you can choose from
- 5 having an uneven, wavy surface
- 7 hard and dry, but easy to break
- 9 started or came to be
- 10 a kind of sauce that has a spicy, smoky flavor
- 11 a person who buys something

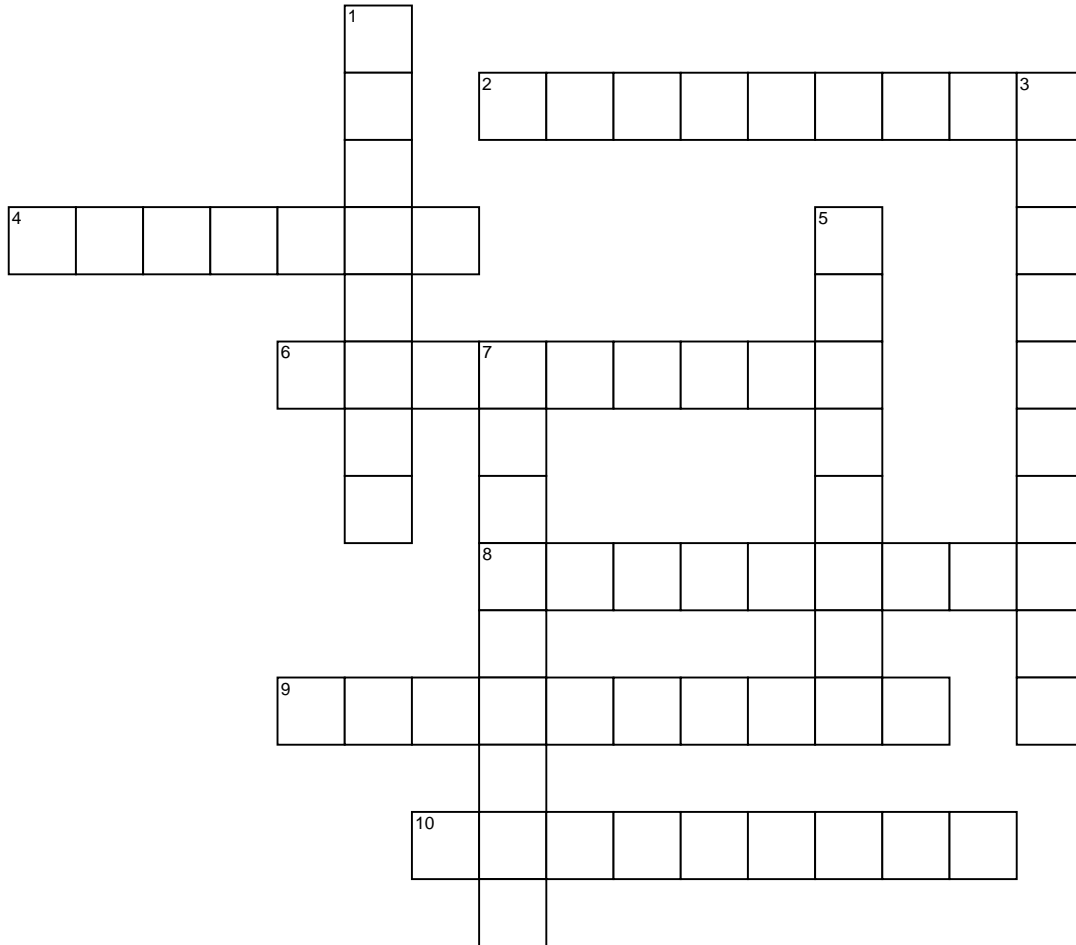
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- 1 liked by many people
- 2 asking for something
- 4 given a certain taste
- 6 easy to make angry
- 8 in place of something or rather than something else

WORD BANK: barbecue, crispy, customer, flavored, instead, irritable, originated, popular, requesting, rippled, selection

Beethoven

Level 4.5, Story 12



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ACROSS

- 2 clapped hands together to show something was well done
- 4 a success or win
- 6 ended or finished
- 8 important or well-known
- 9 thought to be
- 10 slowly over time

