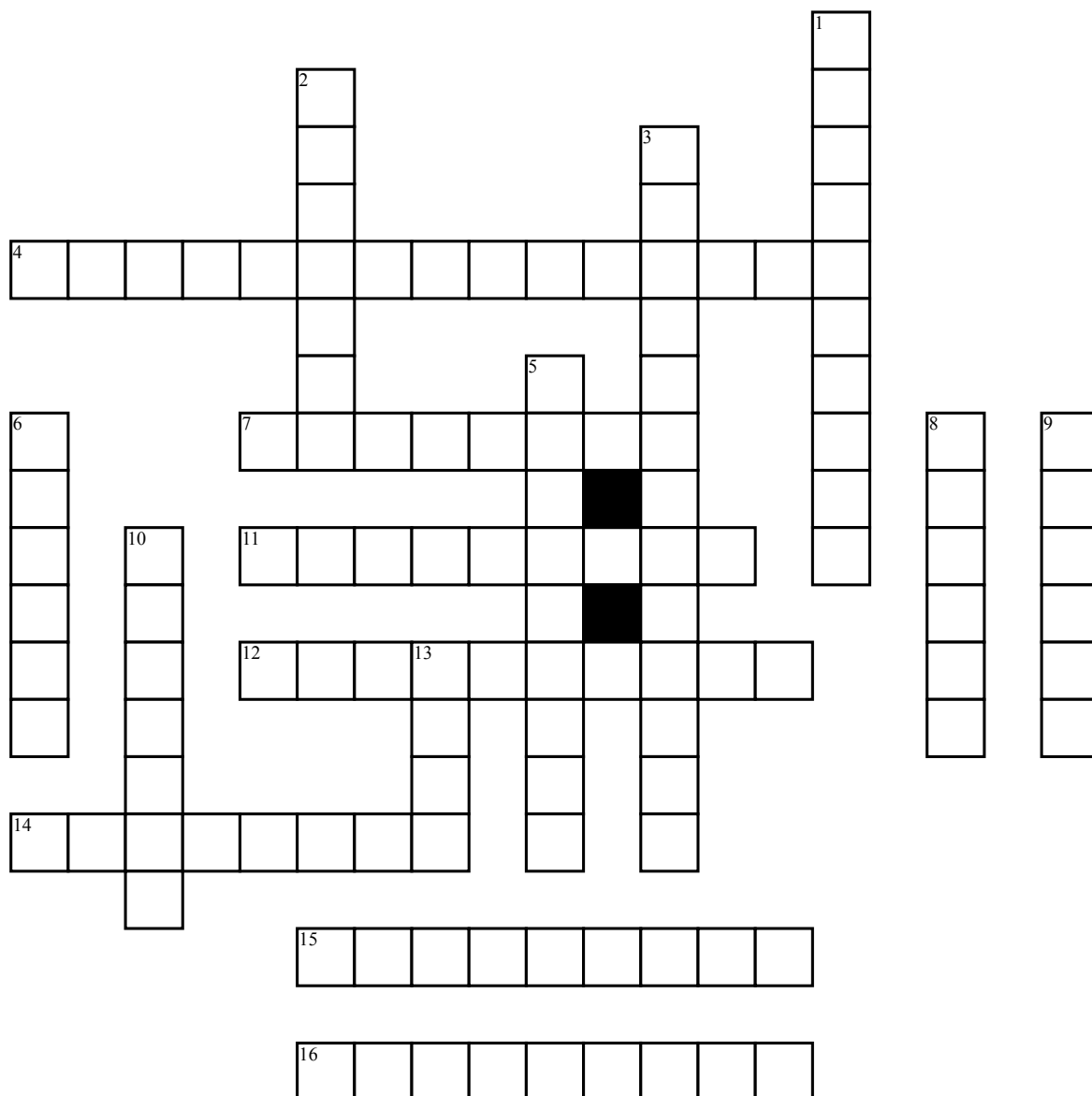


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Astronomy



Across

4. Mercury and Venus which lie closer to the Sun than the Earth
 7. A meteorite which is stony
 11. Region of space having a gravitational field so intense that no matter or radiation can escape
 12. A star made up of two stars orbiting each other
 14. A group of stars or galaxies which are held together by their common gravity
 15. The outermost part of the Earth's atmosphere.

16. An object from Outer Space, such as a rock, that falls into the Earth and lands on its surface.

Down

1. A region of the Earth's atmosphere.
 2. When our view of one object in the sky is blocked by another object or the Earth's shadow.
 3. A grouping of stars which have been given names by ancient astronomers because of the way they look.

5. The distance which a ray of light would travel in one year. This is about 6,000,000,000,000 (6 trillion) miles.

6. Beautiful eruptions in the outer part of the Sun's atmosphere.
 8. A group of stars, gas and dust held together by gravity.
 9. A shooting star, observed when a particle of dust enters into the Earth's atmosphere.
 10. When the Moon is more than half full, but less than completely full.
 13. An imaginary straight line on which an object rotates