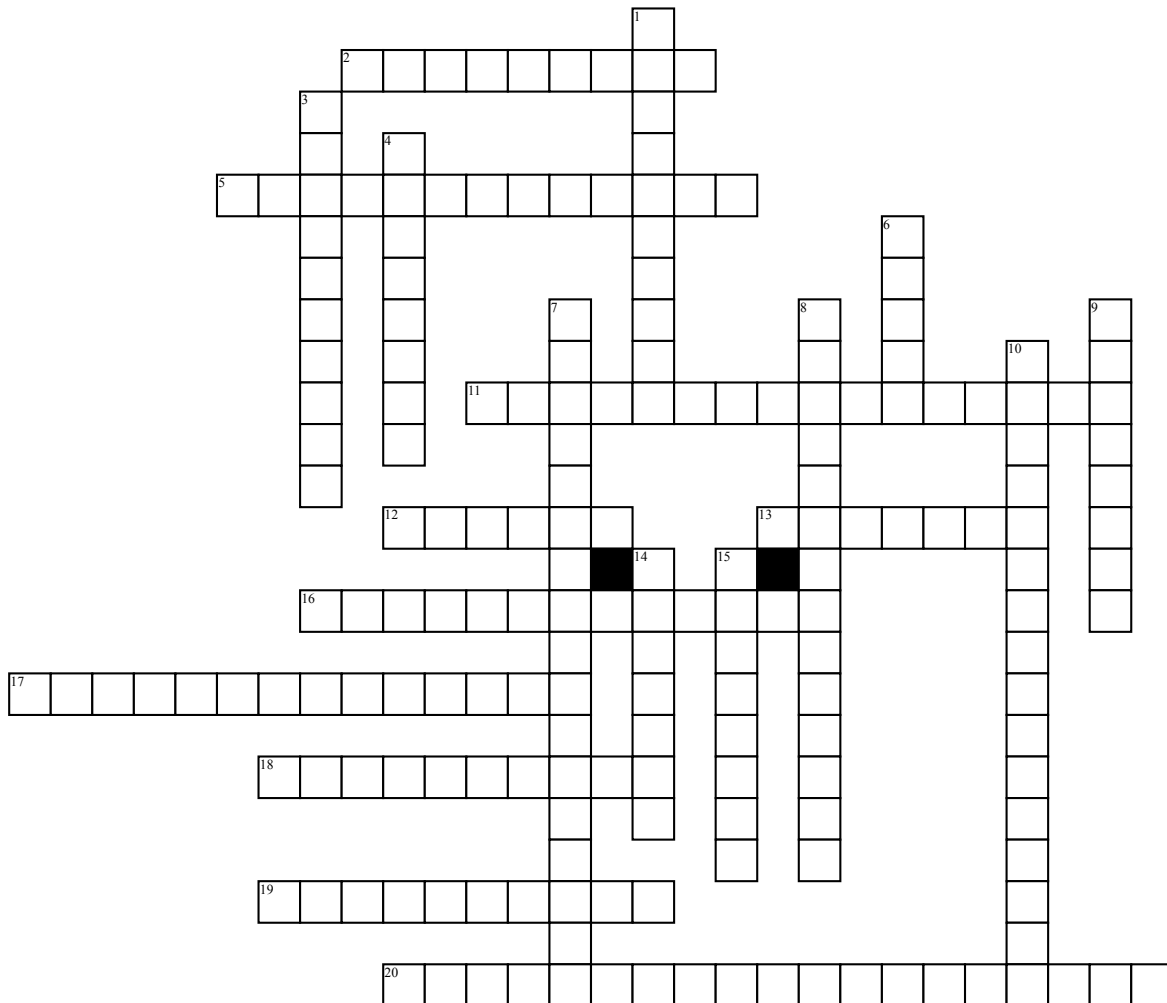


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Land Ecosystems Crossword



Across

2. the part of the Earth that supports life

5. also called taiga, have coniferous trees, which are more well-adapted to the long, cold, dry winters

11. when the presence of mountains has a major influence on the distribution of precipitation

12. a landscape that tends to have below freezing temperatures most of the year

13. the side of a mountain that receives less precipitation

16. a species that populates and dominates the ecosystem

17. a line/bar graph to show trends in temperature and precipitation

18. a landscape that receives the greatest amount of rainfall

19. when biomes change as the Earth changes

20. occurs following the disruption of an existing ecosystem

Down

1. a landscape that tends to change in temperature or precipitation

3. permanently frozen soil

4. distance from the equator; measured in degrees

6. geographic areas throughout the biosphere

7. occurs when a new ecosystem develops where there was none before

8. the first species to populate an area in the early stages of succession

9. the elevation above sea level

10. experiences winters that reaches below freezing or an intense dry season that requires the trees to drop their leaves

14. a barren area of landscape where little precipitation occurs

15. the side of a mountain facing the incoming air currents and receives more precipitation