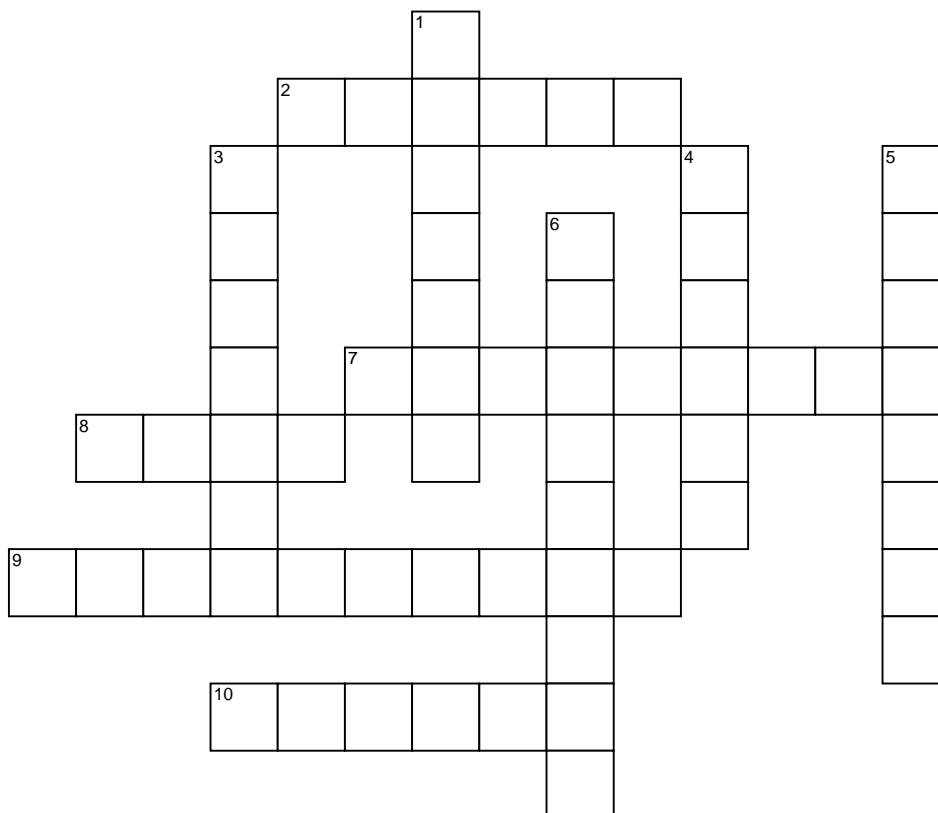
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- 1 a long piece of music written for an orchestra to play
- 3 made someone feel extremely upset
- 5 the group of people listening to or watching a show or performance
- 7 people who write music

WORD BANK: applauded, audience, composers, concluded, considered, devastated, gradually, prominent, symphony, triumph

Ladybird

Level 4.5, Story 13



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ACROSS

- 2** to come out of somewhere or come into existence
- 7** to make a connection in the mind between things
- 8** rotten, dirty, or disgusting
- 9** the way someone or something looks
- 10** to stay close together

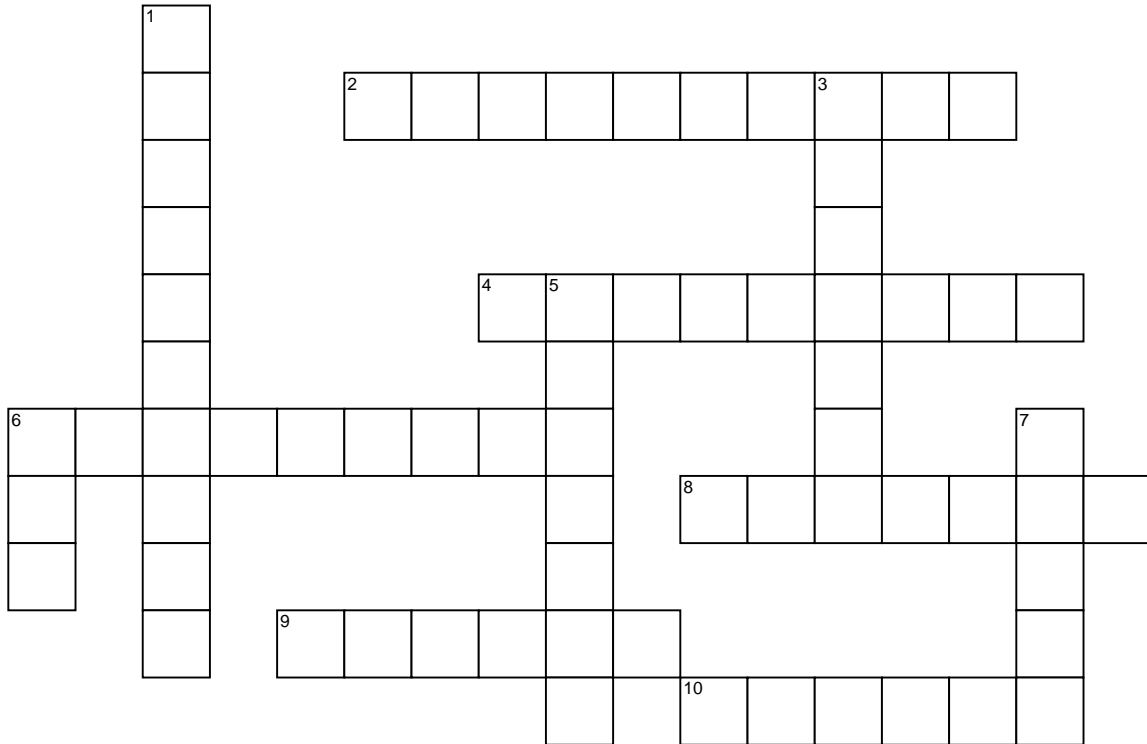
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- 1** something a person or animal uses to protect itself
- 3** to eat or drink
- 4** small bugs that drink the juice from plants
- 5** fooled, tricked, or made to believe something that isn't true
- 6** safe from danger

WORD BANK: aphids, appearance, associate, consume, deceived, defense, emerge, foul, huddle, protected

Chewing on Trees?

