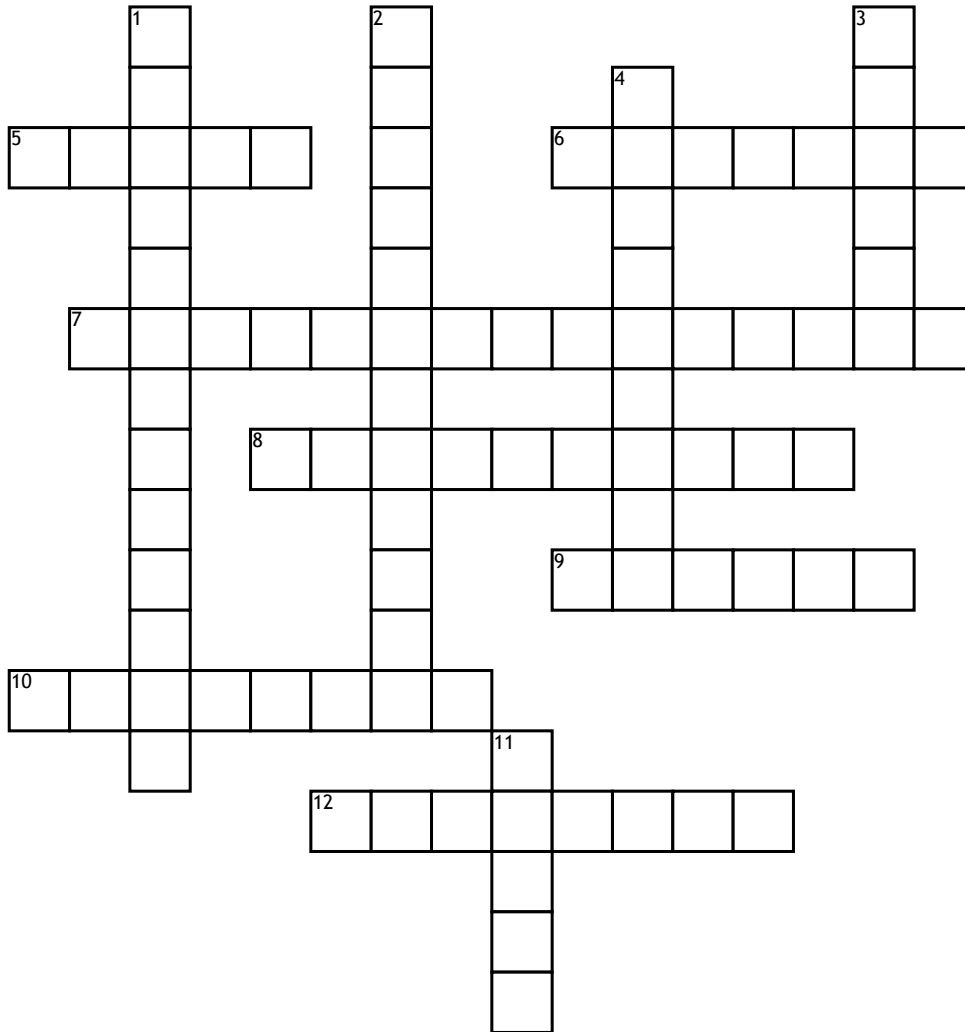


Biodiversity Puzzle



Across

5. a biome characterized by coniferous forests consisting mostly of pines, spruces and larches.
6. a land area that is saturated with water, either permanently or seasonally
7. the maximum reproductive capacity of an organism under optimum environmental conditions
8. areas where the vegetation is dominated by grasses

9. a barren area of landscape where little precipitation occurs and consequently living conditions are hostile for plant and animal life

10. the regions of the surface, atmosphere, and hydrosphere of the earth
12. the saltiness or dissolved salt content of a body of water

Down

1. nonliving things in an ecosystem

2. any living things in an ecosystem

3. a type of biome where the tree growth is hindered by low temperatures and short growing seasons

4. lies between the tropics and the polar regions

11. a community of plants and animals that have common characteristics for the environment they exist in

Word Bank

salinity

biome

desert

grasslands

biotic potential

taiga

tundra

temperate

biotic factor

wetland

abiotic factor

biophere