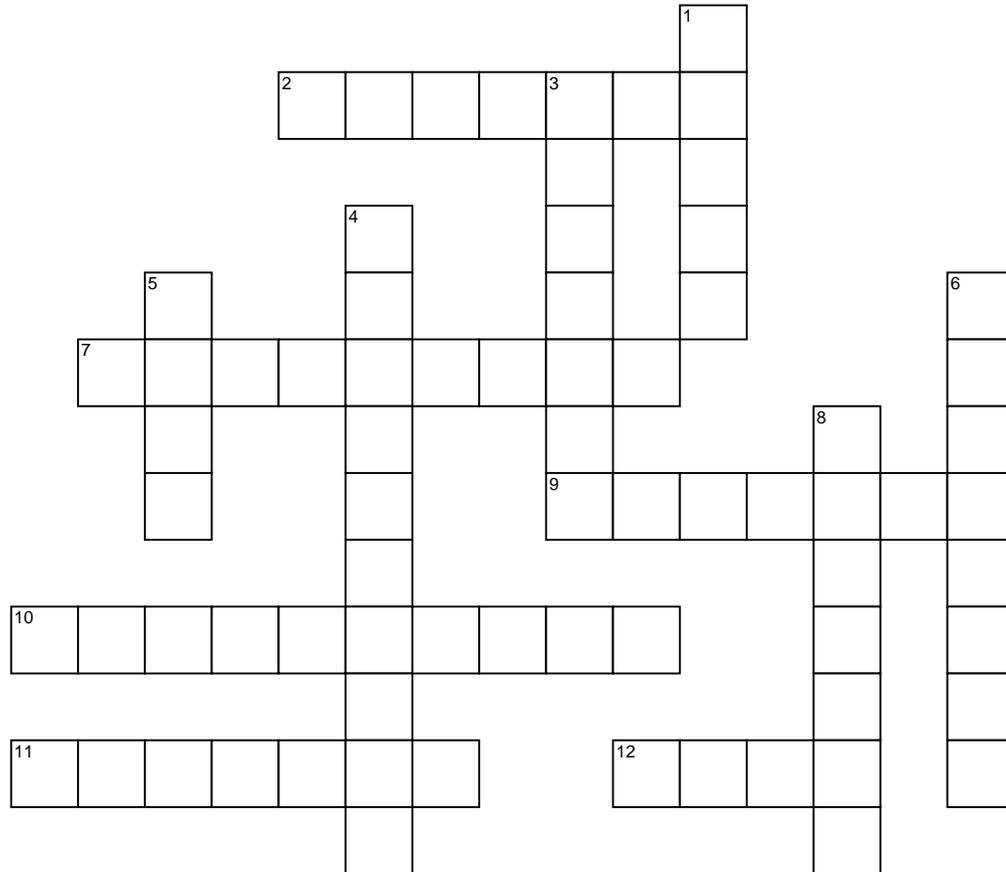


# Piranhas!

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## ACROSS

- 2 normal or usual for a type of thing
- 7 imaginary or made-up
- 9 groups of fish
- 10 what other people think and feel about someone or something
- 11 to give
- 12 food and drink

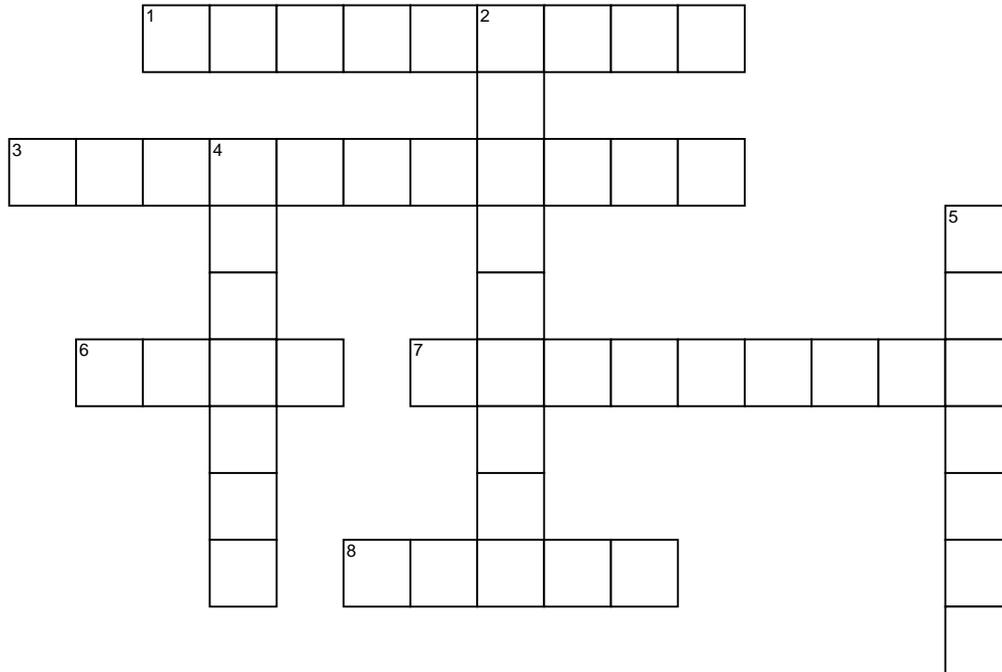
## DOWN

- 1 the soft, meaty part of an animal's body
- 3 the dead body of an animal
- 4 started or came to be
- 5 tear something off a little bit at a time
- 6 is made up of
- 8 hurt or injured

**WORD BANK:** carcass, consists, deliver, fare, fictional, flesh, originated, pick, reputation, schools, typical, wounded

# Shedding Light on Scorpions

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## ACROSS

- 1 to know what something is when you see, hear, smell, touch, or taste it
- 3 very bright and glowing in certain kinds of light
- 6 to release or give off something, like light, sound, or a smell
- 7 a group of animals with eight legs, no antennae, and no wings
- 8 loses skin, hair, feathers, or another body covering

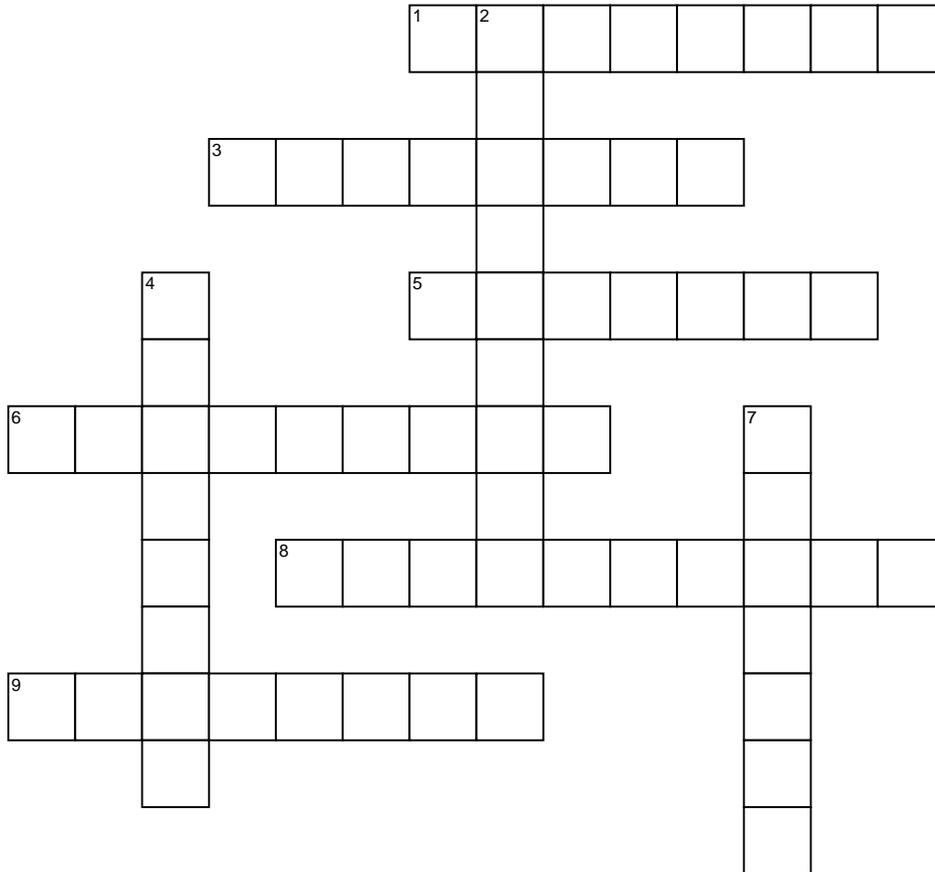
## DOWN

- 2 active at night and asleep during the day
- 4 to watch carefully
- 5 what is left of plants and animals that have been dead a very long time

**WORD BANK:** arachnids, fluorescent, fossils, molts, nocturnal, observe, recognize, shed

# On the Trail of the Okapi

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## ACROSS

- 1 a member of the same family
- 3 quick looks at something
- 5 about, around, or close to, but not exactly
- 6 made someone feel interested or fascinated by something
- 8 put into a certain group
- 9 the noticeable parts of something

