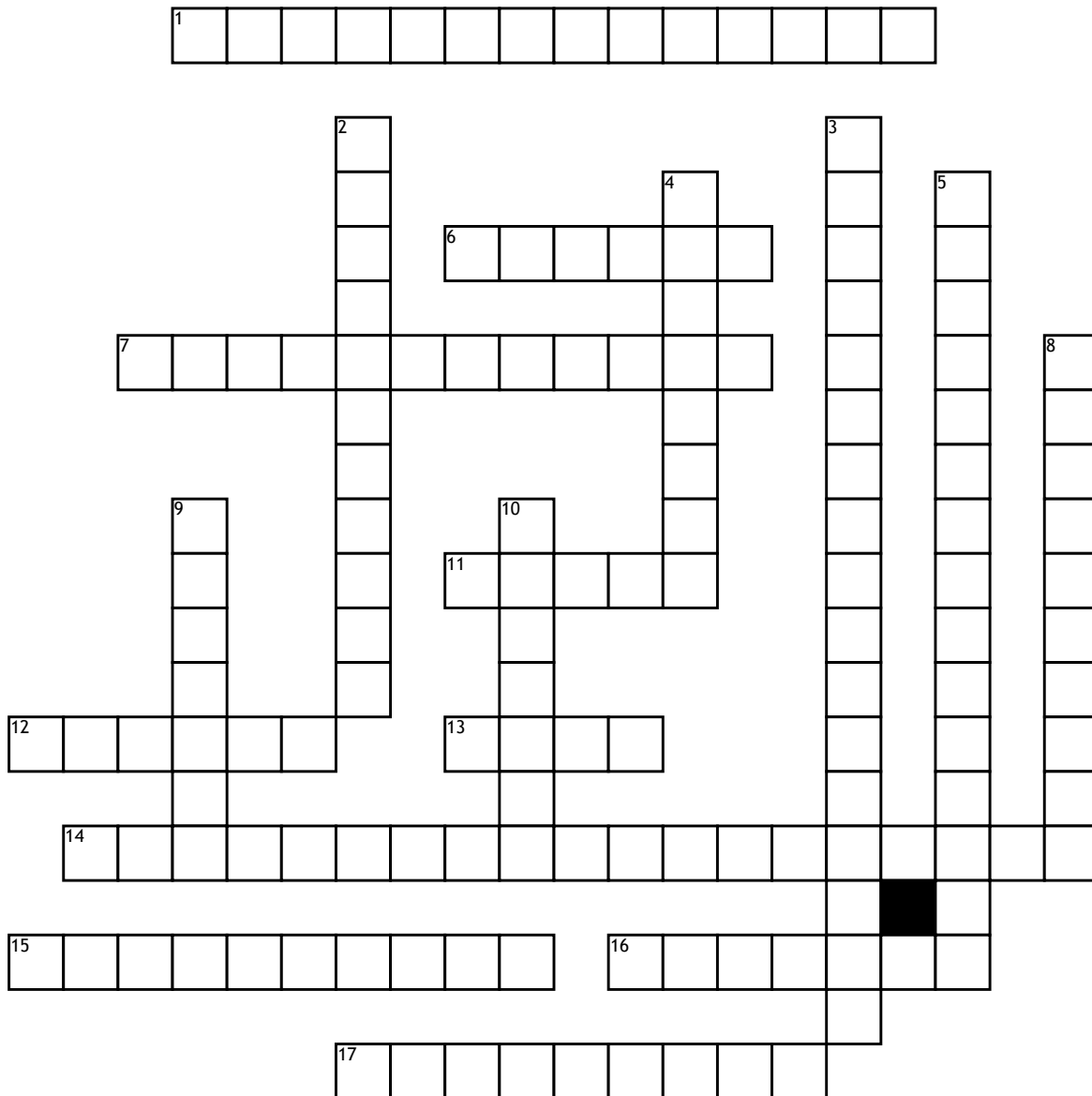


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Ecology Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1. first to colonize disrupted ecosystems
- 6. organism that breaks down rock to form soil
- 7. symbiotic relationship in which one organism benefits while the other is unaffected
- 11. the role a species has in its environment including its interactions with living and nonliving factors
- 12. any living component that affects another organism or shapes the ecosystem

- 13. the presence or absence of _____ will help to determine which type of succession occurs
- 14. changes which take place on a previously colonized but disturbed or damaged habitat
- 15. symbiotic relationship in which one organism benefits while the other is harmed
- 16. study of relationships between organisms and their environment
- 17. symbiotic relationship in which both organisms benefit

Down

- 2. struggle between two organisms for the same resources in an environment

- 3. a stable ecosystem forms in a previously uninhabited region
- 4. removing this species would drastically change an ecosystem because many species depend on it
- 5. populations of plants or animals remain stable and exist in balance with each other and their environment
- 8. a group of the same organisms living in the same area
- 9. any nonliving component that affects another organism or shapes the ecosystem
- 10. study of life