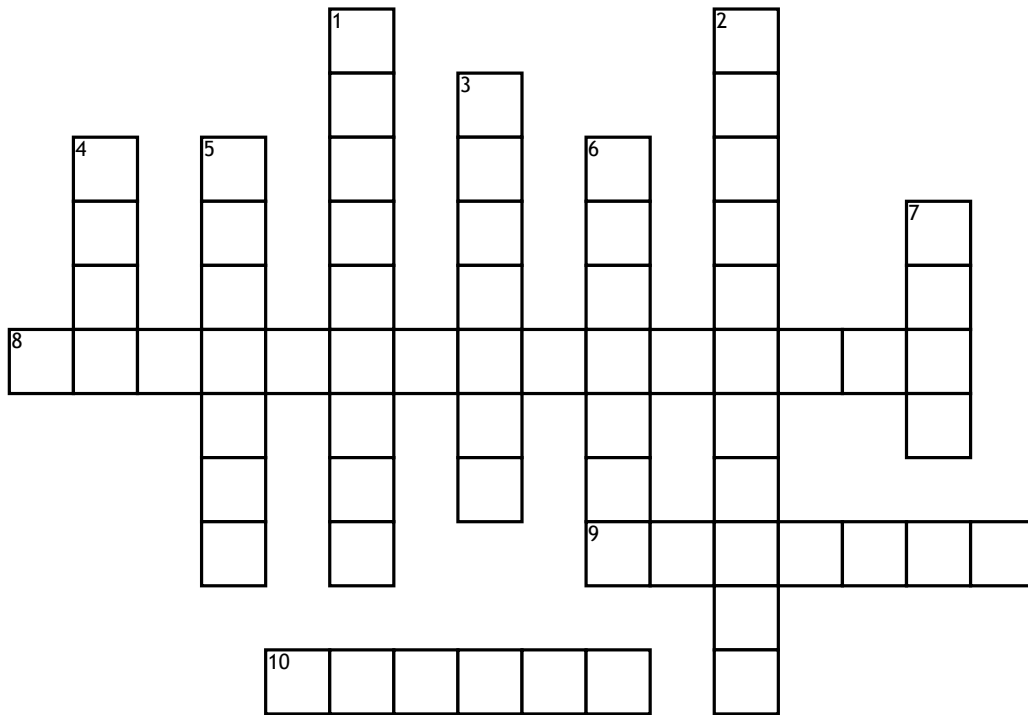


# Desert Crossword Puzzle



## Across

8. the gradual transformation of habitable land into desert; is usually caused by climate change or by destructive use of the land

9. the absence of water for a long period of time

10. a succulent plant with a thick, fleshy stem that typically bears spines, lacks leaves, and has brilliantly colored flowers

## Down

1. a windstorm that lifts up clouds of dust or sand

2. the flat ground in a desert

3. - a layer of permeable rock, sand, or gravel through which groundwater flows, containing enough water to supply wells and springs

4. a hill made out of sand

5. without a trace of moisture; as dry as a weathered bone

6. dried out by heat or excessive exposure to sunlight

7. a granular material composed of finely divided rock and mineral particles

## Word Bank

dust storm

parched

cactus

sand

desert floor

aquifer

bone-dry

dune

desertification

drought