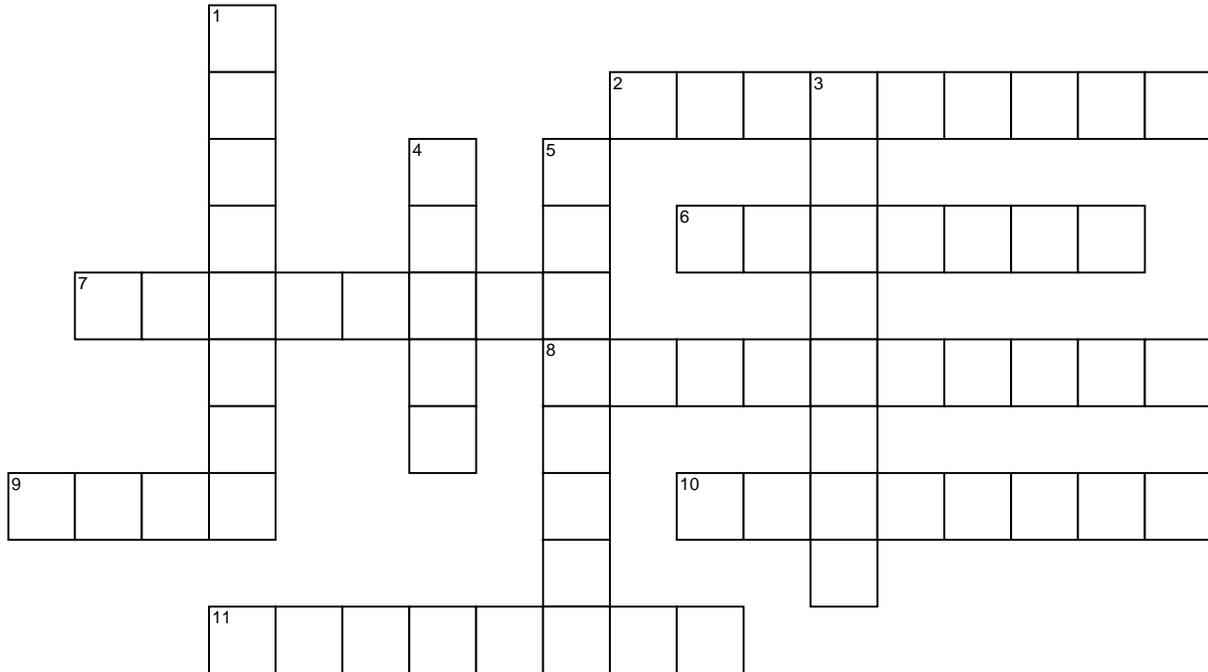
## DOWN

- 2 people who travel to and learn about new places
- 4 imaginary or pretend
- 7 an imaginary animal that looks like a horse with a horn on its head

**WORD BANK:** classified, explorers, features, glimpses, intrigued, mythical, relative, roughly, unicorn

# How Far to Freedom?

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## ACROSS

- 2 to talk with and spend time with others
- 6 treatment of diseases, illnesses, or problems
- 7 pretending
- 8 the inability to read or write
- 9 risky and brave
- 10 made a law against something
- 11 people who live in a country, state, city, town, or other region

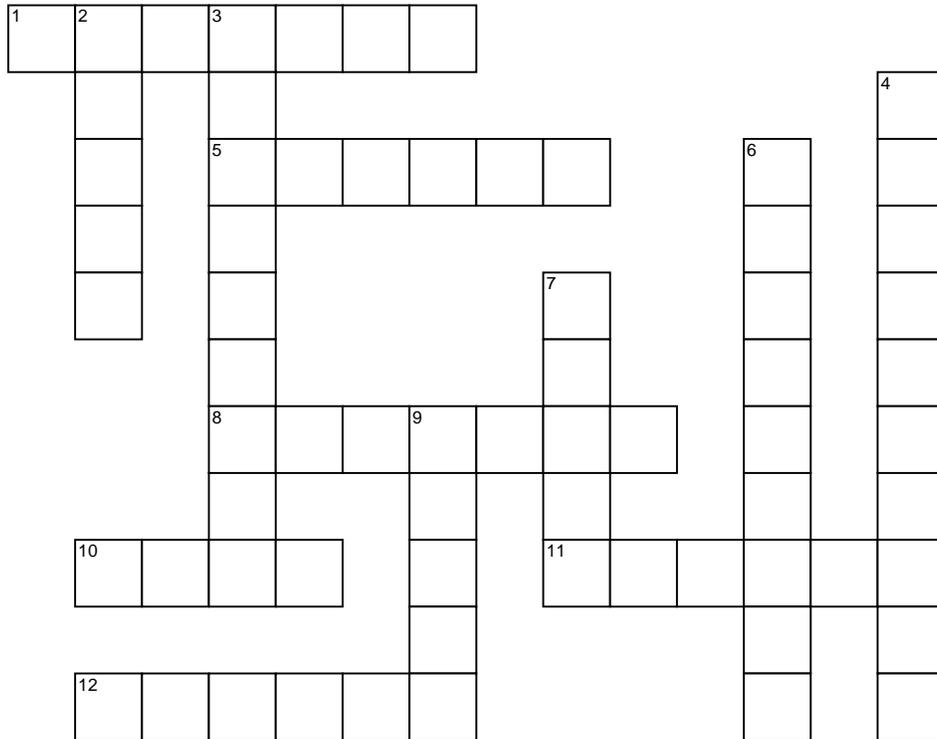
## DOWN

- 1 ordered or made it necessary for someone to do something
- 3 who someone is, or what something is
- 4 a piece of cloth that ties around the neck and holds up an injured arm
- 5 escaped and on the run from something

**WORD BANK:** bold, citizens, feigning, fugitive, identity, illiteracy, outlawed, required, sling, socialize, therapy

# Yeti Hunt

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## ACROSS

- 1 difficult to catch or find
- 5 the tops of heads, especially the skin under the hair
- 8 an area of ground or land
- 10 the skin of an animal
- 11 small signs that show someone or something was once there
- 12 far away from other things

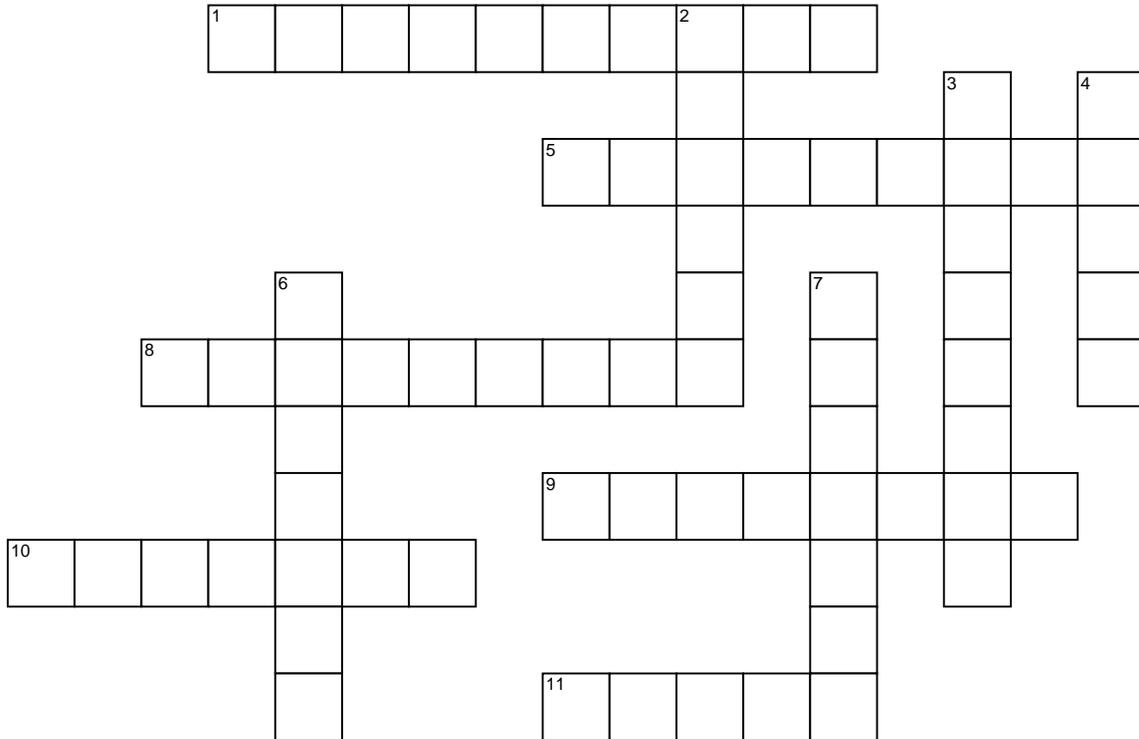
## DOWN

- 2 stays hidden or waits quietly, usually out of sight from others
- 3 had a feeling or belief about something
- 4 people who study animals
- 6 objects that remain from long ago
- 7 to be real or alive
- 9 a way or path to get somewhere

**WORD BANK:** artifacts, elusive, exist, hide, lurks, remote, route, scalps, suspected, terrain, traces, zoologists

# Antoni Gaudí

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## ACROSS

- 1** see the value of something
- 5** a person who designs buildings, bridges, and other large structures
- 8** floors that stick out from the side of a building
- 9** the way things feel, such as soft, smooth, or rough
- 10** following a twisting or curving path
- 11** the shapes of things or the way things look