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ACROSS

- 2 one of the things a mixture is made of
- 4 gathered, picked, or collected
- 6 made by people and not found in nature
- 8 a place where things are made
- 9 how much of something people want
- 10 the thickened, milky sap of certain tropical American trees

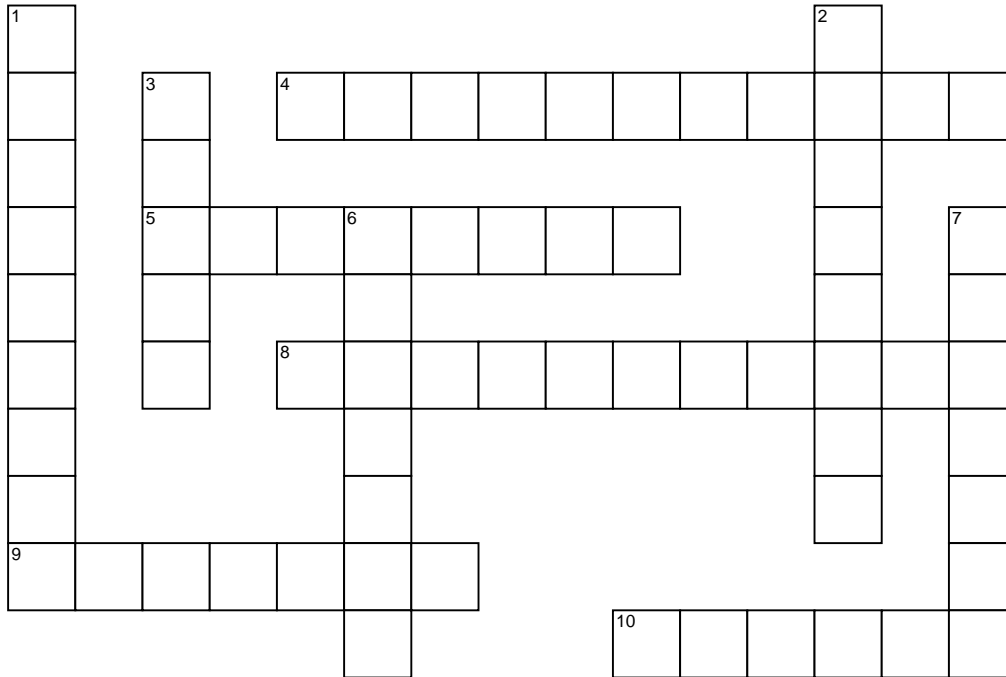
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- 1 solids or liquids you can touch
- 3 able to be stretched out and then returned to its original shape
- 5 from a very long time ago
- 6 thick, sticky liquid that comes from plants and trees
- 7 to follow the stages of growth or progress of something

WORD BANK: ancient, chicle, demand, elastic, factory, harvested, ingredient, sap, substances, synthetic, trace

Beetles

Level 4.5, Story 15



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ACROSS

- 4 the outside and all that lives there
- 5 little drops of water
- 8 able to destroy or ruin things
- 9 changed and developed over time, often in a way that made something better
- 10 the main stems of plants or the stems from which the flowers grow

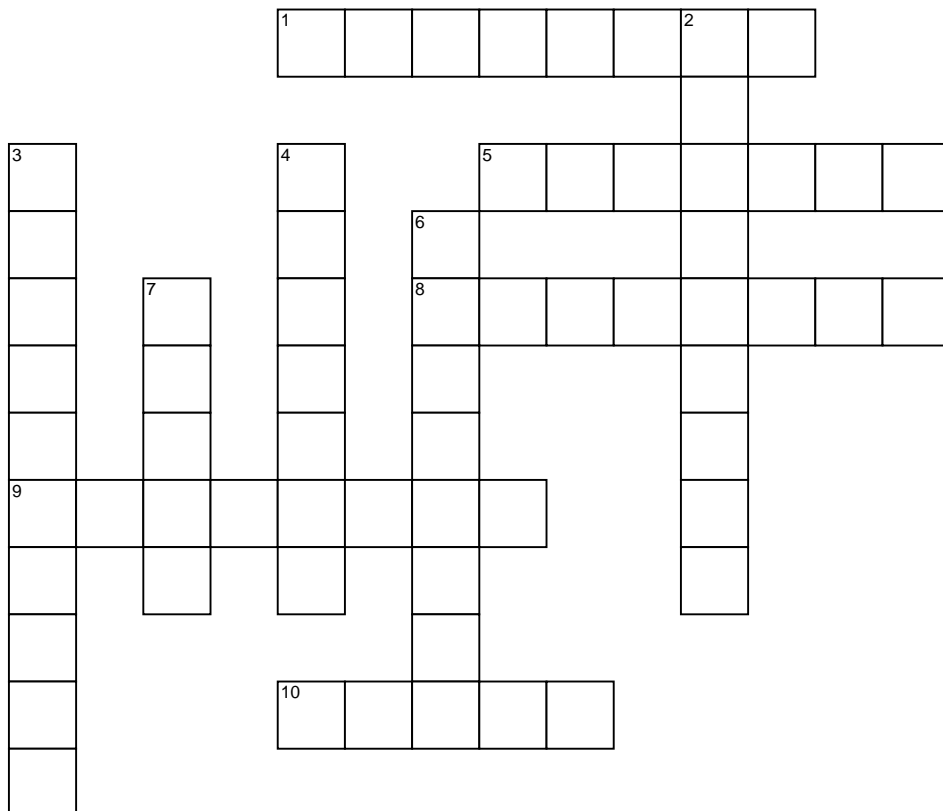
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- 1 to move pollen from one flower to another so that the flowers can make seeds
- 2 being destroyed slowly or rotting
- 3 a covering made of strong material that protects the body
- 6 groups of plants or animals that are alike in certain ways
- 7 a kind of small beetle that often damage crops

