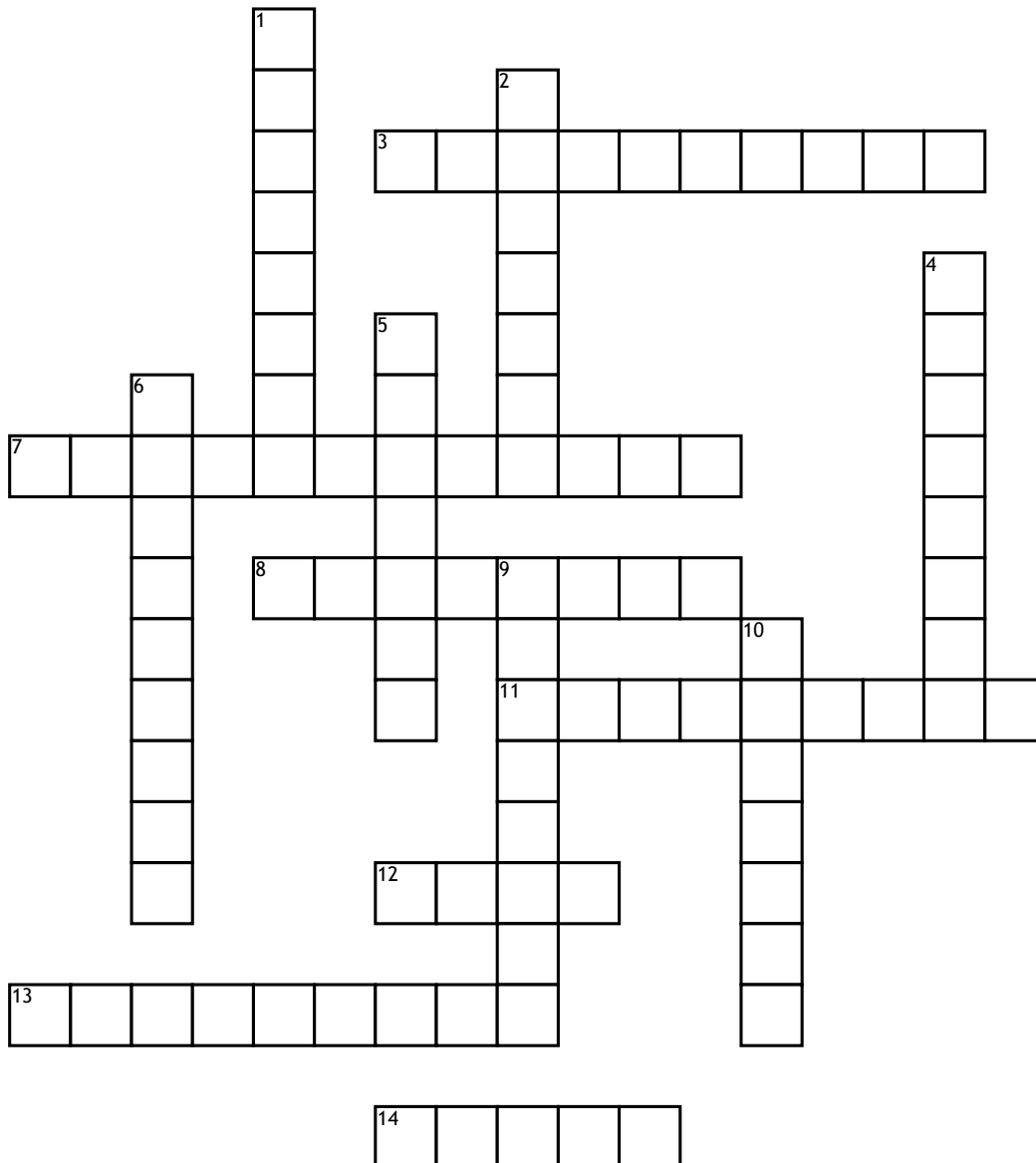


Natural Disasters



Across

3. A series of vibrations induced in the earth's crust by the abrupt rupture and rebound of rocks in which elastic strain has been slowly accumulating

7. a transient storm of lightning and thunder

8. a period of abnormally hot and usually humid weather

11. the downward falling or sliding of a mass of soil, detritus, or rock on or from a steep slope

12. showery precipitation in the form of irregular pellets or balls of ice

13. a large mass of snow, ice, etc., detached from a mountain slope and sliding or falling suddenly downward.

14. a great flowing or overflowing of water, especially over land not usually submerged

Down

1. Small object that revolves around the sun in orbits

2. a period of dry weather

4. a storm with dry, driving snow, strong winds, and intense cold

5. a localized, violently destructive windstorm occurring over land, and characterized by a long, funnel-shaped cloud extending toward the ground

6. a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or in excess of 72 miles per hour

9. any large fire that spreads rapidly and is hard to extinguish

10. an unusually large sea wave produced by a seaquake or undersea volcanic eruption