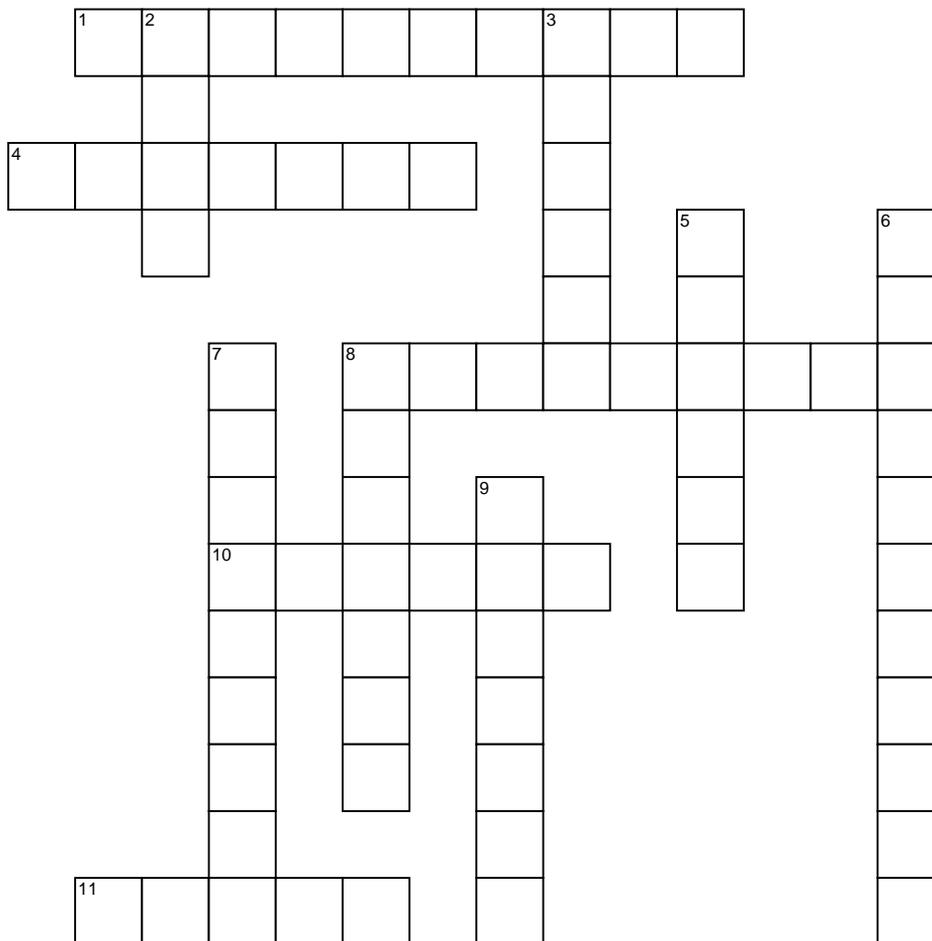
## DOWN

- 2** curved structures that go across open spaces
- 3** made the original plans for something
- 4** a certain look that something has
- 6** slanting upward or downward
- 7** tall pillars used as support or as decoration

**WORD BANK:** appreciate, arches, architect, balconies, columns, designed, forms, sloping, style, textures, winding

# What's That Smell?

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## ACROSS

- 1** the joining together of two or more things
- 4** a series of steps in doing something
- 8** parts of nerves that receive information from outside the body
- 10** information about what is happening
- 11** releases or gives off

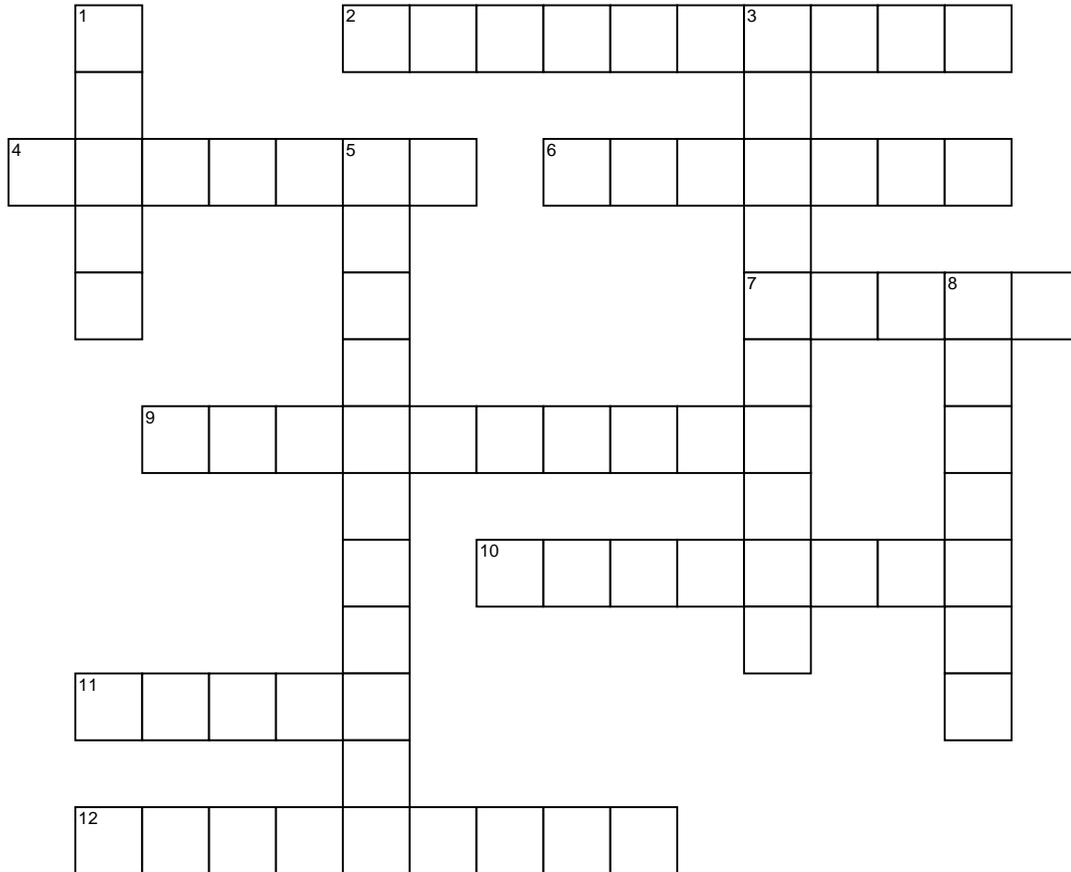
## DOWN

- 2** a smell
- 3** to breathe in
- 5** to discover or notice something
- 6** to tell one thing apart from another
- 7** a liquid, solid, or gas
- 8** about, around, or close to, but not exactly
- 9** a flavoring made from the dried pods of a kind of flower

**WORD BANK:** connection, detect, distinguish, inhale, odor, process, receptors, roughly, sheds, signal, substance, vanilla

# Emperor Penguin

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## ACROSS

- 2 acts of giving up things in order to help others
- 4 stays close together
- 6 a series of steps in doing something
- 7 to have babies
- 9 a scale used to measure temperature
- 10 holds something steady without letting it tip
- 11 a set of events that happen over and over again in the same order
- 12 the places where people or things are

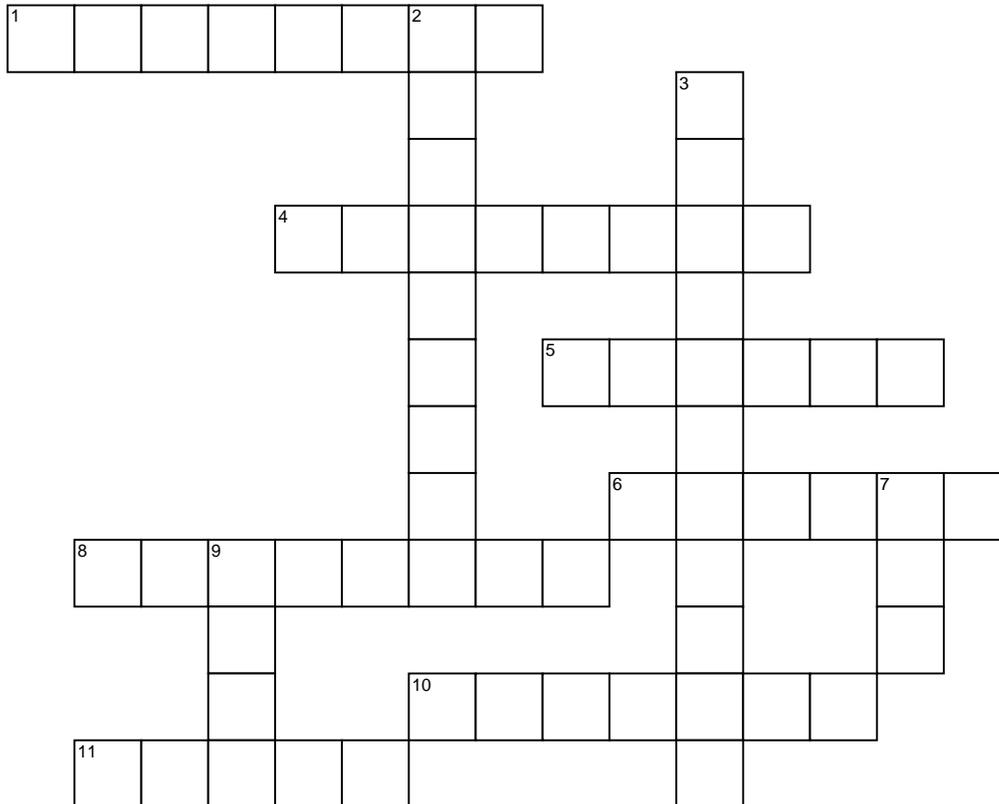
## DOWN

- 1 babies
- 3 keeping eggs warm and protecting them so they will hatch
- 5 the area around a person, plant, or animal
- 8 left uncovered, open to danger, or unprotected

**WORD BANK:** balances, breed, cycle, environment, exposed, Fahrenheit, huddles, incubating, positions, process, sacrifices, young

# Giant Squid

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## ACROSS

- 1 written or spoken descriptions of events
- 4 imaginary or pretend
- 5 rough, uneven, and sharp
- 6 where something comes from or how something starts
- 8 things people or animals use to protect themselves
- 10 parts of an animal's body that can attach to objects
- 11 the main reason for something

