Large Print Crossword Puzzles for Seniors

8 Free Themed Crosswords from the Full Book

Big Grids and 16-Point Clues, with Solutions

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Every crossword grid has been checked: every answer fits, and letters touch only where answers cross.

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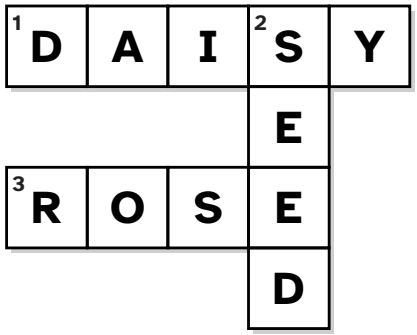
How to Play

Each crossword is built around the theme in its title. Read a clue on the right-hand page and write the answer in the grid on the left-hand page, starting in the square with the same number. Across answers run from left to right, Down answers from top to bottom. The number in parentheses gives the length of the answer. Answers of two or more words, such as Apple Pie (5,3), are written without spaces; hyphens and apostrophes are left out too, so Cha-Cha (3-3) fills six squares. Where answers cross they share a letter, which is a handy hint when you are stuck. Still stuck? Turn the book upside down: the strip under each grid gives the first letters of the two longest answers. All solutions are at the back of the book.



Across

1 White flower with a yellow center (5)

3 Thorny flower with a sweet scent (4)

Down

2 Plant one to grow a flower (4)

My Puzzle Tracker

Check off a box each time you finish a puzzle.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Solving Tips

Think about the theme

Every answer in a puzzle belongs to its theme. In a puzzle about the seaside, “something with a shell” is more likely a crab than an egg.

Start with what you know

Fill in the answers that come to you at once, wherever they are. Each one gives you letters for the answers that cross it.

Count the squares

The number after each clue is the length of the answer. Two or more numbers, such as (5,3), mean several words written without spaces.

Use the crossing letters

A word with two or three letters already in place is often easy to see. Say the pattern out loud: “B _ K E” might be BAKE or BIKE.

Take a break

If you get stuck, put the puzzle down and come back later. Fresh eyes often see the answer right away.

Peek, but only a little

Turn the book upside down to read the hint under each grid. The full solutions are at the back of the book.