WORD BANK: armor, decaying, destructive, environment, evolved, moisture, pollinate, species, stalks, weevils

Isaac's Question

Level 4.5, Story 16



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ACROSS

- 1 causes something to move closer
- 5 things you can see or touch
- 8 watched carefully
- 9 to keep something the way it is
- 10 a power that causes or stops movement

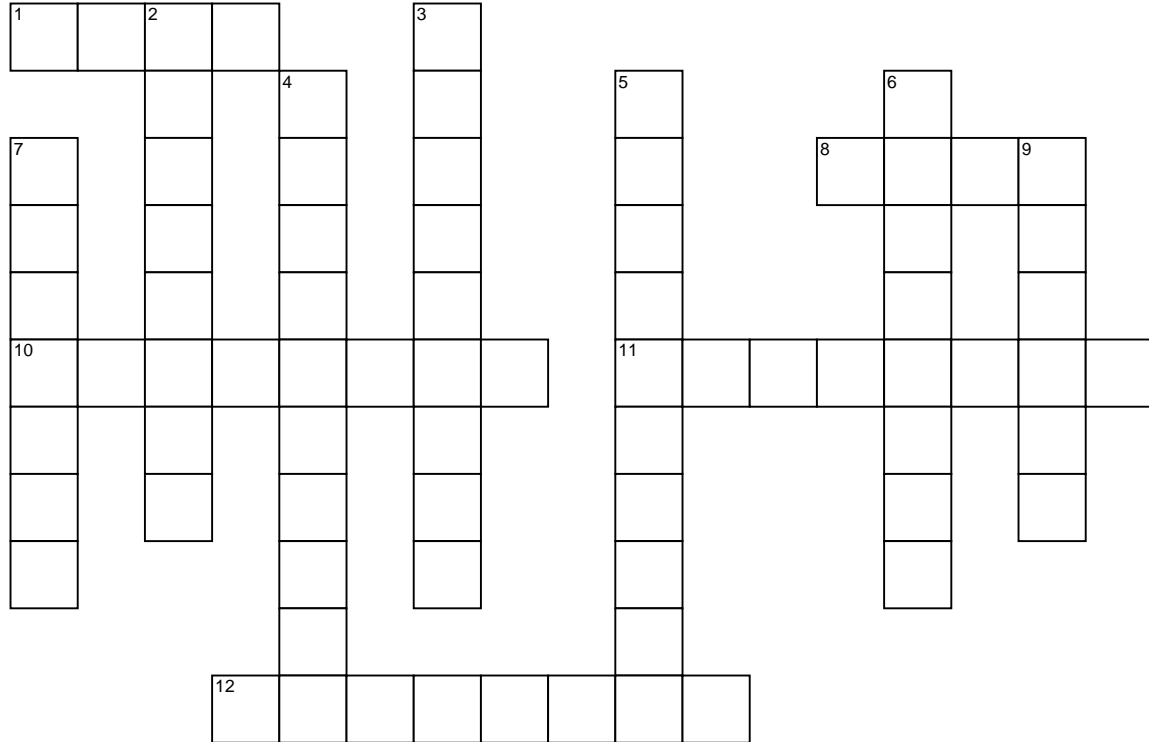
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- 2 offered a possible explanation after careful observation and thought
- 3 controls or decides something
- 4 a force that pulls objects toward each other
- 6 to think about or keep in mind
- 7 the path that one object in space takes around another

WORD BANK: attracts, consider, determines, force, gravity, maintain, objects, observed, orbit, theorized

Will the Sun Die?

Level 4.5, Story 17



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ACROSS

- 1 something that burns to give heat, light, or power
- 8 the innermost part of something
- 10 unchanging or staying the same
- 11 the continuation of life or existence
- 12 a gas that has no color or smell and burns easily

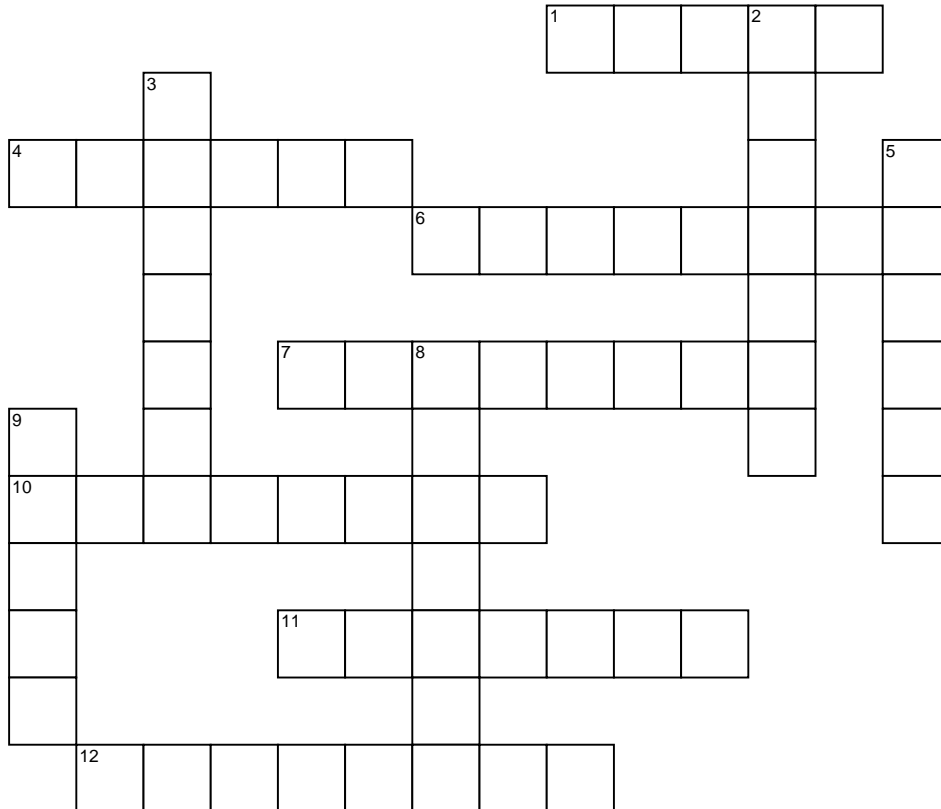
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- 2 the basic ingredients that make up everything in the universe
- 3 right now or in the present
- 4 after a long time
- 5 the air or gases that surround a planet, moon, or star
- 6 is made up of
- 7 a series of steps in doing something
- 9 to become wider or bigger