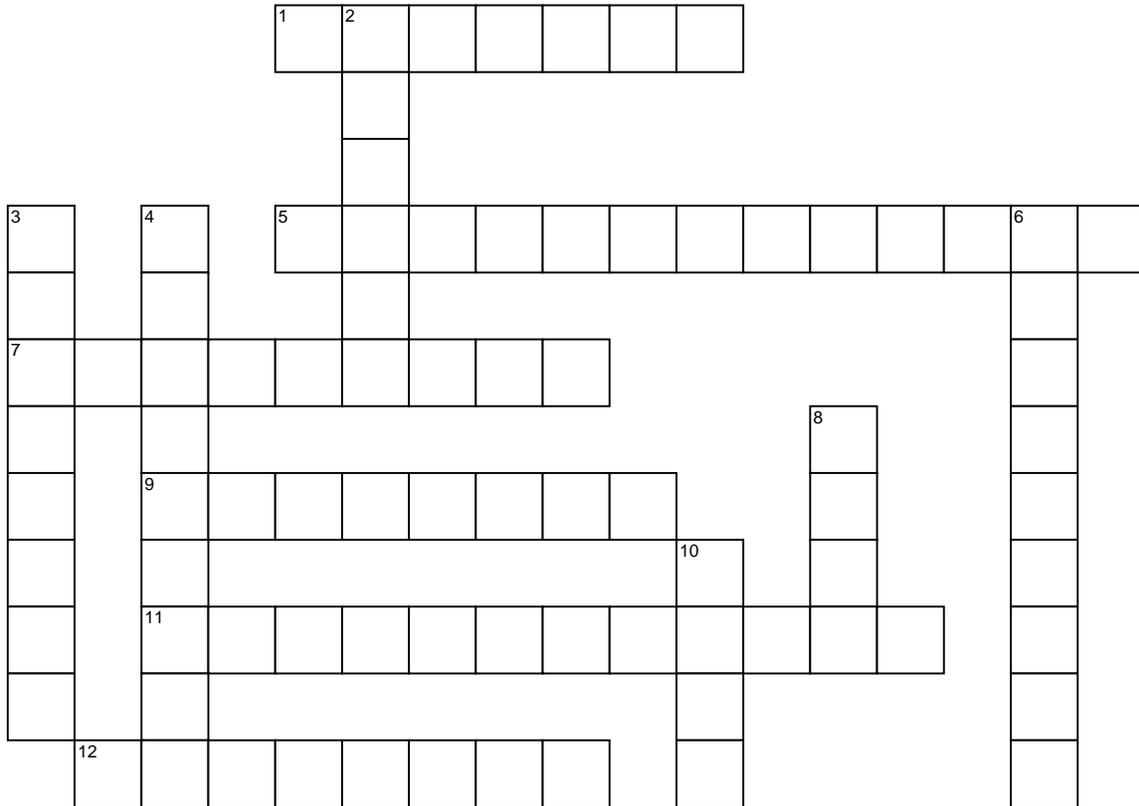
## DOWN

- 2 long, flexible, arm-like body parts on some animals
- 3 done in a way that makes something seem more than it really is
- 7 a dark liquid that some sea animals can shoot from their bodies
- 9 flat, wing-shaped body parts on many fish

**WORD BANK:** accounts, basis, defenses, exaggerated, fins, ink, jagged, mythical, origin, suckers, tentacles

# Dover Castle

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## ACROSS

- 1 the actions an army takes in order to achieve its goal
- 5 advanced or highly developed
- 7 people who protect something
- 9 to fall down or cave in
- 11 changes or actions that make something better
- 12 things people build to protect themselves from attacks

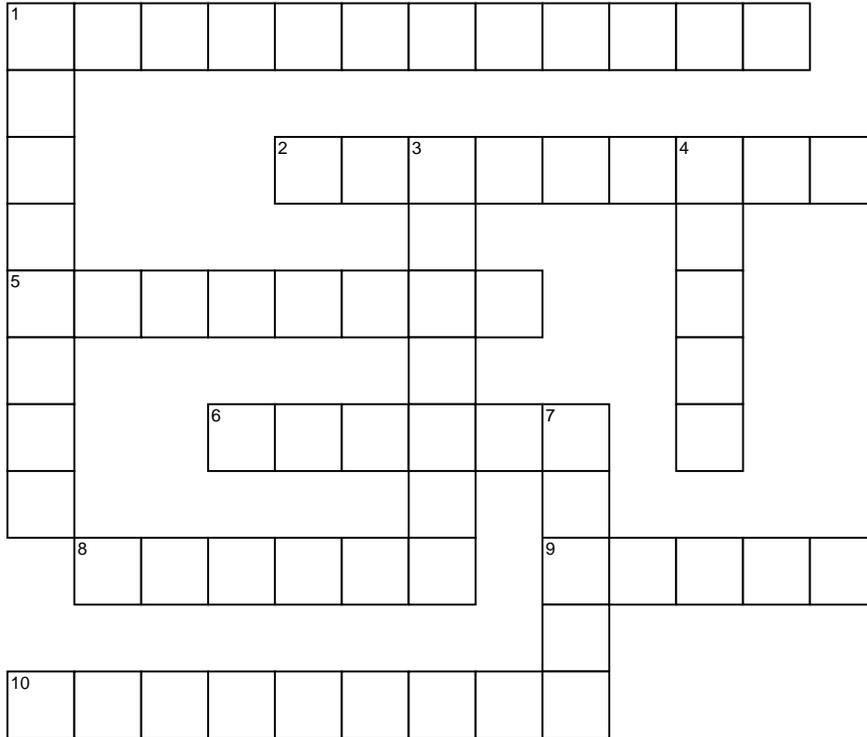
## DOWN

- 2 to be able to do something without anything bad happening
- 3 from the time of the Middle Ages
- 4 working well or able to get the result you want
- 6 surrounded or went on all sides of something
- 8 a deep, wide ditch dug around a castle
- 10 a strong building in the center of a castle

**WORD BANK:** afford, collapse, defenders, defenses, effective, encircled, improvements, keep, medieval, moat, sophisticated, tactics

# Courage, Skill, and Teamwork

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## ACROSS

- 1 cities or other areas in which many people live close together
- 2 poor and unpleasant
- 5 effort by members of a group to get something done
- 6 something that makes a hard or painful situation easier
- 8 a place of safety, shelter, or protection
- 9 wild in force and movement
- 10 a huge storm that forms over ocean waters

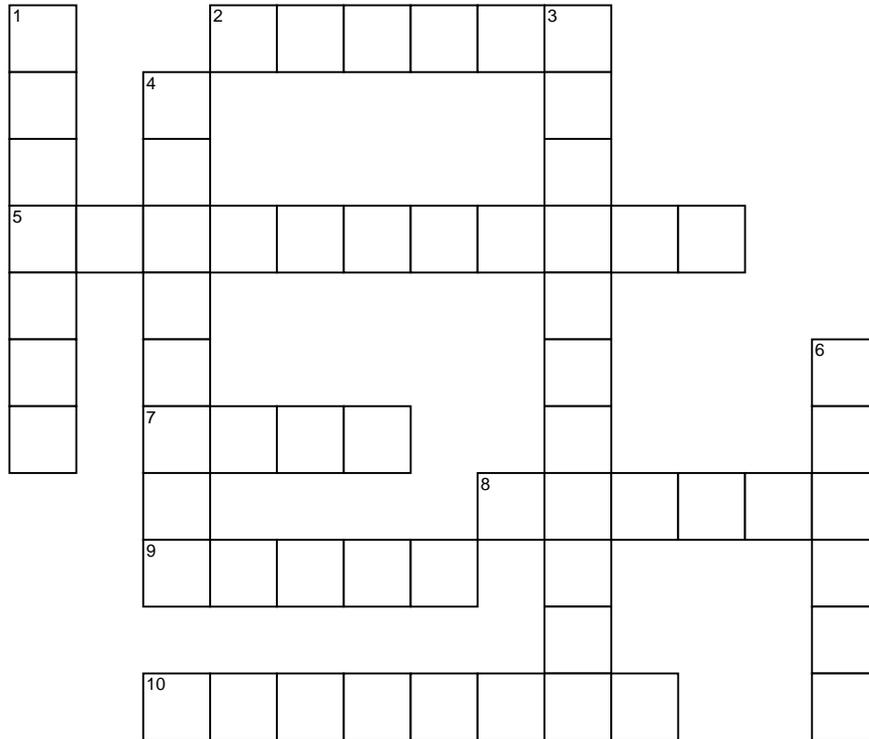
## DOWN

- 1 making by hand with skill and care
- 3 to stay alive through a difficult time
- 4 to face a difficult situation with courage
- 7 a furnace where metal is heated, melted, and then shaped

**WORD BANK:** brave, civilization, crafting, forge, hurricane, miserable, refuge, relief, rough, survive, teamwork

# Spotting a Wild Hellbender

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## ACROSS

- 2 to grow well or be successful
- 5 animals with soft, wet skin that are shaped like lizards
- 7 a difficult job or assignment
- 8 poisonous substances that can cause sickness or death
- 9 moves quickly and suddenly
- 10 without anything happening or coming in between

