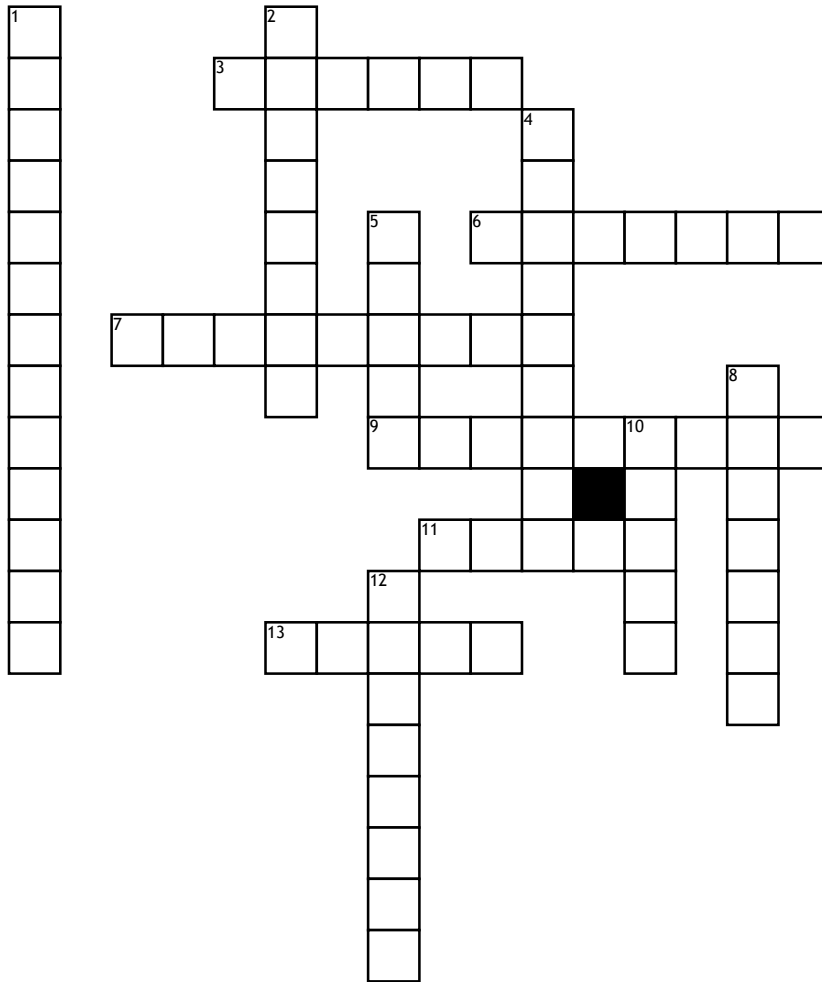


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composting critters



Across

3. What is the name of animal dung used for fertilizing land?

6. The words "land" or "terrain" are synonyms for this word.

7. What is the word used to describe a variety of species?

9. What is the common name of a burrowing annelid that lives in the soil?

11. What is the name for organic material that comes from decomposed plants, either in soil or compost?

13. What is the name of a living organism that absorbs water and inorganic substances through its roots, and synthesizes nutrients in its leaves?

Down

1. A worm is a _____ because it has both ovaries and testes.

2. What is a microorganism that can cause disease called?

4. What is a word that describes a community of interacting organisms and their environment?

5. What is refuse from residential and industrial activities called?

8. What is a word used to describe produce grown without the use of chemical fertilizers or pesticides?

10. What is refuse from residential and industrial activities called?

12. What is the name of a single-celled microscopic organism that can provide a gummy substance that binds soil particles together?

Word Bank

hermaphrodite	pathogen	waste	diversity	topsoil
manure	earthworm	organic	ecosystem	humus
bacteria	waste	plant		