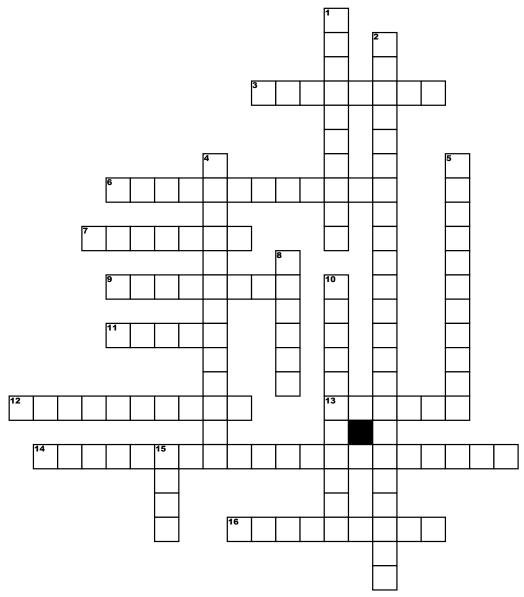
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## **Nervous System Vocabulary Crossword**



## **Across**

- 3. The part of the brain that interprets input from senses ,controls the movement of skeletal muscles, and carries out complex mental processes
- 6. A message carried by a neuron.
- 7. The tiny space between the tip of an axon and the next structure.
- 9. A threadlike extension of a neuron that carries nerve impulses toward the cell body.
- 11. The part of the central nervous system that is located in the skull and that controls most functions in the body.
- 12. The thick column of nerve tissue that is enclosed by the vertebrae and that links the brain to most of the nerves in the peripheral nervous system.
- 13. A cell that carries messages through the nervous system.
- **14.** The brain and the spinal cord;the control center of the body.
- **16.** The part of the brain that controls many body functions that occur automatically.

## **Down**

1. The part of the brain that coordinates the actions of the muscles and helps maintain balance.

- 2. All the nerves located outside the central nervous system;connects the central nervous system to all parts of the body.
- 4. A neuron that picks up stimuli from the internal or external environment and converts each stimulus into a nerve impulse
- 5. A neuron that carries nerve impulses from one neuron to another.
- 8. An automatic response that occurs very rapidly and without conscious control.
- 10. A neuron that sends an impulse to a muscle, causing the muscle to contract.
- **15.** A threadlike extension of a neuron that carries nerve impulses away from the cell body.