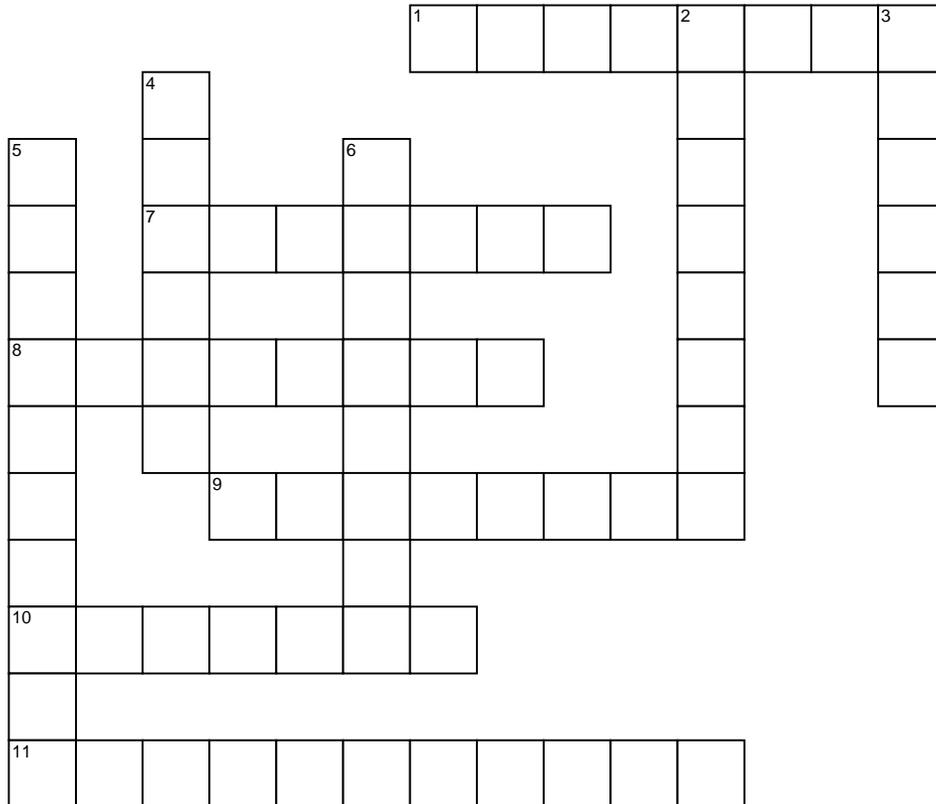
## DOWN

- 1 difficult to catch or find
- 3 greater than usual
- 4 unclean or unhealthy because of harmful waste
- 6 to take in or soak up another thing

**WORD BANK:** absorb, darts, directly, elusive, exceptional, polluted, salamanders, task, thrive, toxins

# Anaconda

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## ACROSS

- 1 filled with a harmful, poison-like substance that can hurt or kill
- 7 small mammals with sharp front teeth
- 8 slow or moving with difficulty
- 9 able to move without being noticed
- 10 to be made up of
- 11 death from not having air to breathe

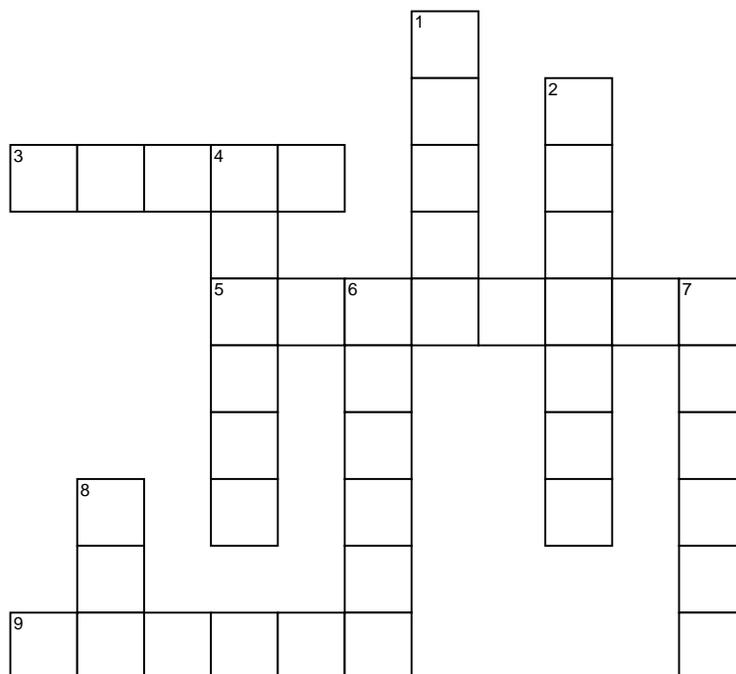
## DOWN

- 2 most of something
- 3 an attack that happens quickly
- 4 to follow or chase
- 5 tightens or squeezes
- 6 sends or gives

**WORD BANK:** consist, constricts, delivers, majority, pursue, rodents, sluggish, stealthy, strike, suffocation, venomous

# Heart Versus Height

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## ACROSS

- 3** the selection of new team members
- 5** did extremely well at something
- 9** to become very good or skilled at doing something

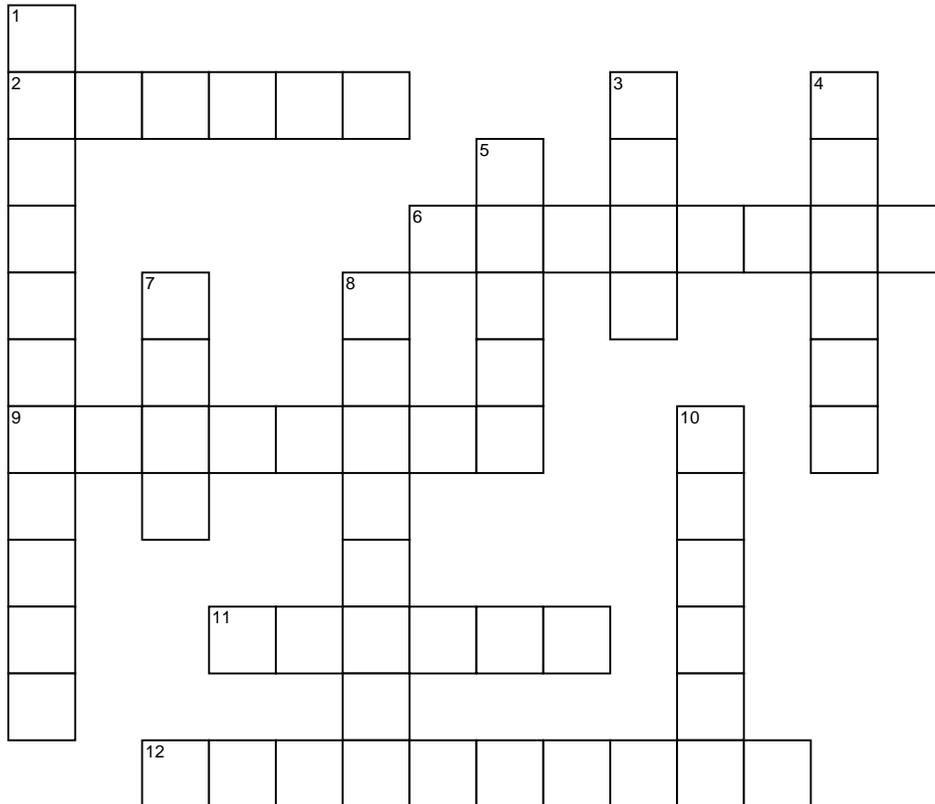
## DOWN

- 1** a need or desire to do something
- 2** the ability to move quickly and easily
- 4** caused something to increase or spread
- 6** a job you do for a long time
- 7** thoughts that something might not be true or possible
- 8** a league of professional basketball teams

**WORD BANK:** agility, career, doubts, draft, drive, excelled, fueled, master, NBA

# Flying Foxes

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## ACROSS

- 2 the sweet juice that flowers make
- 6 to look like something or someone else
- 9 from parts of the world that are hot and wet
- 11 to search a large area for food or other things
- 12 keeping something from being harmed, damaged, or changed

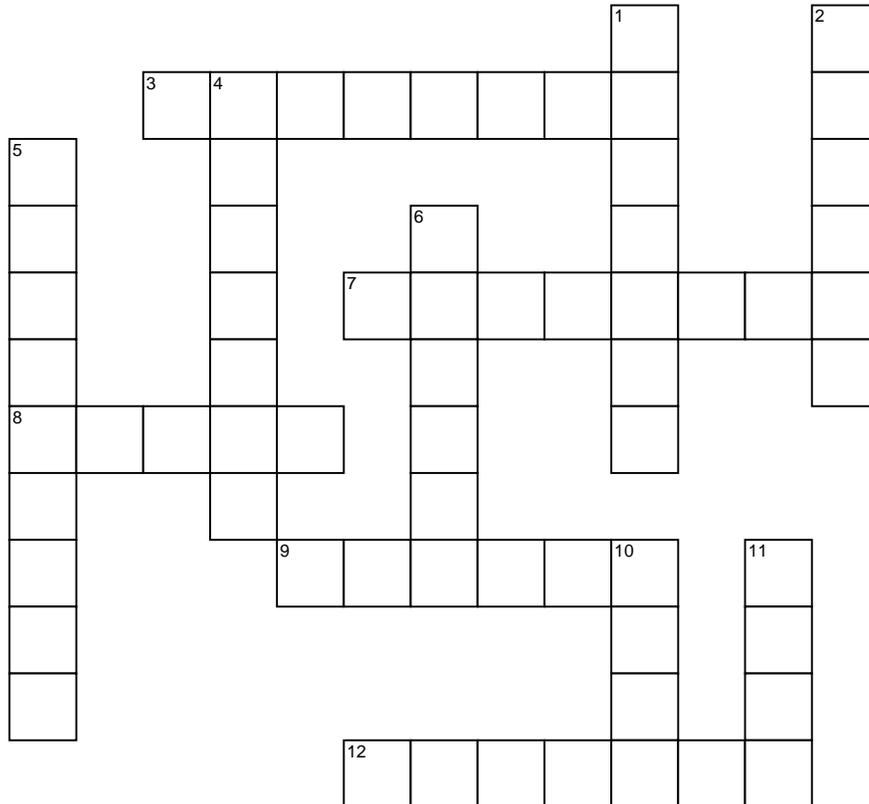
## DOWN

- 1 came across or met unexpectedly
- 3 a group of people who work together
- 4 put trust in or depended on
- 5 an evil being
- 7 believed something by mistake
- 8 farms for growing fruit trees and nut trees
- 10 small grains of powder made by plants