Puzzle 1

In the Garden

Hint: 4 Down begins with W · 6 Across begins with G

Puzzle 1

Clues

Across

5 Small hand tool for digging planting holes (6)

6 Glass building for growing plants all year (10)

9 Shallow basin on a pedestal for robins to splash in (8)

12 Thorny flower, a symbol of love (4)

13 Digging tool with a broad blade (6)

15 Young plant that has just sprouted (8)

Down

1 Rotted kitchen scraps used to enrich soil (7)

2 Barrier of posts and boards around a yard (5)

3 Row of bushes forming a living wall (5)

4 Two-handled garden cart for hauling soil (11)

5 Cup-shaped spring flower grown from a bulb (5)

7 Tall yellow bloom grown for its seeds (9)

8 Long-toothed tool for gathering leaves (4)

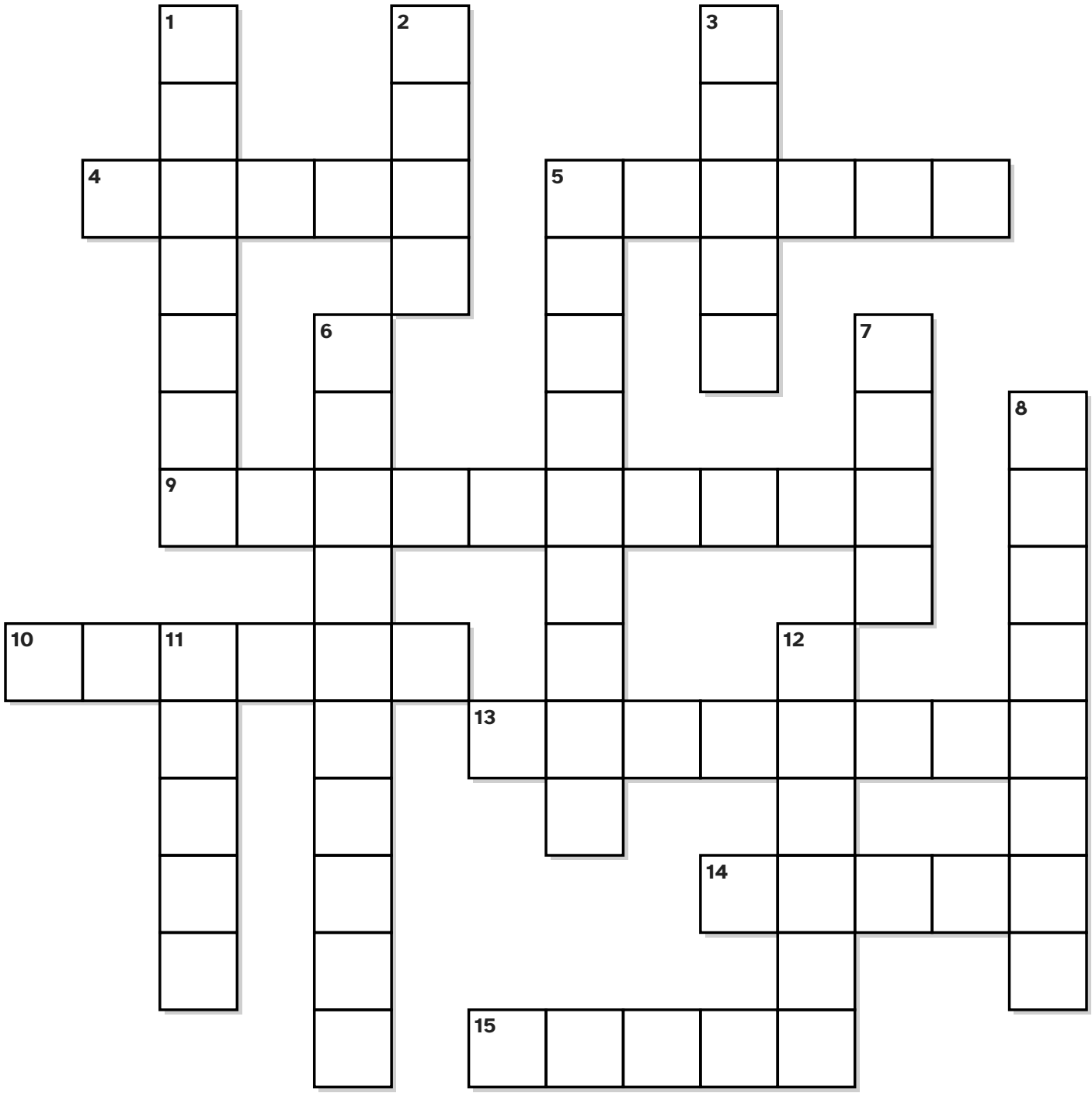
10 White-petaled flower with a yellow center (5)