WORD BANK: atmosphere, consists, constant, core, currently, elements, eventually, expand, fuel, hydrogen, process, survival

Siberian Tiger

Level 4.5, Story 18



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ACROSS

- 1 very unpleasant, uncomfortable, or severe
- 4 moves forward suddenly and forcefully
- 6 very strong
- 7 to keep something from being harmed, damaged, or changed
- 10 tries or efforts to do something
- 11 to eat or drink
- 12 able to move without being noticed

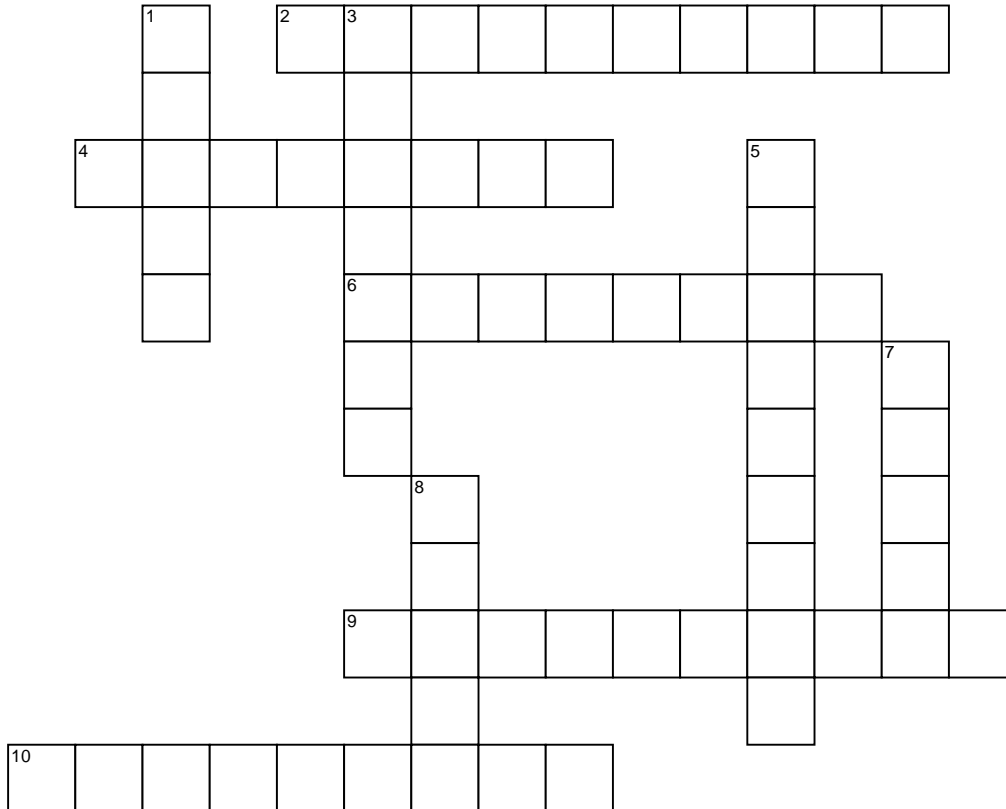
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- 2 good at something
- 3 a moment or a very short amount of time
- 5 extremely cold
- 8 no longer existing
- 9 moves quickly and suddenly

WORD BANK: attempts, consume, darts, extinct, frigid, harsh, instant, lunges, muscular, preserve, skilled, stealthy

Chicago Burns

Level 4.5, Story 19



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ACROSS

- 2 keeping something from happening
- 4 a terrible event that causes great harm
- 6 all the businesses that provide related services or products
- 9 a tall structure where people stand to view large areas
- 10 terrible events that cause harm

