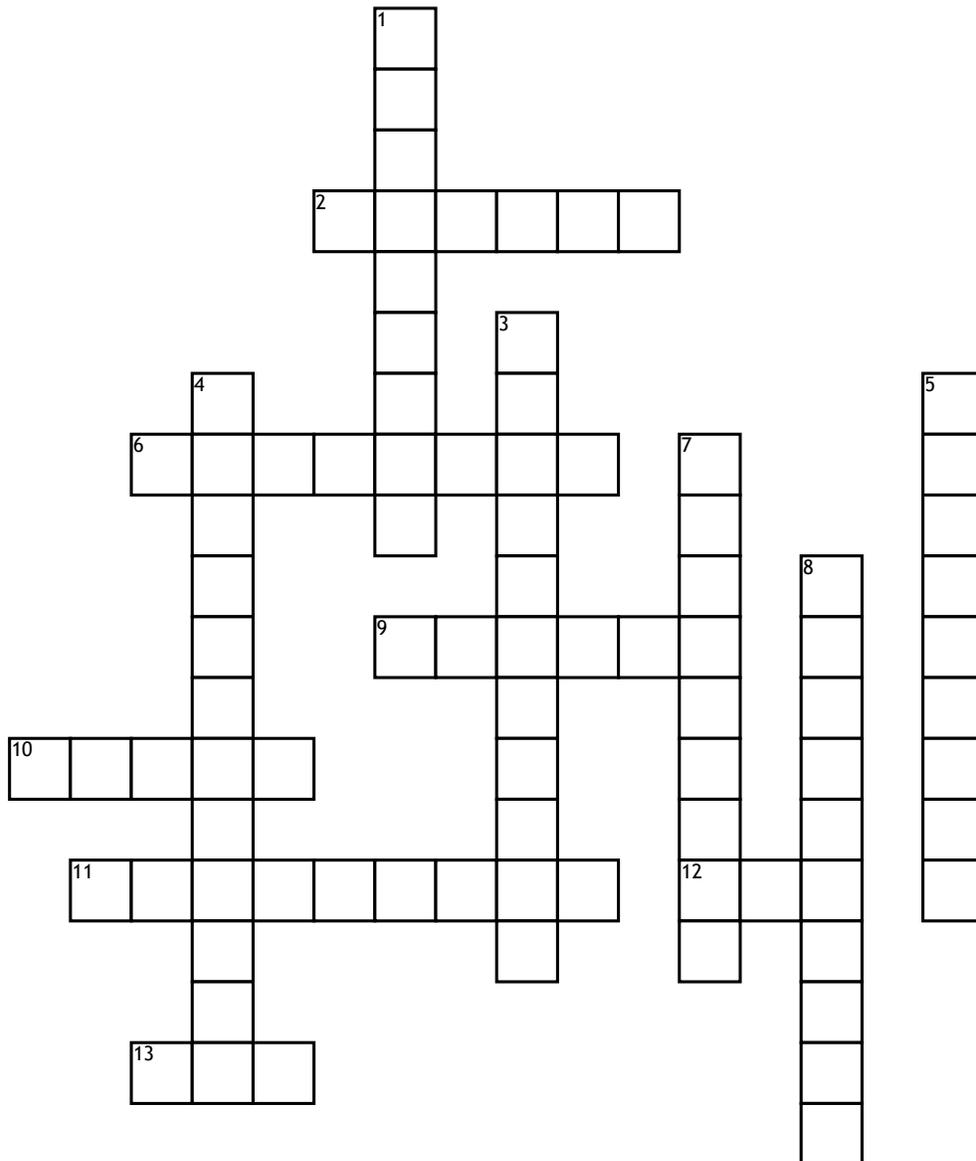


# Life Characteristics



**Across**

- 2. increasing in complexity or size
- 6. reacting to stimuli in the environment
- 9. all known life forms have this one element in their cells
- 10. this unique life form has no cells of its own

- 11. obtaining nutrients
- 12. a nucleic acid similar to DNA
- 13. all living things have this molecule to provide a genetic code

**Down**

- 1. waste removal
- 3. using oxygen to release energy from food

- 4. producing offspring
- 5. creating large molecules from smaller molecules
- 7. internally moving nutrients within a cell or body
- 8. controls all life processes