11 Flexible tube for watering (4)

14 Grass you cut with a mower (4)

Puzzle 2

In the Kitchen



Hint: 6 Down begins with S · 9 Across begins with R

Puzzle 2

Clues

Across

4 Deep-bowled spoon for serving soup (5)

5 Appliance that keeps food cold (6)

9 Cylinder for flattening pie dough (7,3)

10 Tool for shredding cheese (6)

13 Small deep pot with one long handle (8)

14 Kitchen range with burners (5)

15 Flat dish for serving a meal (5)

Down

1 Appliance that browns slices of bread (7)

2 Hot box for baking and roasting (4)

3 Wire tool for beating eggs (5)

5 Skillet for eggs and bacon (6,3)

6 Knives, forks and spoons as a set (10)

7 Basin with a faucet for washing dishes (4)

8 Bowl with holes for draining pasta (8)

11 Cloth worn to protect clothes while cooking (5)

12 Pot that whistles when water boils (6)

Puzzle 3

Fruit

Hint: 4 Down begins with S · 7 Across begins with R

Puzzle 3

Clues

Across

2 Sweet tropical fruit with a large flat pit (5)

5 Cantaloupe or honeydew (5)

7 Soft red fruit picked from a thorny cane (9)

8 Tropical fruit with black seeds inside (6)

9 Long yellow fruit that monkeys love (6)

11 Fruit that grows in bunches on a vine (5)

12 Small red fruit on top of a sundae (6)

13 Fuzzy brown fruit that is green inside (4)

15 Sour yellow citrus fruit (5)

Down

1 Purple fruit that dries into a prune (4)

3 Crunchy red or green fruit, ___ pie (5)

4 Red fruit with seeds on the outside, ___ shortcake (10)

6 Citrus squeezed for breakfast juice (6)

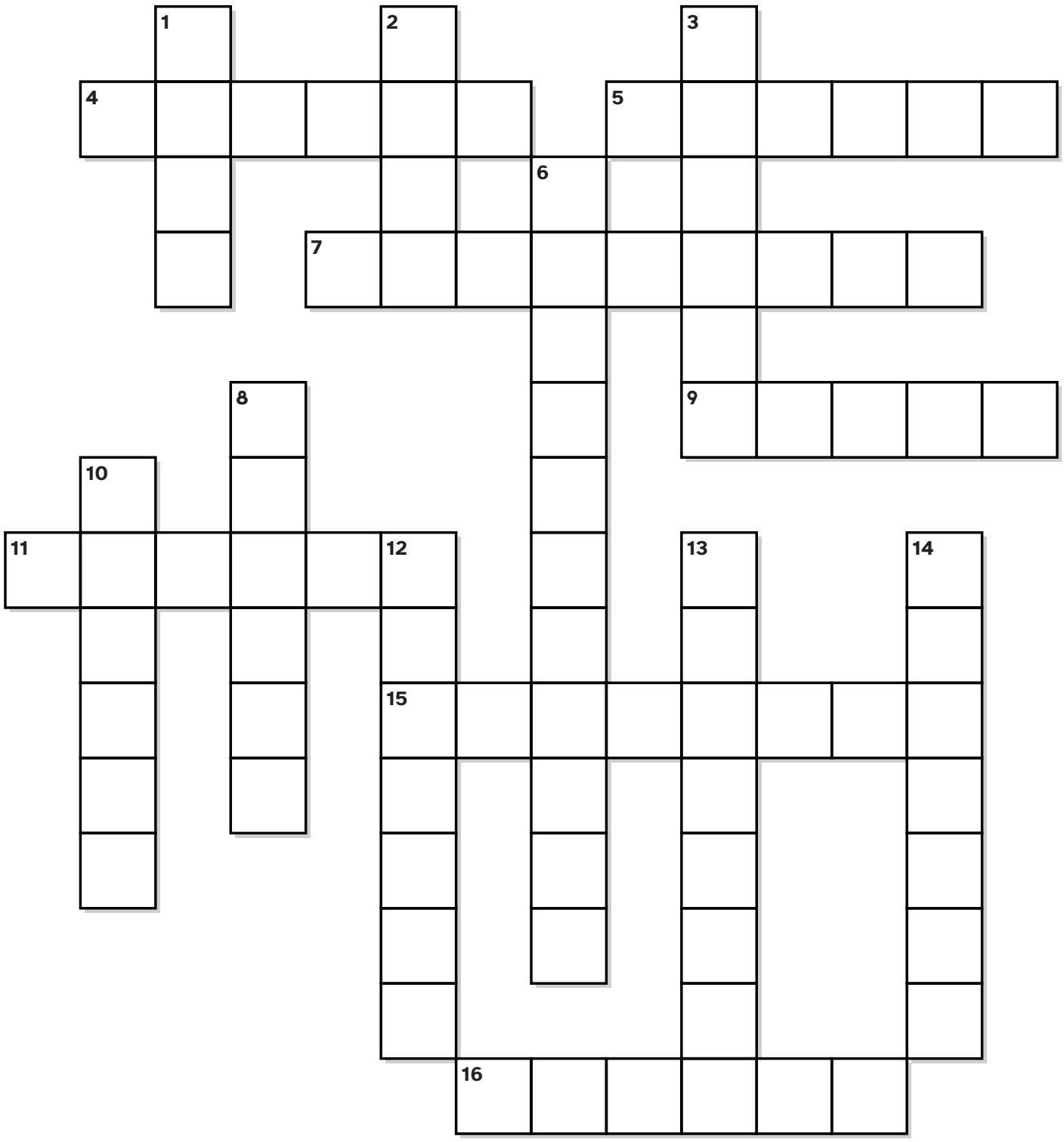
8 Fuzzy-skinned fruit Georgia is famous for (5)

