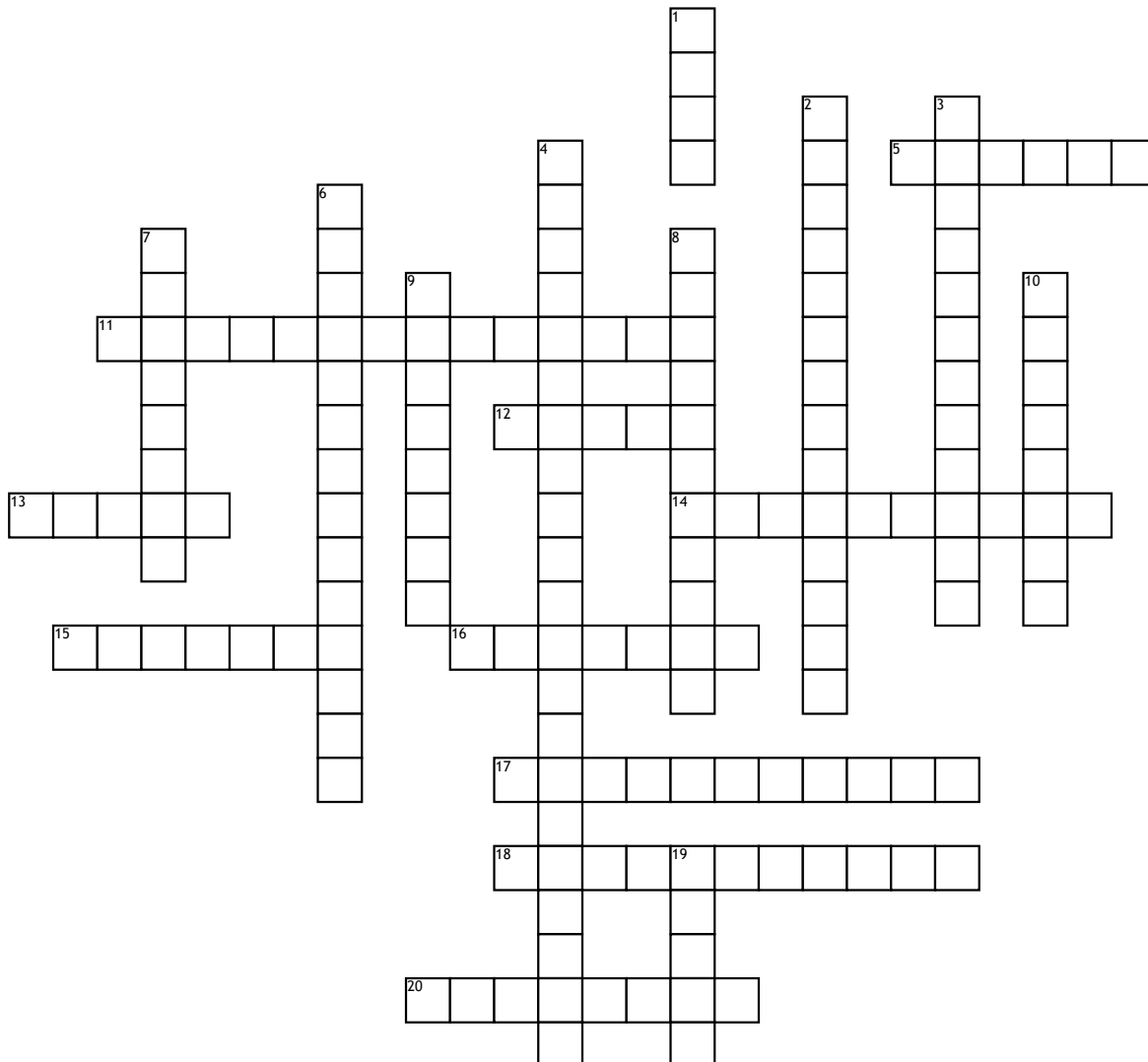


# south west Asia crossword puzzle



## Across

5. an Islamic place of worship, where Muslims pray facing toward the holy city of Mecca

11. One of the rivers that supported ancient river civilizations. Flows through parts of Turkey, Syria, and Iraq.

12. the holiest city of Islam, located in Saudi Arabia where people make pilgrimages to fulfill Islamic religious duty

13. An area in the desert where vegetation is found because water is available mainly because of underground springs

14. Known as the Empty Quarter. A vast desert the size of Texas on the Arabian Peninsula. One of the largest dry deserts in the world.

15. the tower attached to a mosque from which the muezzin, or crier, calls the faithful to prayer five times a day

16. A landlocked salt lake. Only bacteria can live in the waters and is controlled by Israel

17. Water pumped from underground aquifers. Unlikely to be replaced.

18. One of the rivers that supported ancient river civilizations. Flows through parts of Turkey, Syria, and Iraq

20. the founder and a prophet of Islam, who lived part of his life in the city of Mecca

## Down

1. Riverbeds that remain dry except during the rainy seasons

2. The practice of using small pipes that slowly drip water above ground to conserve water used for crops

3. A hilly plateau overlooking the Jordan River and the Sea of Galilee.

4. the basic religious duties of all who follow the Islam teachings: Faith, Prayer, Charity, Fasting, and Pilgrimage

6. The removal of salt from ocean water.

7. Petroleum that has not been processed

8. Provides water for the majority of the region. Serves as a natural boundary Israel and Jordan

9. Converts crude oil into useful products

10. When winds evaporate moisture in the soil and leaves chemical salts

19. a monotheistic religion based on the teachings of the prophet Muhammad, and the biggest cultural and religious influence in North Africa