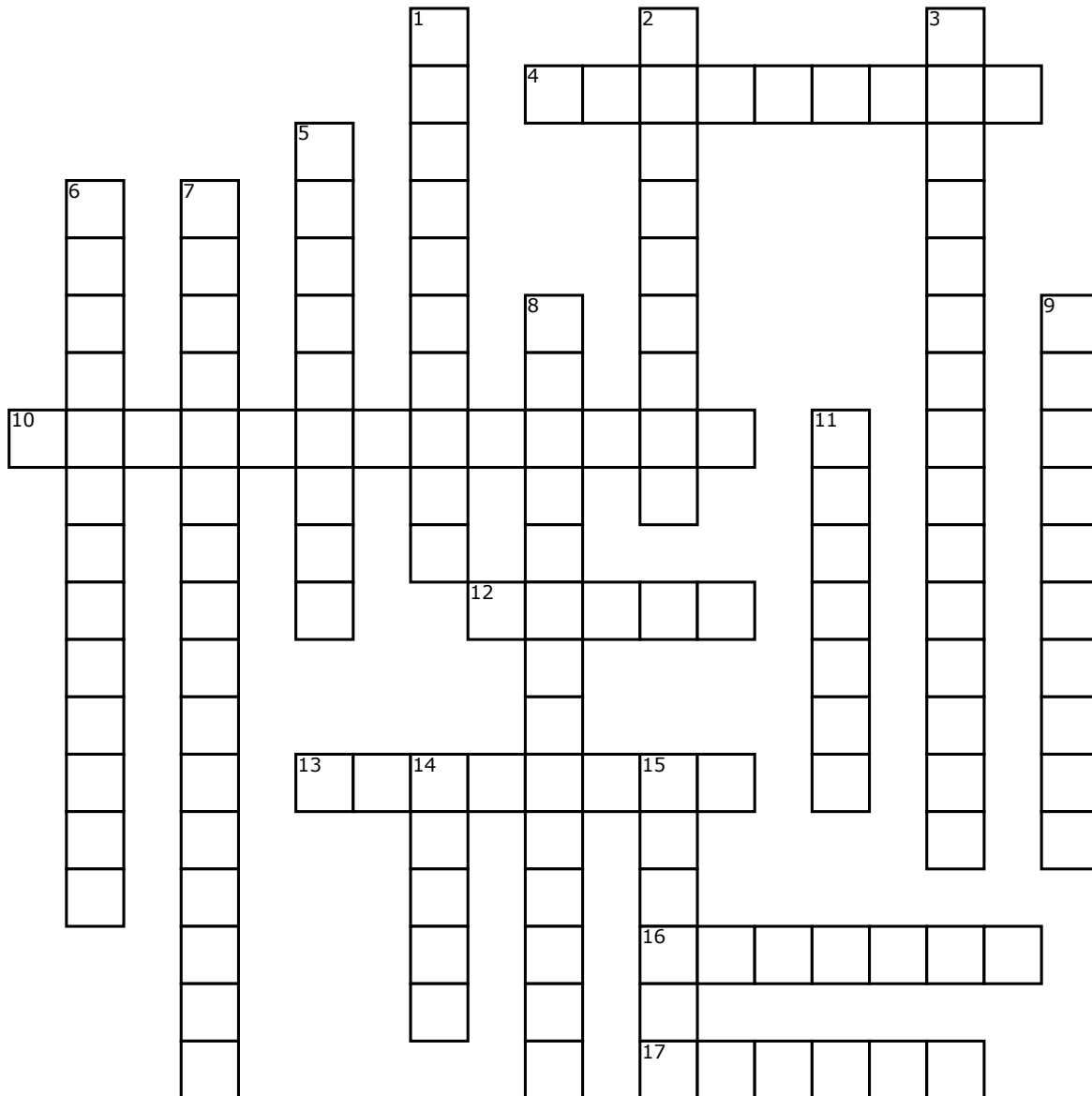


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The Ecosystem



Across

- 4.** a community of organisms and their abiotic, or nonliving, environment
10. makes or becomes different in the process of growth or development
12. a large region characterized by a specific type of climate and certain types of plants and animal communities
13. an area of land that is periodically underwater or whose soil contains a great deal of moisture
16. the study of the interactions of living organisms with one another and with their environment
17. a region found at far northern and far southern latitudes characterized by low lying plants, a lack of trees, long winters with very low temperatures

Down

- 1.** a region that is dominated by grasses, that has few woody shrub and trees, that has fertile soils, and that receives moderate amounts of seasonal rainfall
2. all of the populations of species that live in the same habitat and interact with each other
3. is a biome dominated by deciduous trees that lose their leaves seasonally
5. an area where fresh water mixes with salt water from the ocean
6. an environmental factor that is associated with or results from the activities of living organisms
7. cone bearing trees that usually keep their leaves or needles during all the seasons of the year

- 8.** an environmental factor that is not associated with the activities of living organisms
9. a group of organisms of the same species that live in a specific geographical area
11. a group of organisms that are closely related and can mate to produce fertile offspring
14. a region of evergreen, coniferous forest below the arctic and subarctic tundra regions
15. a region characterized by a very dry climate and extreme temperatures