10 Small golden fruit, often dried (7)

14 Bell-shaped fruit such as the Bartlett (4)

Puzzle 4

Vegetables



Hint: 6 Down begins with C · 7 Across begins with A

Puzzle 4

Clues

Across

4 Bell ___ (red, green or yellow) (6)

5 Red fruit used to make ketchup (6)

7 Tender green spears served in spring (9)

9 Layered bulb that brings tears when chopped (5)

11 Pungent bulb made up of cloves (6)

15 Green vegetable that looks like little trees (8)

16 Orange root that rabbits nibble (6)

Down

1 Long, mild stalk used in vichyssoise (4)

2 Little green balls that grow in pods (4)

3 Spud for mashing or baking (6)

6 Vegetable with a creamy white head of florets (11)

8 Crunchy green stalks for dipping (6)

10 Small red root with a peppery bite (6)

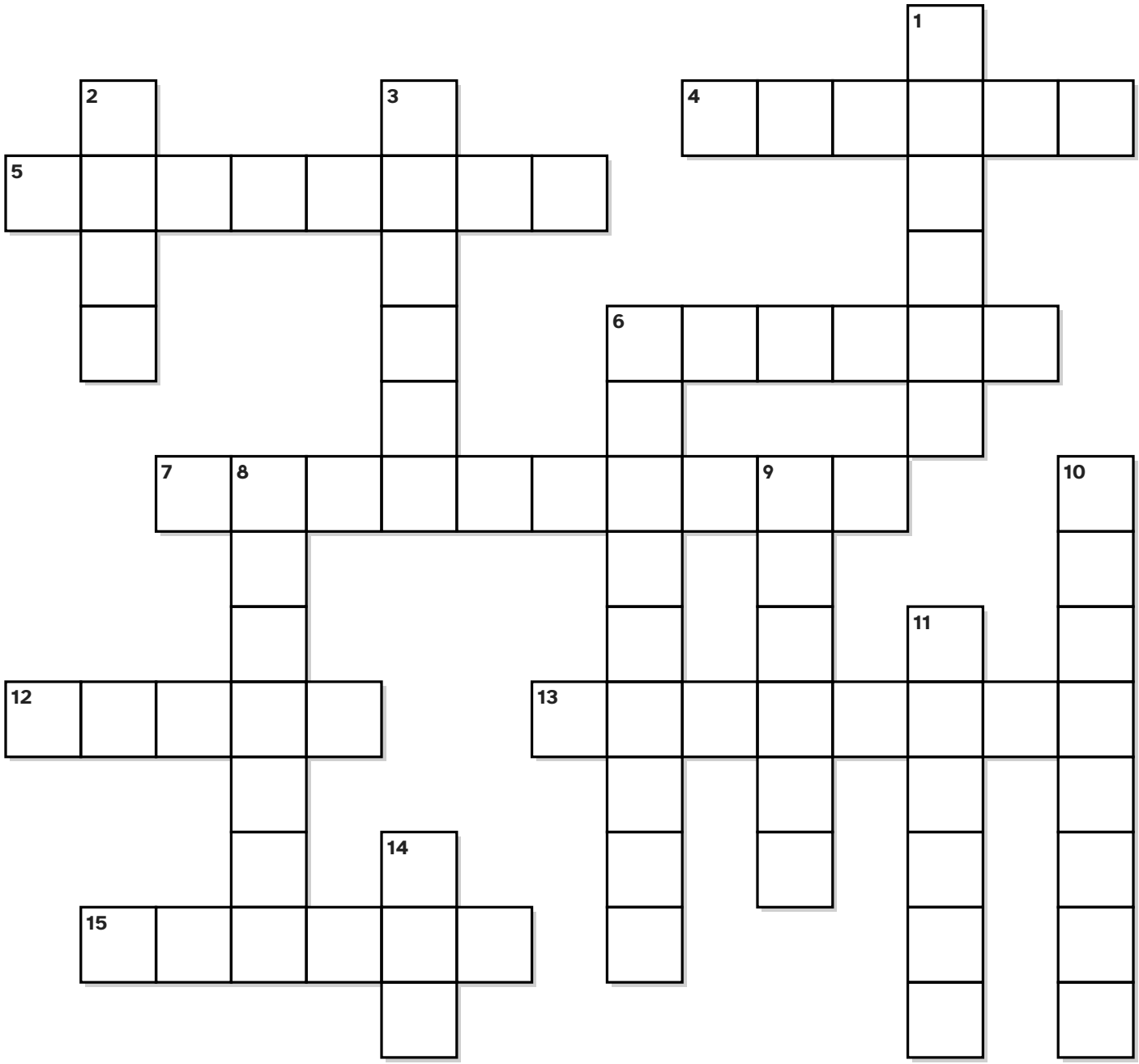
12 Leafy head shredded for coleslaw (7)

