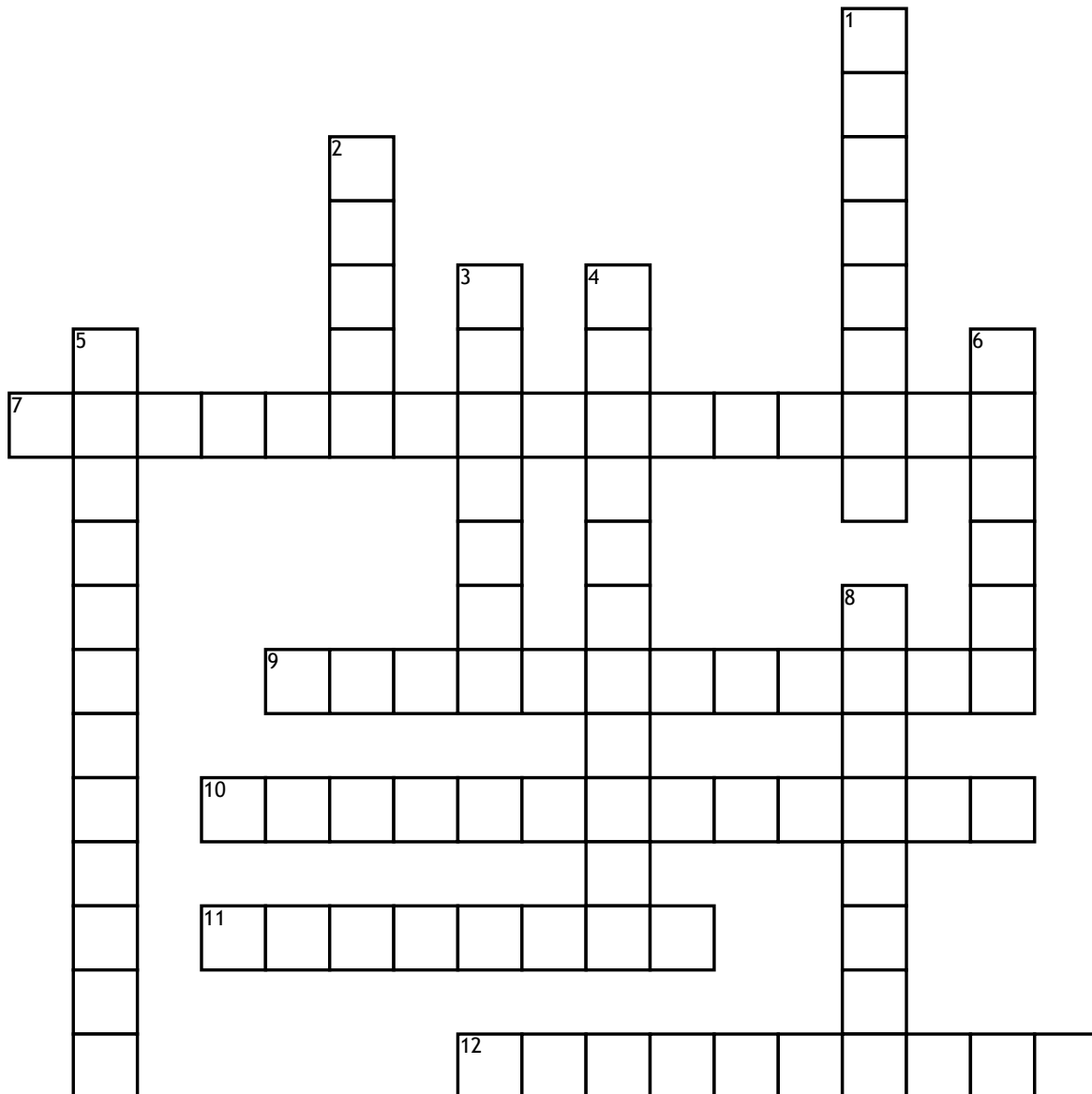


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Across

7. a steep slope separating a continental shelf and a deep ocean basin

9. a large area of extremely flat or gently sloping ocean floor just offshore from a continent, at depths of 13,000-20,000 feet

10. the amount of rain, snow, hail, etc., that has fallen at a given place within a given period, usually expressed in inches or centimeters of water

11. a submarine mountain rising several hundred fathoms above the floor of the sea but having its summit well below the surface of the water

12. the natural sequence through which water passes into the atmosphere as water vapor, precipitates to earth in liquid or solid form, and ultimately returns to the atmosphere through evaporation

Down

1. the mass of mostly microscopic organisms that float or drift freely in freshwater and marine environments

2. the vast body of salt water that covers almost three fourths of the earth's surface

3. the bio geographic region that includes the bottom of a lake, sea, or ocean and the littoral and supra littoral zones of the shore

4. water being turned into vapor by heat

5. the act or process of reducing a gas or vapor to a liquid or solid form

6. the aggregate of actively swimming aquatic organisms in a body of water, able to move independently of water currents

8. a measure of the amount of dissolved salts in a given amount of liquid