**WORD BANK:** crew, devil, encountered, forage, nectar, orchards, pollen, preserving, relied, resemble, took, tropical

# The Amber Room

Level 5.0, Story 16



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## ACROSS

- 3** to change the look of something so that others will not notice it
- 7** the very first or earliest
- 8** a hard material created when tree sap hardens over millions of years
- 9** a ship or boat that travels on the water
- 12** stiff, but easy to break

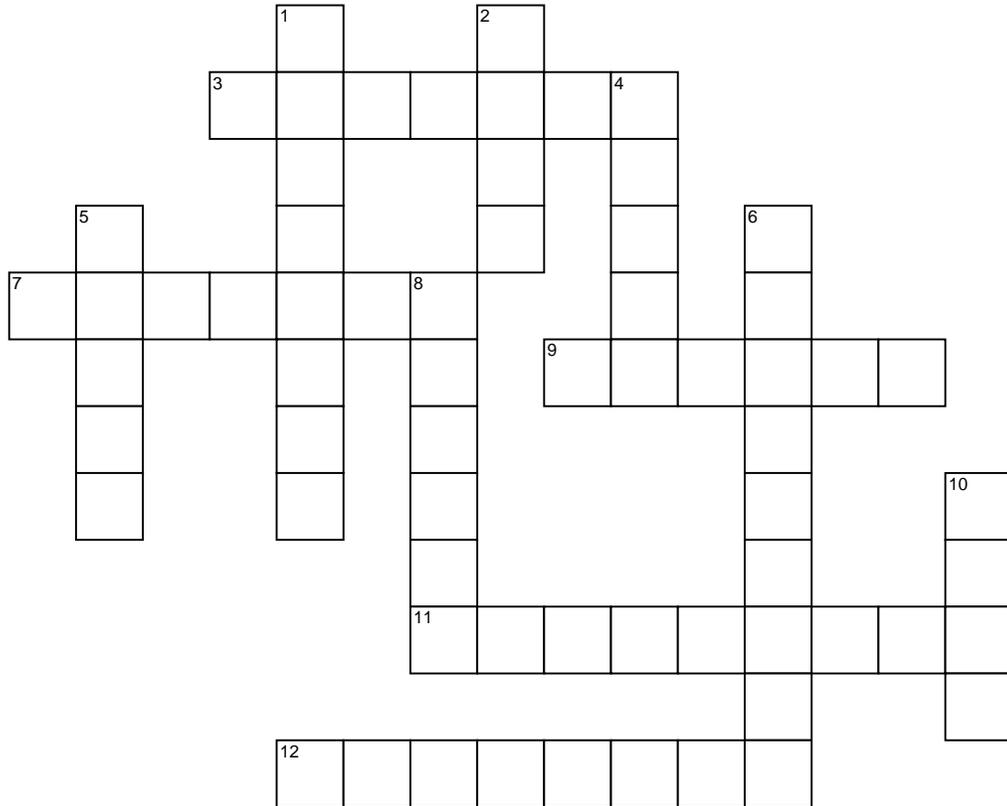
## DOWN

- 1** a close copy of something
- 2** flat pieces of material used to cover something
- 4** entered by force
- 5** to picture something in your mind
- 6** boxes used for shipping or storing things
- 10** to steal, rob, or carry away something that doesn't belong to you
- 11** what happened, or what will happen, to someone or something

**WORD BANK:** amber, brittle, crates, disguise, fate, invaded, loot, original, panels, replica, vessel, visualize

# Living Fossil

Level 5.0, Story 17



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## ACROSS

- 3** a certain kind of plant or animal
- 7** what is left of plants or animals that have been dead a very long time
- 9** a ship or large boat that travels on water
- 11** a new, exciting thing that many people are interested in
- 12** seemed or looked like

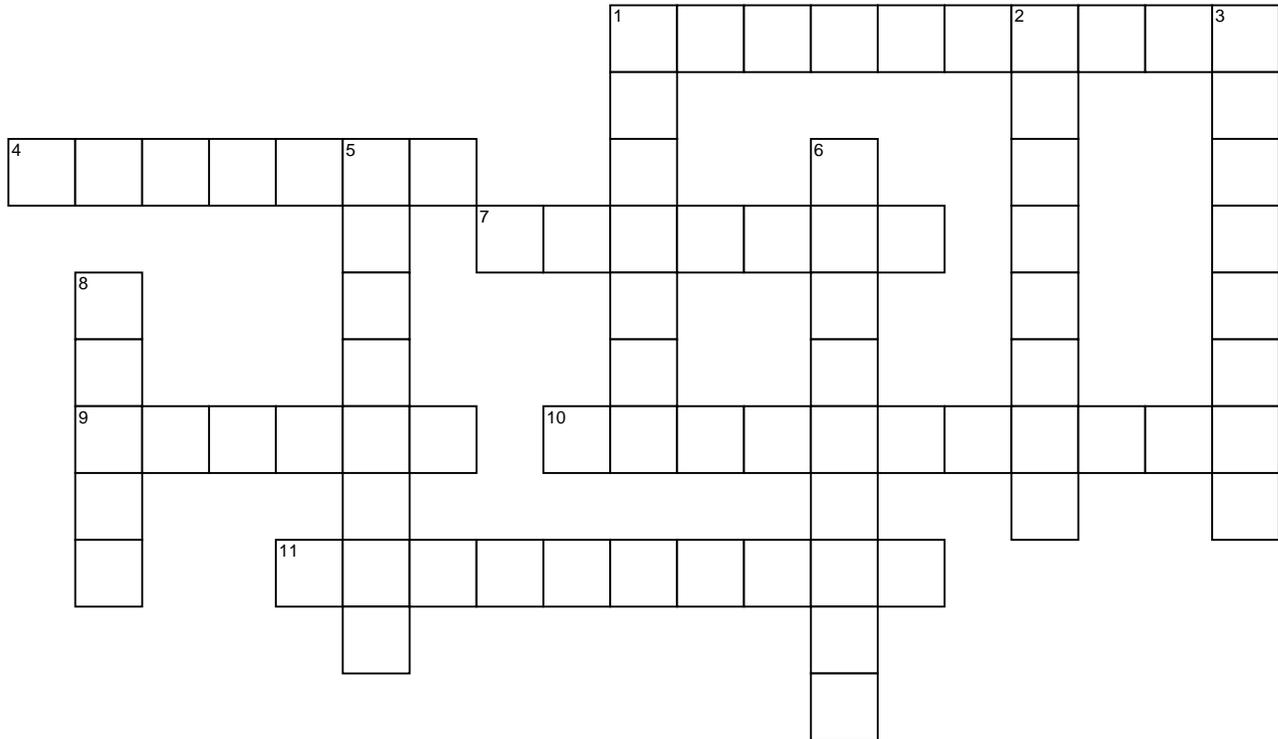
## DOWN

- 1** an example or sample
- 2** something that connects or relates one thing to another
- 4** the lightness or darkness of a color
- 5** not exact, not perfect, or not final
- 6** had a feeling or belief about something
- 8** the hard coverings on the bodies of reptiles and most fish
- 10** flat, wing-shaped body parts

**WORD BANK:** appeared, fins, fossils, link, rough, scales, sensation, shade, species, specimen, suspected, vessel

# Singing Glass

Level 5.0, Story 18



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## ACROSS

- 1 something that is used to make music
- 4 strange or different from what you see most of the time
- 7 one form of something
- 9 adjusting an instrument so that it makes the right notes
- 10 a show or demonstration of skill
- 11 well-known and respected by many people

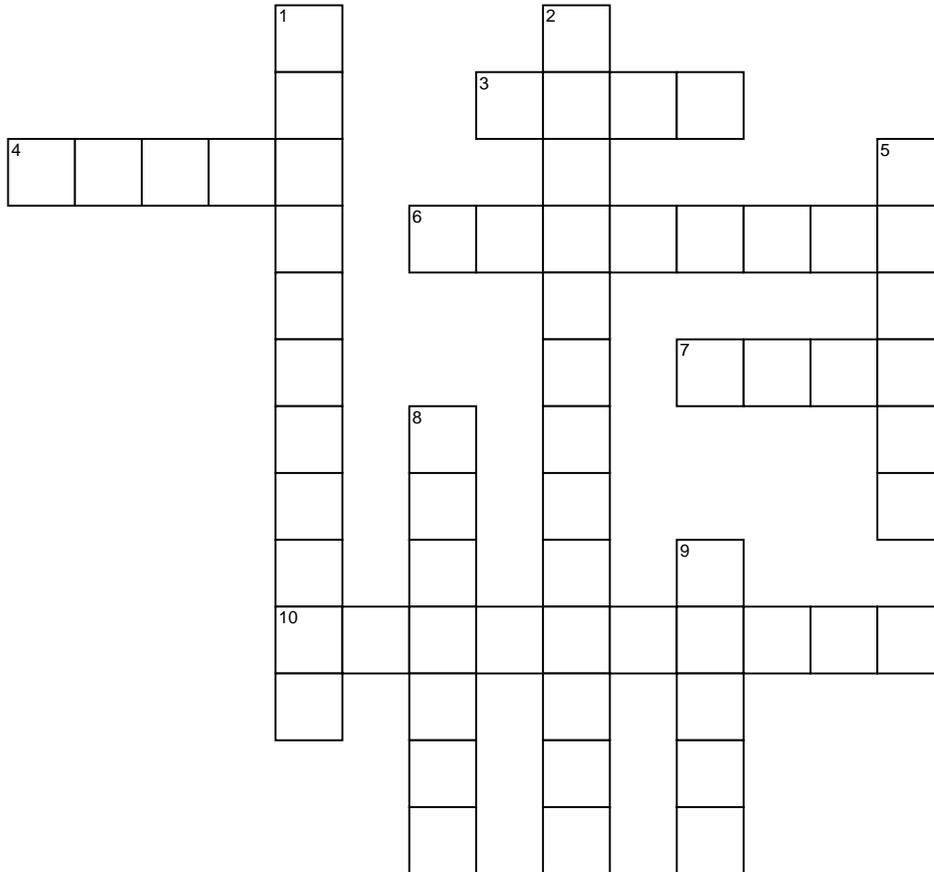
## DOWN

- 1 to make something better
- 2 a person who makes music
- 3 connected things by running a string through them
- 5 placed in a particular way
- 6 people who write music
- 8 musical sounds