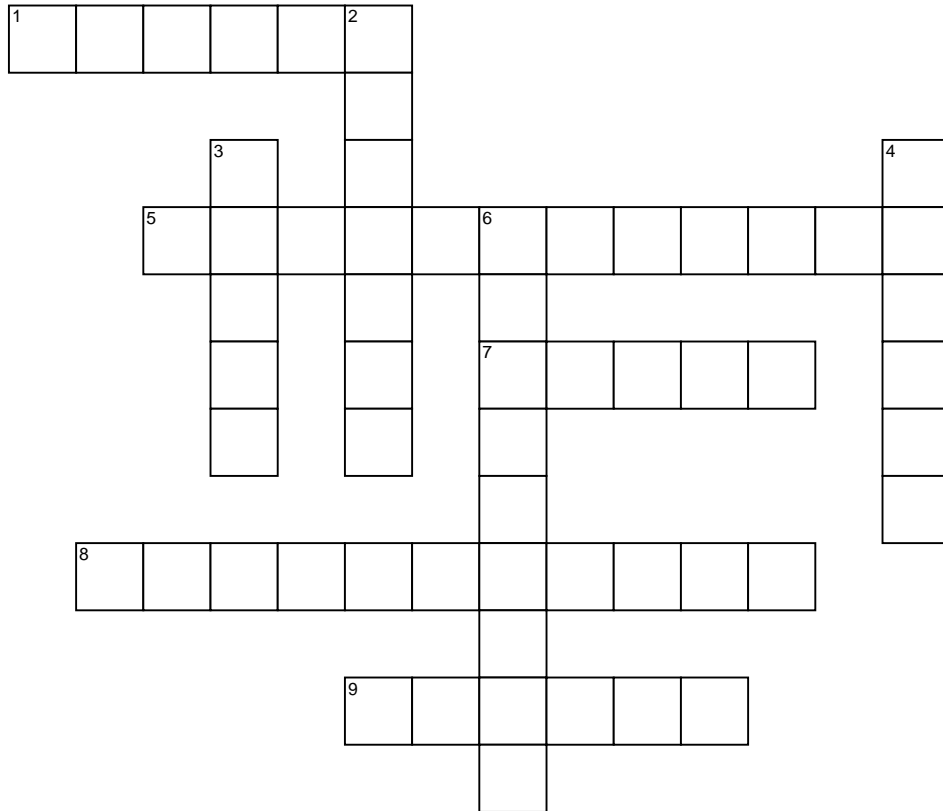
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- 1 a signal that warns of danger
- 3 continues to be
- 5 safe against fire
- 7 the buying and selling of goods
- 8 a fire

WORD BANK: alarm, blaze, calamity, disasters, fireproof, industry, preventing, remains, trade, watchtower

The Liberty Bell

Level 4.5, Story 20



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ACROSS

- 1 an object that stands for something other than itself
- 5 freedom from the rule or power of someone or something else
- 7 to show respect
- 8 to tell or send a message about something
- 9 things that take place

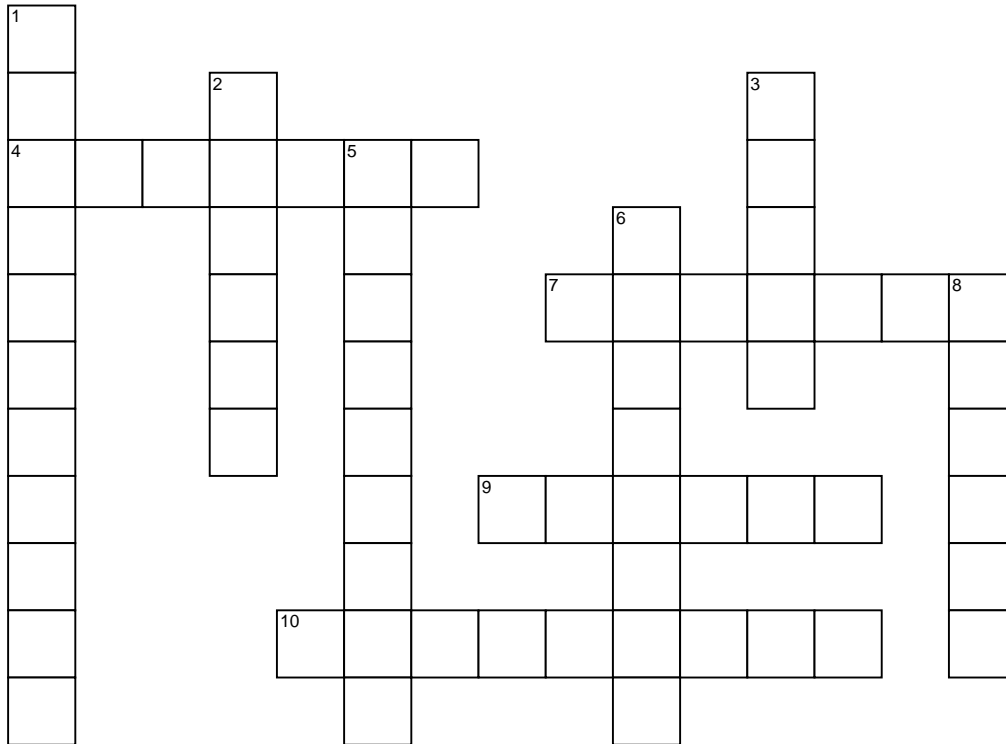
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- 2 the ability to make your own choices
- 3 the state of being joined together as one
- 4 made again in a mold
- 6 shown in public

WORD BANK: communicate, events, exhibited, honor, independence, liberty, recast, symbol, unity

