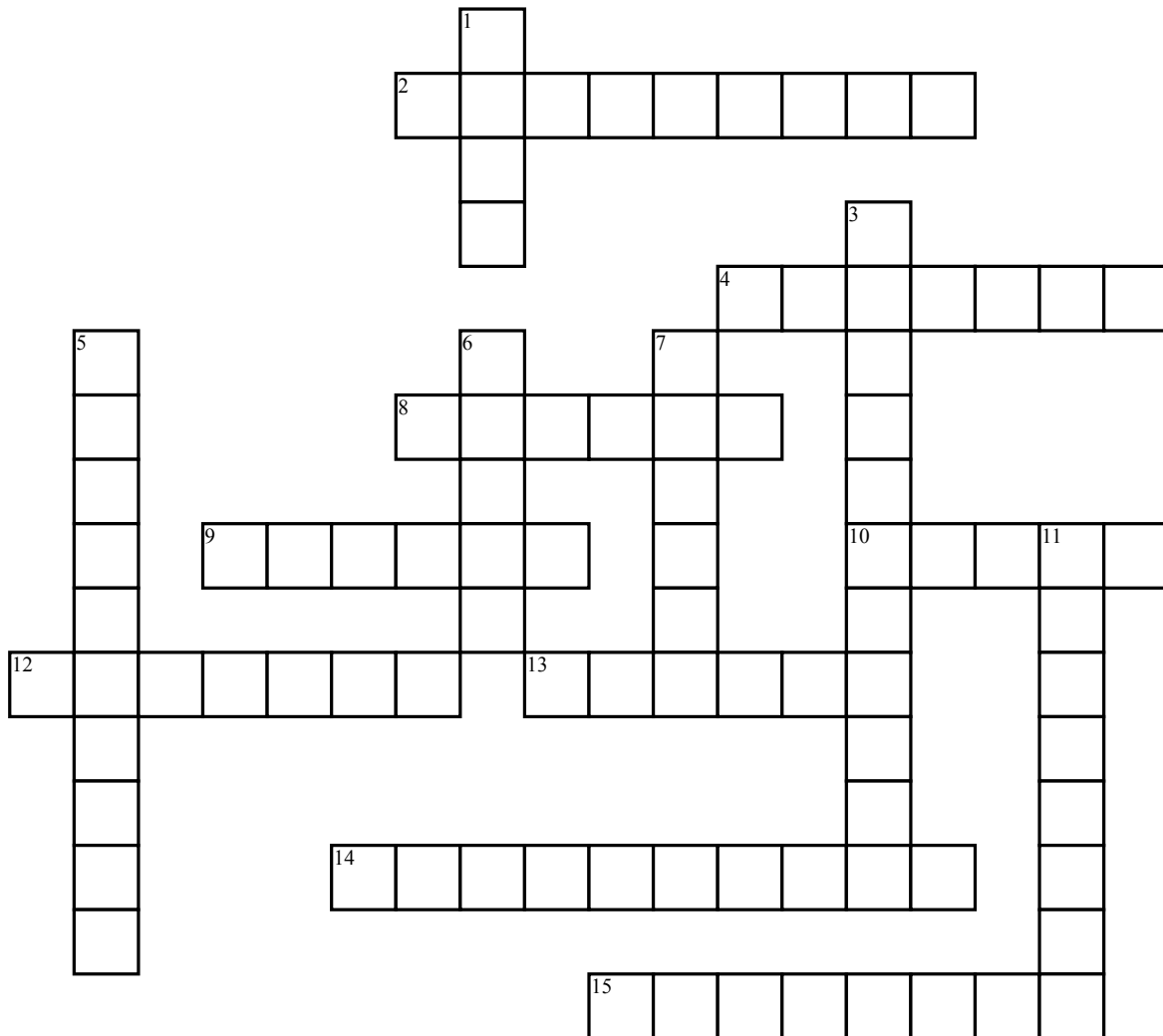


# Our Puzzling Economy



**Across**

- 2. the exclusive legal right, given to an originator or an assignee to print, publish, perform, film, or record literary, artistic, or musical material
- 4. the wealth and resources of a country or region
- 8. a fixed regular payment, typically paid on a monthly or biweekly basis but often expressed as an annual sum
- 9. a combination of two things, especially companies, into one
- 10. firm belief in the reliability, truth, ability, or strength of someone or something

- 12. wealth in the form of money or other assets owned by a person or organization or available or contributed for a particular purpose such as starting a company or investing
- 13. a government authority or license conferring a right or title for a set period
- 14. the action or process of investing money for profit or material result
- 15. the exclusive possession or control of the supply or trade in a commodity or service

**Down**

- 1. issued by a national government, generally with a promise to pay periodic interest payments and to repay the face value on the maturity date
- 3. the activity or condition of competing.
- 5. an economic and political system in which a country's trade and industry are controlled by private owners for profit, rather than by the state
- 6. a fixed regular payment, typically paid on a daily or weekly basis
- 7. a financial gain
- 11. the state of being scarce or in short supply; shortage