**WORD BANK:** arranged, celebrated, composers, improve, instrument, musician, notes, performance, threaded, tuning, unusual, version

# Little Sure Shot

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## ACROSS

- 3 a chance to hit something by shooting at it
- 4 beat or did better than
- 6 an agreement to borrow money from a bank in order to buy property
- 7 to shoot a weapon
- 10 after a long time

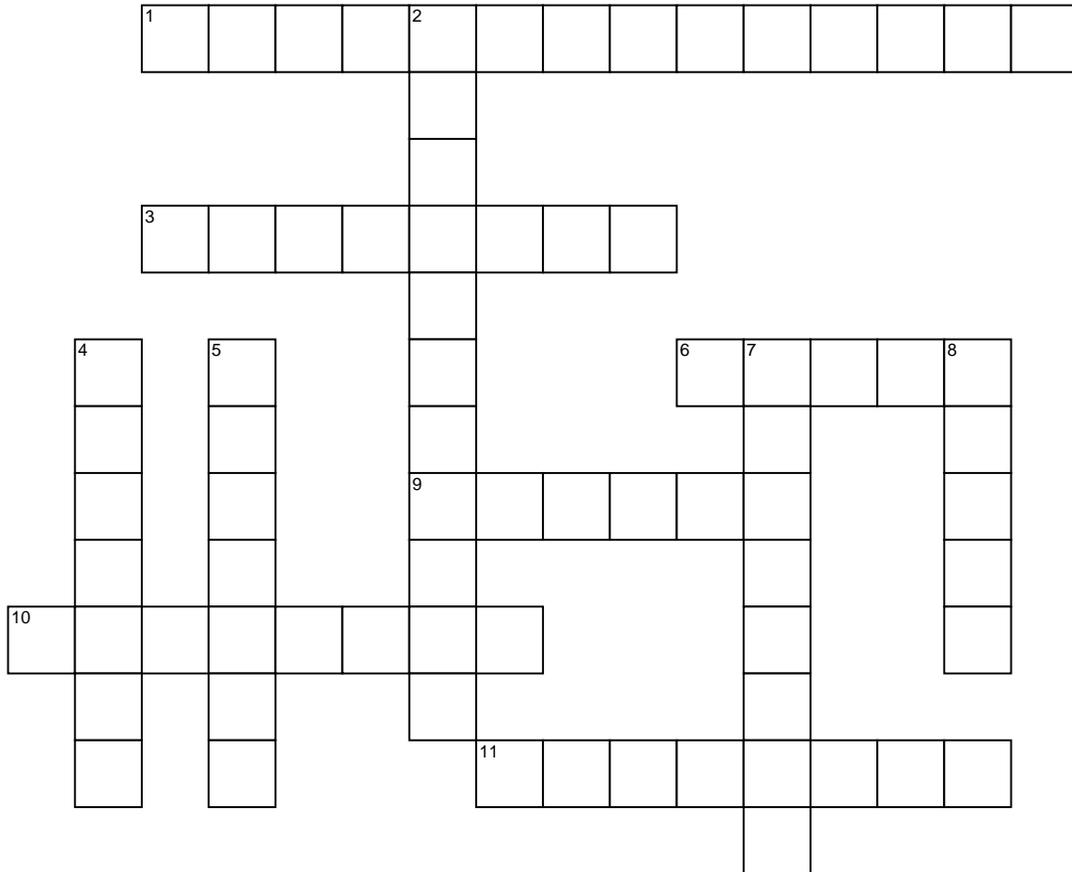
## DOWN

- 1 a person who earns money to buy the things his or her family needs
- 2 people who are very skilled at shooting guns
- 5 a famous person whom people tell stories about
- 8 abilities or things someone does very well
- 9 steps a person takes, often to measure a distance

**WORD BANK:** breadwinner, broke, eventually, fire, legend, mortgage, paces, sharpshooters, shot, talents

# Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Level 5.0, Story 20



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## ACROSS

- 1 the act of treating people differently for unfair reasons
- 3 were ordered or forced to do something
- 6 very large or important
- 9 permission under the law to have or to do something
- 10 the activities of many people working together to make changes in their society
- 11 things that get in the way

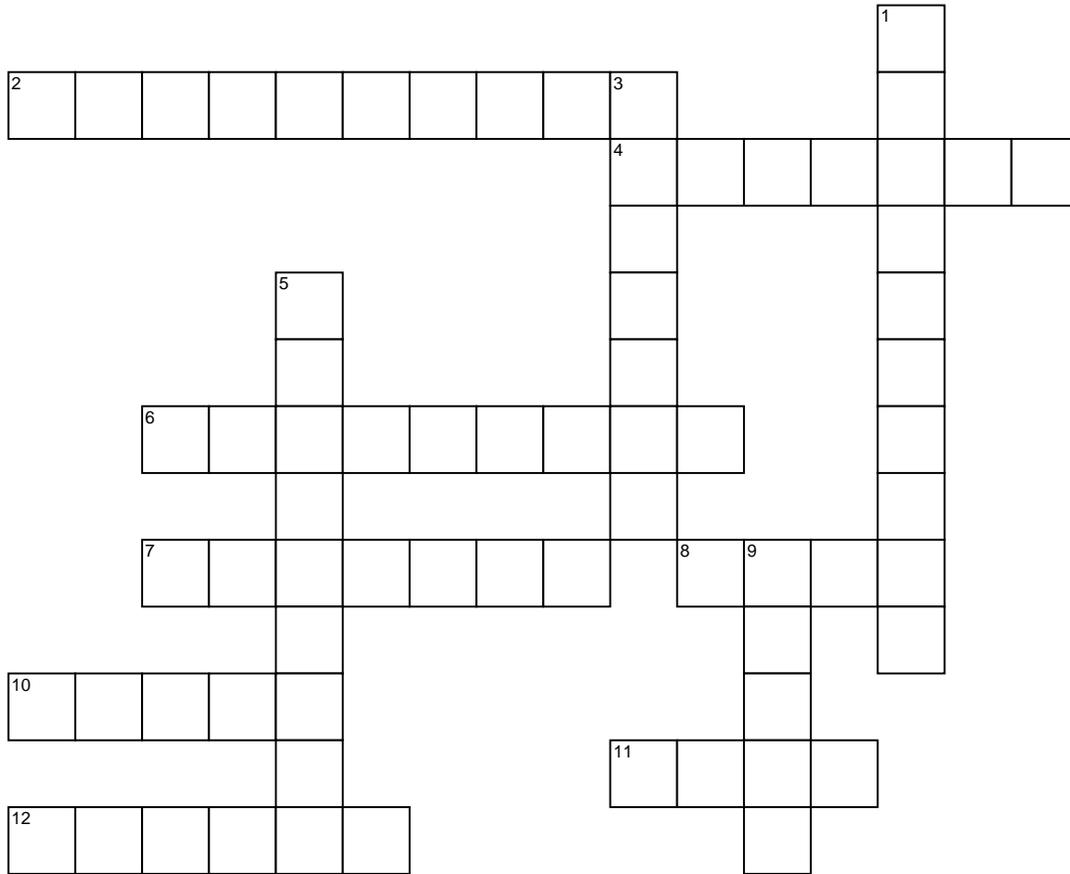
## DOWN

- 2 getting your name on a list so you can do something
- 4 a protest where people refuse to do business with a person or group
- 5 a community of people who have the same language, customs, and way of dressing
- 7 someone who kills an important person
- 8 decided on the meaning or fairness of a law

**WORD BANK:** assassin, barriers, boycott, discrimination, major, movement, registering, required, rights, ruled, society

# Jersey Shore Shark Attacks

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## ACROSS

- 2 upsetting, troubling, or causing worry
- 4 quickly
- 6 living animals or human beings
- 7 strong, sharp, or extreme
- 8 a part of a place that has a special use
- 10 a sudden, strong feeling of fear
- 11 pulled or took in
- 12 very

