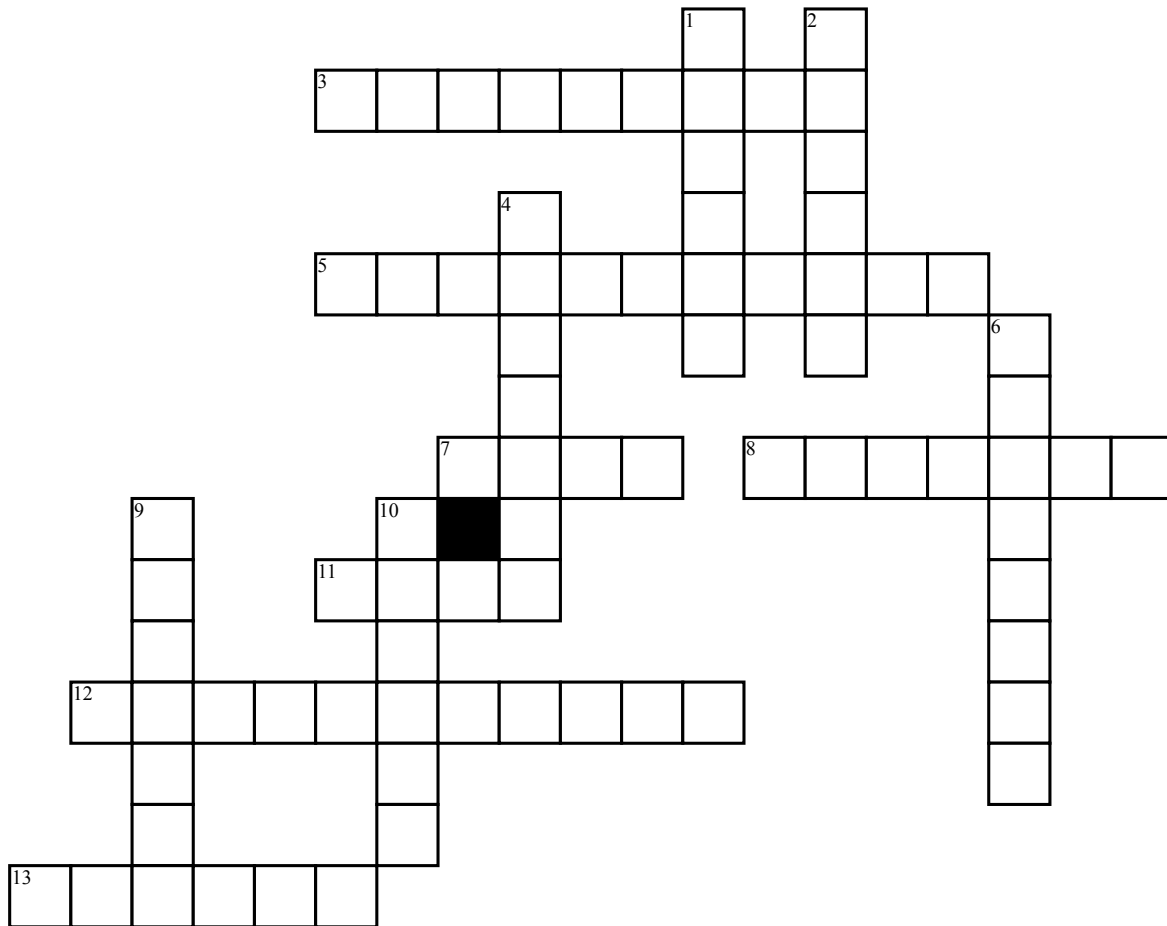


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Rocks and Minerals Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 3. A person whose job is to study rocks, and the physical Earth
- 5. A type of rock formed by the build up of sediment on the ground over time
- 7. A hard material made up of one or more minerals
- 8. A naturally occurring substance that is inorganic (does not come from an animal or plant)

11. A yellow precious metal and chemical element

12. A type of rock formed when other rocks are under a lot of heat or pressure causing them to change

13. A visual clue used to identify a mineral by how shiny it is

Down

1. The act of digging holes into the earth to find valuable natural resources

2. A test to identify a mineral involving scraping the mineral against a rough tile

4. The hardest substance in nature and a very valuable gemstone

6. Used to identify a mineral - tested by seeing if a mineral can scratch or be scratched with different materials

9. A type of rock formed by the cooling of lava or magma

10. A visual clue used to identify a mineral