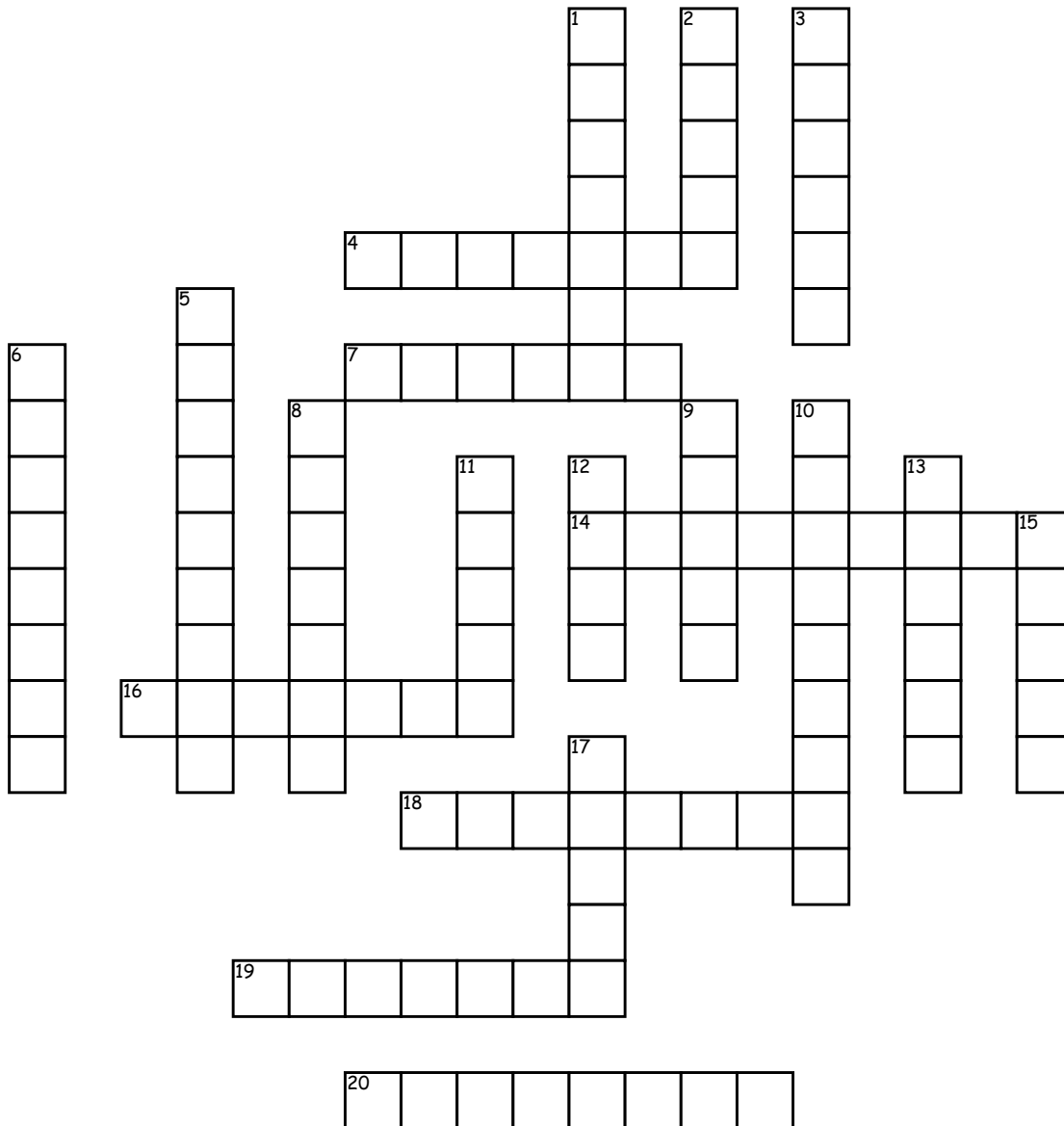


# Wordly Wise words



**Across**

- 4. Short and to the point
- 7. To cause continuing anger or irritation
- 14. To arrest/seize
- 16. Done in a hurry and with little attention to detail
- 18. A wearing away or rubbing away by friction
- 19. Total absence of government
- 20. An act of great cruelty or wickedness

**Down**

- 1. to introduce gradually in order to establish securely
- 2. The blue color of a cloudless sky
- 3. to make less extreme or severe
- 5. Daring/ Willing to take risks
- 6. To defend/ plead in favor of
- 8. A person who lives apart from society and often alone

- 9. To drive or propel
- 10. A young bird just learning to fly
- 11. A question
- 12. A sharp feeling of pain or distress
- 13. to reject bluntly
- 15. To discourage or intimidate
- 17. Soothing, mild