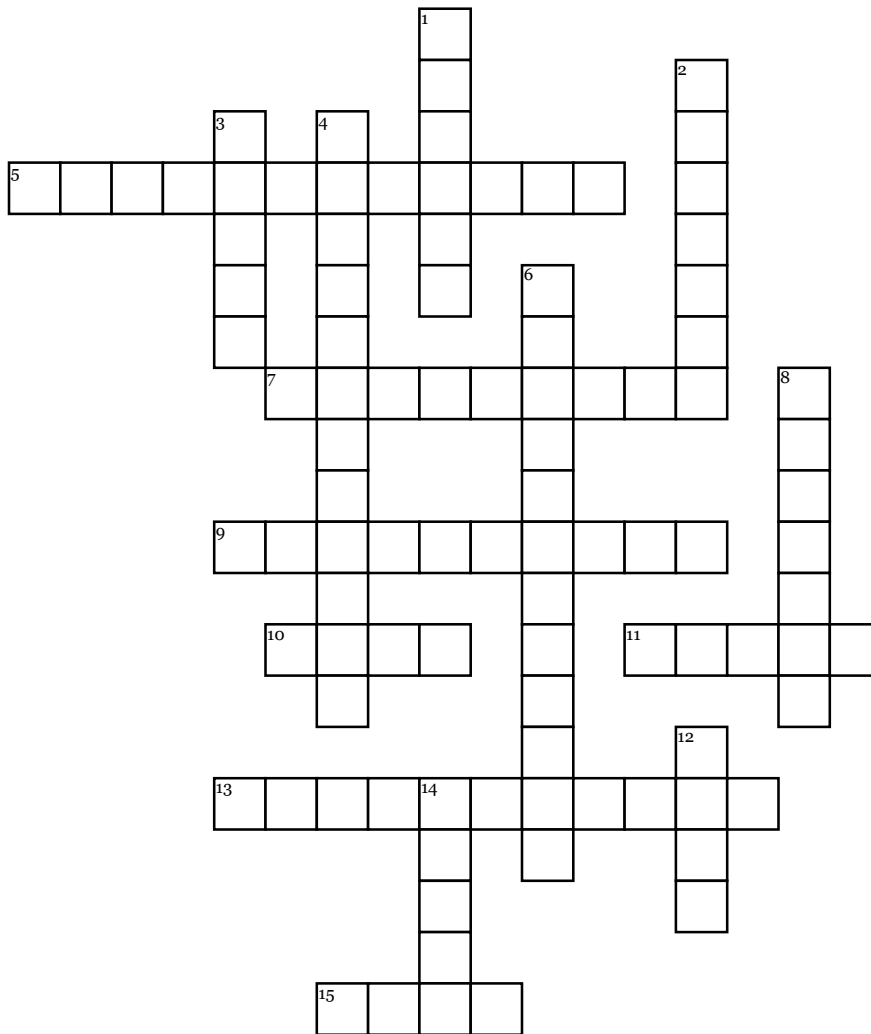


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Across

- 5.** not able to be understood
7. in a brave or heroic manner
9. compliance with standards
10. to strike someone with a hard blow
11. something of value

Word Bank

stiff	slug	conformity	rivalry	ashamed
vacant	ember	turf	asset	nonchalantly
contemptuous	unfathomable	incredulous	fuzz	gallantly

13. disbelieving; doubting

15. territory belonging to a person or group

Down

- 1.** empty
2. competition
3. a boring, conventional person

4. in a casually unconcerned manner

6. scornful

8. embarrassed or guilty of one's actions

12. the police

14. a small piece of burning wood or coal in a dying fire