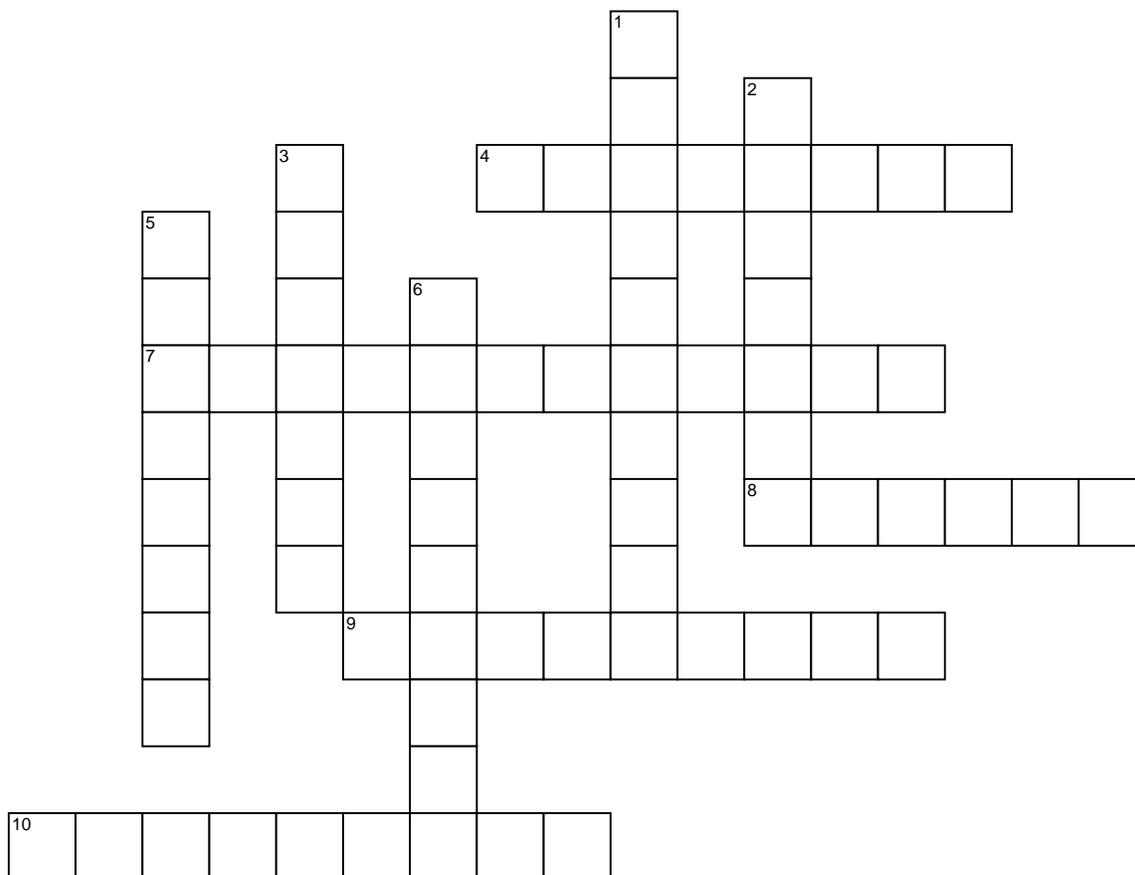
## DOWN

- 1 happening over a large area
- 3 held someone's attention
- 5 not sure about something or having doubts about it
- 9 used oars to make a boat go

**WORD BANK:** area, creatures, disturbing, drew, gripped, highly, intense, panic, rapidly, rowed, skeptical, widespread

# George Washington Carver

Level 5.0, Story 22



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## ACROSS

- 4 put the most attention on
- 7 a measure of how much work someone or something can do in a certain amount of time
- 8 to add ingredients to make something a better food
- 9 made something by carefully working on it
- 10 a teacher of high rank at a college or university

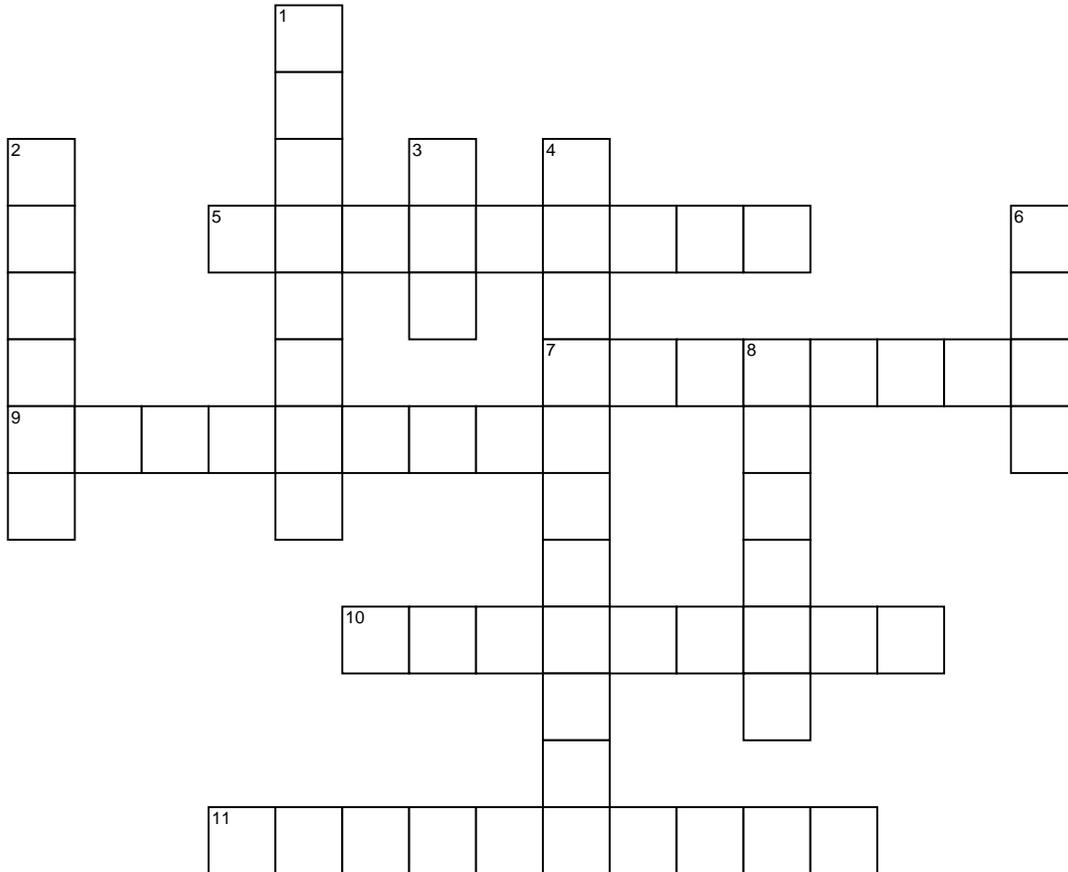
## DOWN

- 1 helpful or useful
- 2 able to produce offspring, seeds, fruit, or crops
- 3 to find a solution
- 5 used up or emptied out
- 6 substances that feed plants or animals and help them grow

**WORD BANK:** beneficial, centered, depleted, developed, enrich, fertile, nutrients, productivity, professor, resolve

# Race Across America

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## ACROSS

- 5 began to be affected by something
- 7 having to do with the body
- 9 a new or exciting experience
- 10 one of the seven major land masses on Earth
- 11 a feeling of great tiredness

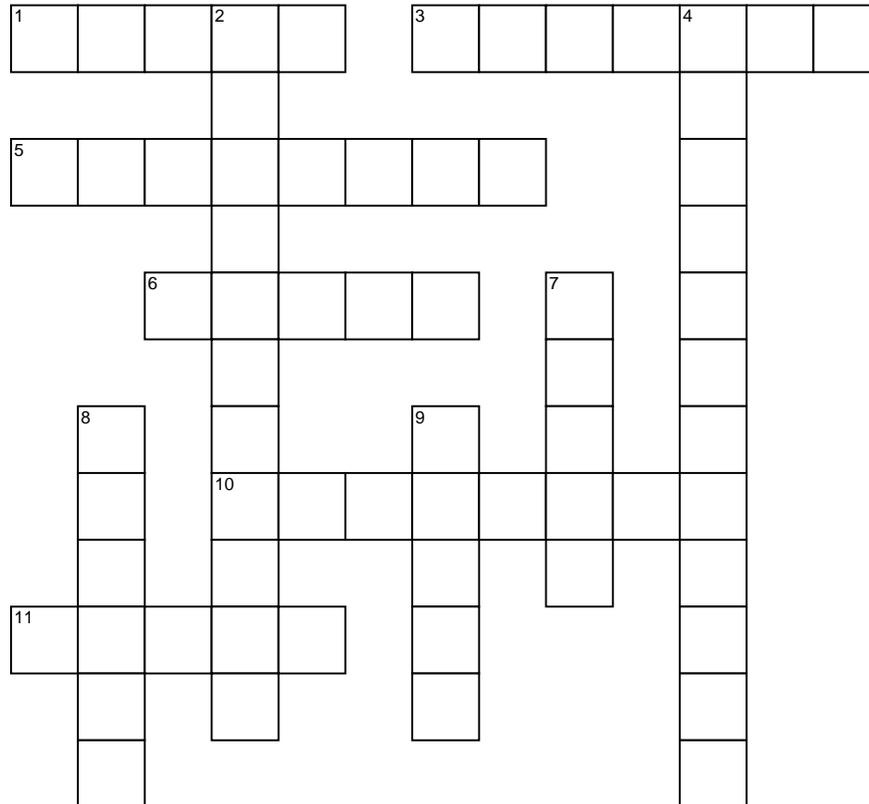
## DOWN

- 1 very tiring or requiring a lot of effort
- 2 happening once a year
- 3 established or already decided
- 4 people or teams who are against one another in a contest
- 6 the amount of harm or difficulty that something causes
- 8 parts of a journey

**WORD BANK:** adventure, annual, competitors, continent, developed, exhaustion, grueling, physical, set, stages, toll

# Writing With a Unique Voice

Level 5.0, Story 24



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## ACROSS

- 1 the style of writing that makes an author's work different from other authors' work
- 3 gave an idea or a thought about what to do in a certain situation
- 5 small or incomplete ideas of what something is like
- 6 characterized by unpleasant conditions or by violent behavior and crime
- 10 to be allowed to join a group
- 11 a certain way that someone does something

## DOWN

- 2 better than what is needed
- 4 the things that are near someone or something
- 7 the best, wealthiest, or most skilled
- 8 carefully worded and very descriptive
- 9 a skill or an understanding of how to do something

**WORD BANK:** accepted, advised, comfortable, elite, glimpses, poetic, rough, sense, style, surroundings, voice