Sybil Ludington

Level 4.5, Story 21



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ACROSS

- 4 an officer in the military
- 7 to leave a place rather than fight
- 9 to call or send for people to come
- 10 a person who delivers information

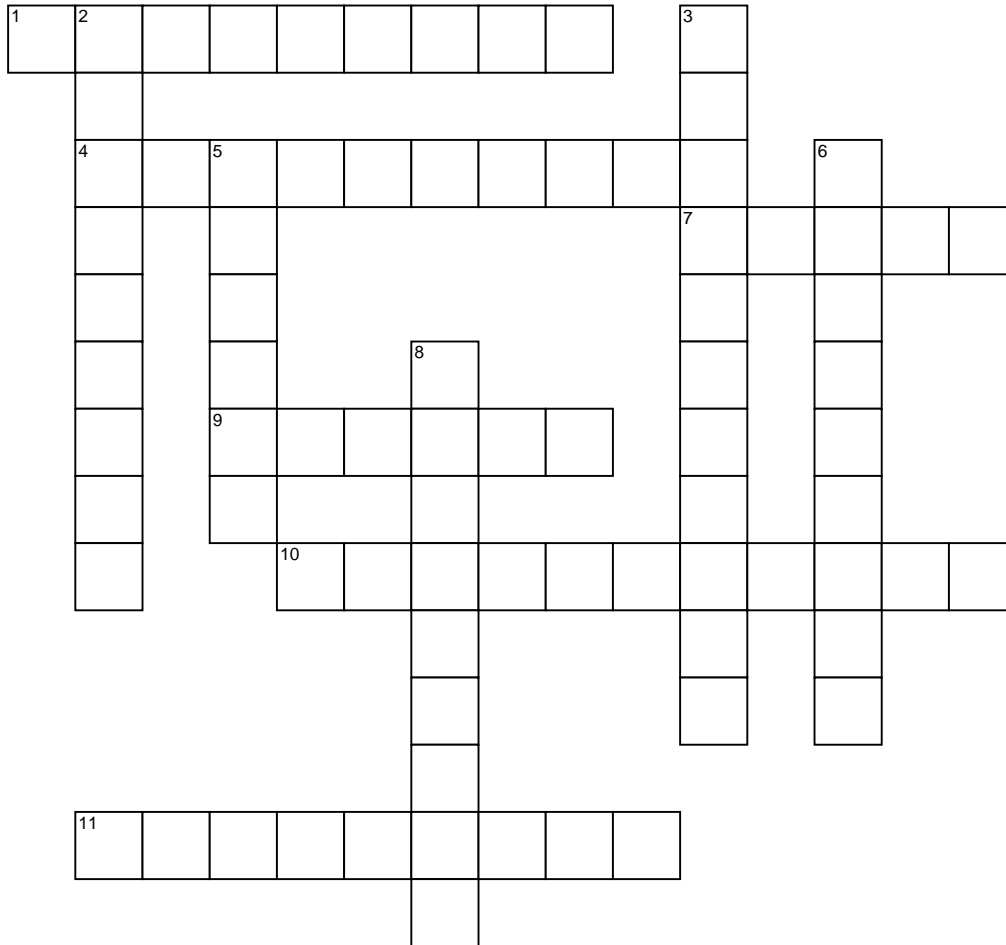
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- 1 came up against or experienced something bad
- 2 to communicate or make known
- 3 to take an object or a piece of information from one place to another
- 5 very tired
- 6 a large group of soldiers made up of two or more smaller groups
- 8 soldiers

WORD BANK: carry, colonel, convey, encountered, exhausted, messenger, regiment, retreat, summon, troops

Jane Goodall

Level 4.5, Story 22



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ACROSS

- 1 lucky
- 4 believing someone is bad or cannot be trusted
- 7 unkind and hurtful
- 9 to agree to something or go along with it
- 10 set up or started
- 11 a group that shares an area or an interest

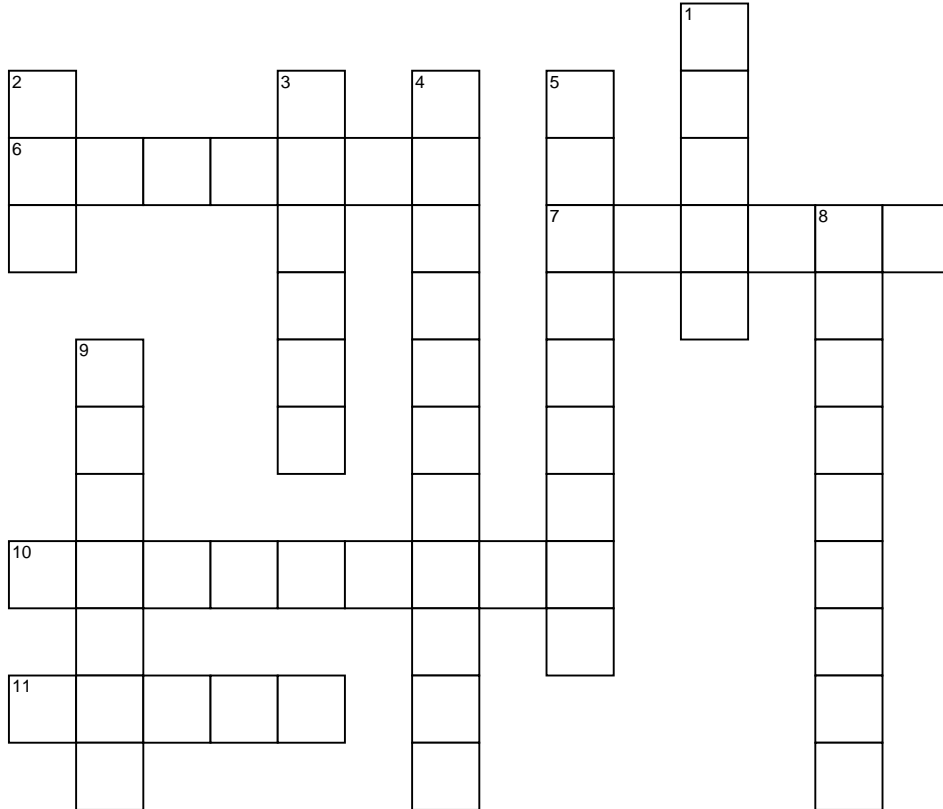
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- 2 watching carefully
- 3 an interest or a curiosity to know more about something
- 5 living or moving in groups
- 6 prepared and offered for sale something written
- 8 speaking to a group of people to give them information about something

