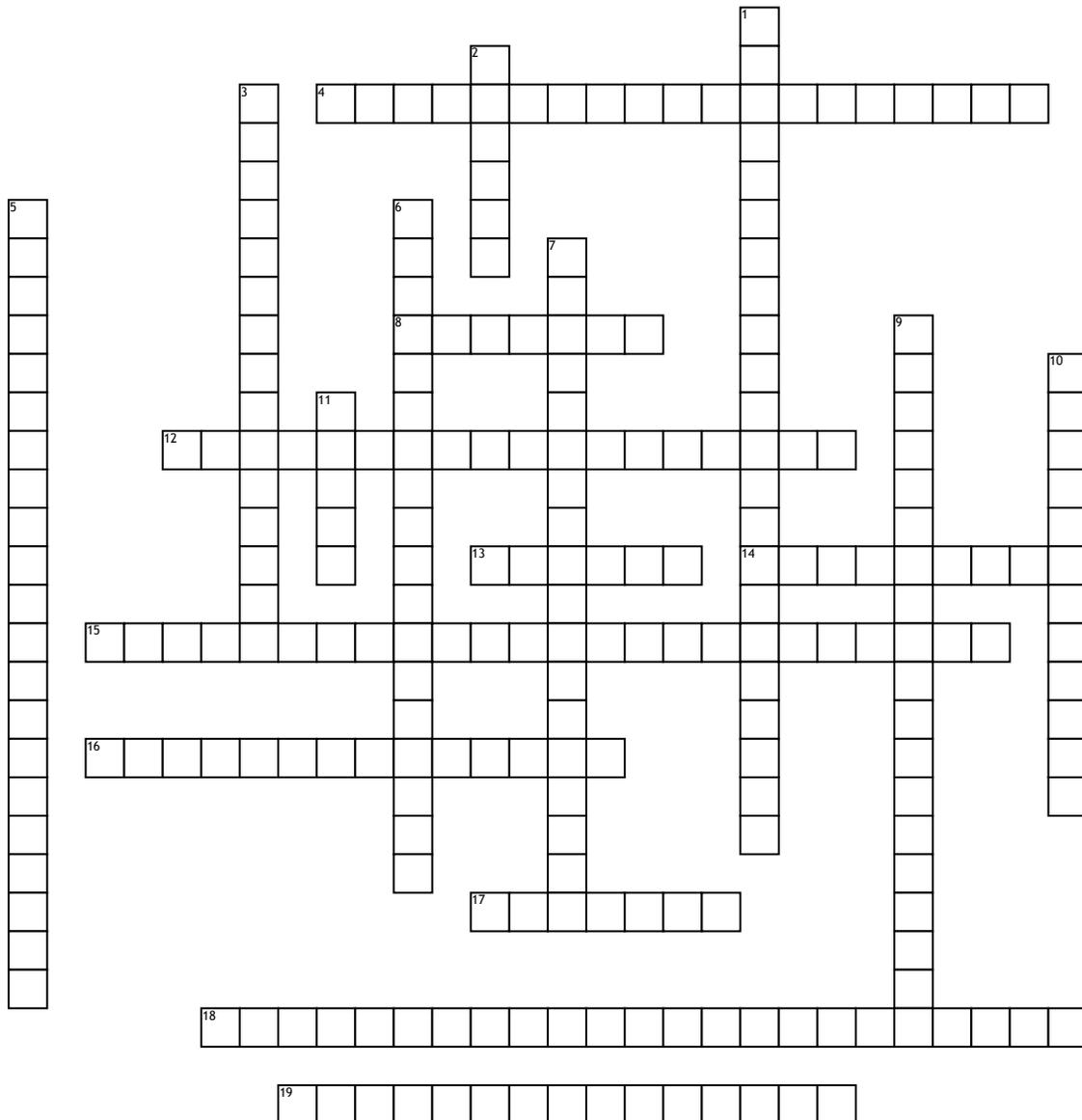


Major Ecosystems of the World



Across

4. a grassland with hot summers, cold winters, and less rainfall than the temperate deciduous forest biome

8. a tropical grassland with widely scattered trees or clumps of trees

12. a lush, species-rich forest biome that occurs where the climate is warm and moist throughout the year

13. the treeless biome in the far north that consists of boggy plains covered by lichens and small plants such as mosses; has harsh, very cold winter and extremely short summers

14. a biome with mild, moist winters and hot, dry summers; vegetation is typically small-leaved evergreen shrubs and small tree

15. a forest biome that occurs in temperate areas with a moderate amount of precipitation

16. the area of shore line between low and high tides

17. a coastal body of water, partly surrounded by land, with access to the open ocean and a large supply of fresh water from a river

18. a marine ecosystem set aside to minimize human impacts and protect unique natural resources and historic sites

19. the part of the pelagic environment that overlies the ocean floor from the shoreline to a depth of 200 m

Down

1. a body of fresh water that is surrounded by land and that does not flow; a lake or a pond

2. a biome in which the lack of precipitation limits plant growth; found in both temperate and subtropical regions

3. the part of the pelagic environment that overlies the ocean floor at depths greater than 200 m

5. a freshwater ecosystem such as a river or stream in which the water flows in a current

6. lands that shallow fresh water covers for at least part of the year; wetlands have a characteristic soil and water-tolerant vegetation

7. the ocean floor, which extends from the intertidal zone to the deep ocean trenches

9. a coniferous biome with cool weather, dense fog, and high precipitation

10. a region of coniferous forest in the Northern Hemisphere; located just south of the tundra

11. A large, relatively distinct terrestrial region with a similar climate, soil, plants, and animals, regardless of where it occurs in the world