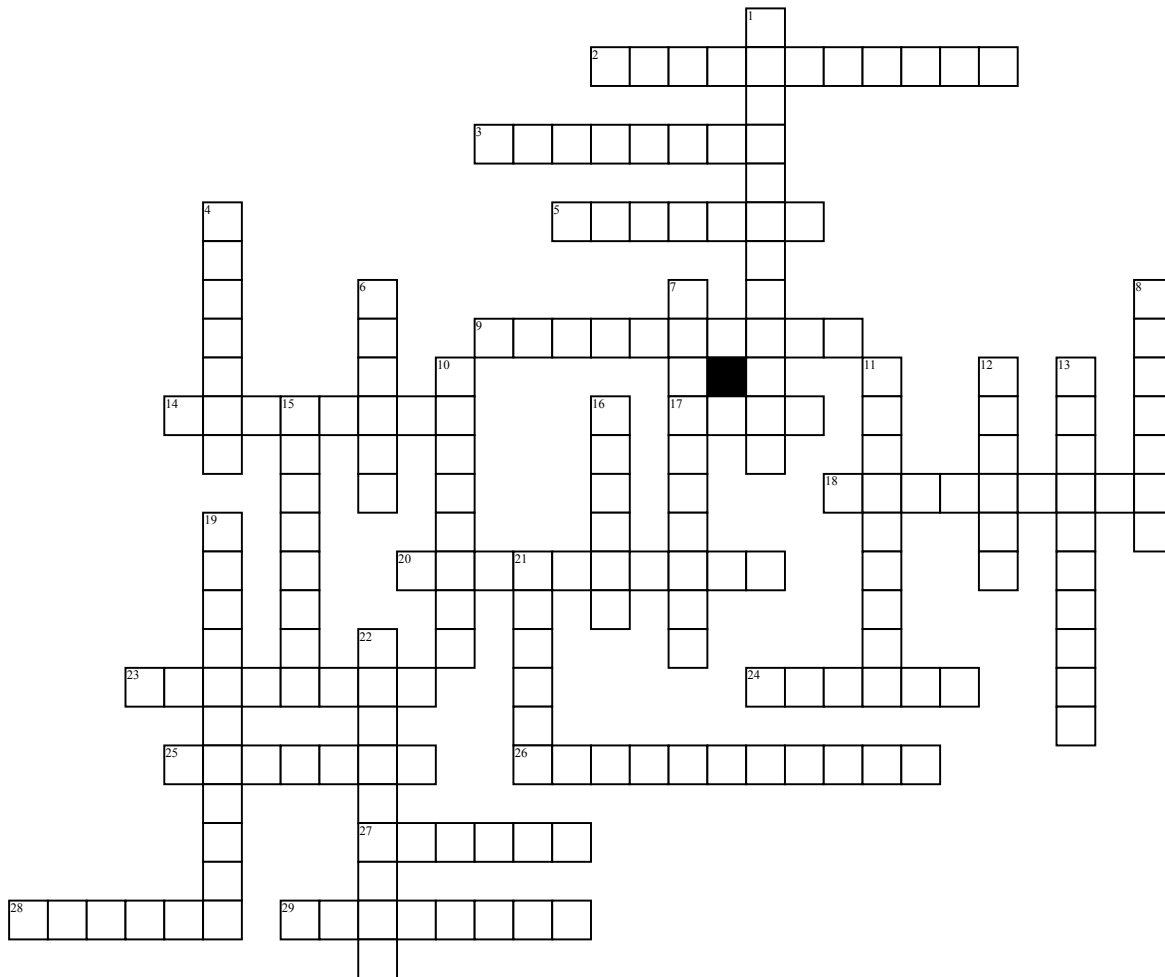


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Across

2. be the strongest or main element; be greater in number or amount than a self-contained housing unit
 3. sterling silver or articles of it or British money
 5. huge
 9. use insensitive force when dealing with (someone or something)
 14. a thing regarded as representative or symbolic of something else, especially something abstract.
 17. gently and persistently persuade (someone) to do something
 18. perform (an activity) or exercise (a skill) repeatedly or regularly in order to improve or maintain one's proficiency.
 20. not pretentious or arrogant; modest, meek or mild
 23. start to lose strength or momentum

24. without unnecessary ornamentation; simple or restrained.
 25. impressive stateliness, dignity, or beauty, royal power
 26. king of Israel noted for his wisdom
 27. a person, typically a homeless person who lives by asking for money or food
 28. in poor condition through long or hard use or lack of care
 29. start to lose strength or momentum

Down

1. running lengthwise rather than across or relating to longitude; measured from east to west
 4. (of a person or part of the body) gracefully thin.
 6. (of cooked meat or vegetables) chopped into small pieces and cooked again.
 7. the forming or devising of a plan or idea

8. anything that falls or seems to fall like a cascade
 10. the quality of being prudent; cautiousness.
 11. a large mirror, used originally to fill wall space between windows.
 12. (of a living human being, often in contrast to a divine being) subject to death
 13. the state of being prosperous or wealthy or rich
 15. (of information, measurements, statistics, etc.) correct in all details; exact.
 16. magic and/or magician
 19. in a very bright or dazzling way or in an exceptionally clever or talented way
 21. to become or cause to become smaller in size.
 22. an antechamber, hall, or lobby next to the outer door of a building