WORD BANK: accept, community, cruel, established, fascination, fortunate, lecturing, observing, published, social, suspicious

Diana Nyad

Level 4.5, Story 23



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ACROSS

- 6 beyond the normal or usual level
- 7 the will or power within a living thing that makes it alive
- 10 the ability to do something for a long time
- 11 special attention given to someone or something

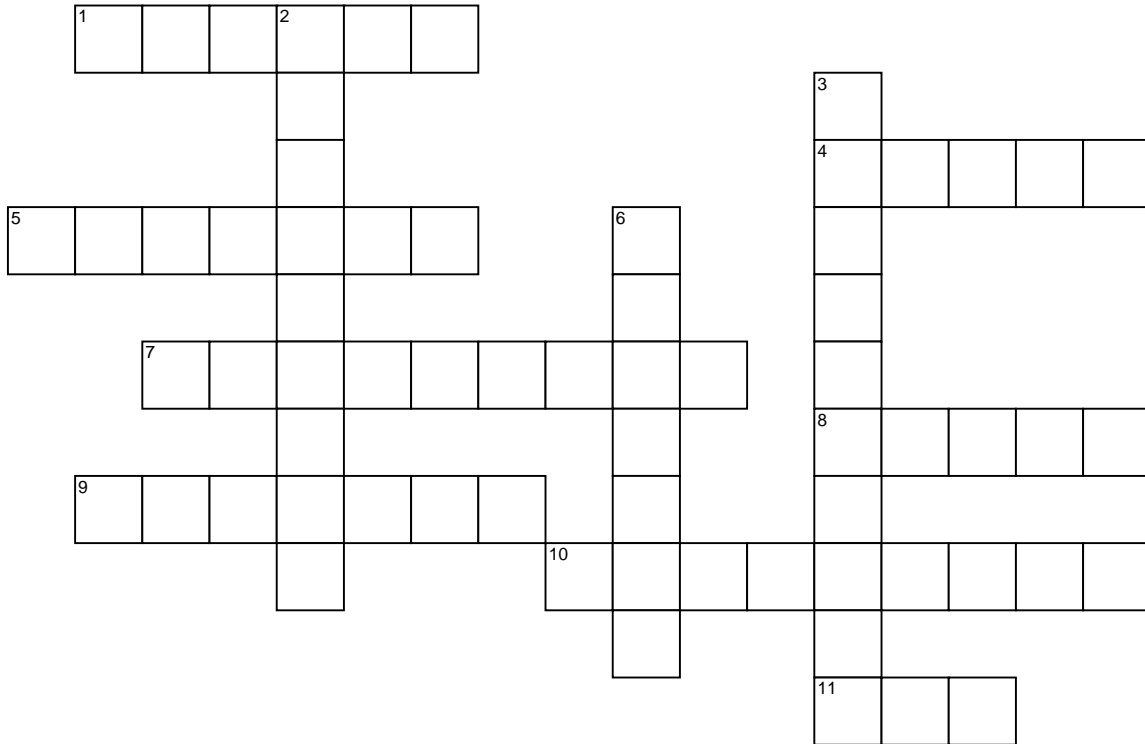
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- 1 the point where something must end
- 2 something that is important or necessary for doing a certain thing
- 3 the best any person has ever done on something
- 4 for a long time or forever
- 5 amounts of space between places
- 8 a sickness caused by germs in part of the body
- 9 to leave someone or something or to completely give up

WORD BANK: abandon, distances, endurance, extreme, focus, infection, key, limit, permanently, record, spirit

Mother Teresa

Level 4.5, Story 24



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ACROSS

- 1 to increase or get larger in size or amount
- 4 a group of people who live together and follow a set of religious rules
- 5 work or activities done to help others
- 7 tried
- 8 areas of a city that are poor, broken down, and crowded
- 9 set up or started for the first time
- 10 truly or really
- 11 a woman who belongs to a group of religious women

DOWN

- 2 helping
- 3 sympathy for someone that makes you want to help them
- 6 a place or thing that offers protection from weather or danger

WORD BANK: assisting, attempted, compassion, expand, founded, genuinely, nun, order, service, shelter, slums