13 Long green vegetable that becomes a pickle (8)

14 Leafy green that made Popeye strong (7)

Puzzle 5

Pets



Hint: 6 Down begins with G · 7 Across begins with C

Puzzle 5

Clues

Across

4 Yellow songbird kept in a cage (6)

5 Orange swimmer kept in a bowl (8)

6 Small desert rodent kept as a pet (6)

7 Soft gray rodent from the Andes (10)

12 Tiny rodent said to love cheese (5)

13 Small colorful pet bird, also called a budgie (8)

15 Talking bird that can mimic words (6)

Down

1 Long-eared pet that hops (6)

2 Small horse such as a Shetland (4)

3 Young cat (6)

6 Tailless rodent pet that squeaks (6,3)

8 Small rodent that stuffs its cheeks (7)

9 Scaly reptile such as a gecko or iguana (6)

10 Slow land reptile with a shell (8)

11 Slender, playful pet related to the weasel (6)

14 Man’s best friend (3)

Puzzle 6

On the Farm

Hint: 4 Down begins with P · 5 Across begins with C

Puzzle 6

Clues

Across

5 Bird that lays eggs for breakfast (7)

7 Bearded animal that eats almost anything (4)

10 Bundle of dried grass tied with twine (3,4)

13 Male bird that crows at dawn (7)

15 Animal ridden by cowboys (5)

16 Pink animal that rolls in the mud (3)

Down

1 Quacking bird on the pond (4)

2 Big red building for animals and feed (4)

3 Building with stalls for farm animals (6)

4 Long-handled tool for tossing hay (9)

6 Animal that gives milk and says moo (3)

8 Big-wheeled vehicle that pulls a plow (7)

9 Grassy field where cattle graze (7)

11 Person who works the land (6)

12 Long-eared animal that brays (6)

14 Woolly animal that says baa (5)

Puzzle 7

Wild Animals

Hint: 1 Down begins with K · 10 Across begins with C

Puzzle 7

Clues

Across

3 Swift horned grazer such as the gazelle (8)

5 King of the jungle (4)

6 Thick-skinned beast with a horn on its nose (5)

7 Largest of the apes (7)

10 Long-jawed reptile of rivers (9)

13 Desert animal with a hump (5)

14 Big cat with black stripes (5)

15 Fastest land animal (7)

16 Wild canine that hunts in packs and howls (4)

Down

1 Australian hopper with a pouch (8)

2 Black-and-white striped animal of Africa (5)

4 Flightless bird in a tuxedo-like coat (7)

8 Spotted big cat that climbs trees (7)

9 Tallest animal, with a very long neck (7)

11 Huge animal with a trunk (8)

12 River horse of Africa (5)

Puzzle 8

In the Woods

Hint: 3 Down begins with M · 6 Across begins with W

Puzzle 8

Clues

Across

5 Tree with white, papery bark (5)

6 Bird that drills holes in tree trunks (10)

8 Wise-looking night bird that hoots (3)

9 Evergreen often used as a Christmas tree (6)

11 Tree that grows from an acorn (3)

12 Soft green carpet on rocks and logs (4)

13 Leafy plant with fronds and no flowers (4)

14 Bushy-tailed animal that gathers acorns (8)

Down

1 Tree with smooth gray bark and three-sided nuts (5)

2 Antlered animal, Bambi's kind (4)

3 Fungus with a cap and stem (8)

4 Path for hikers (5)

5 Burrowing animal with a striped face (6)

7 Open space among the trees (8)

10 Evergreen with long needles and cones (4)

13 Sly red animal with a bushy tail (3)

Solutions

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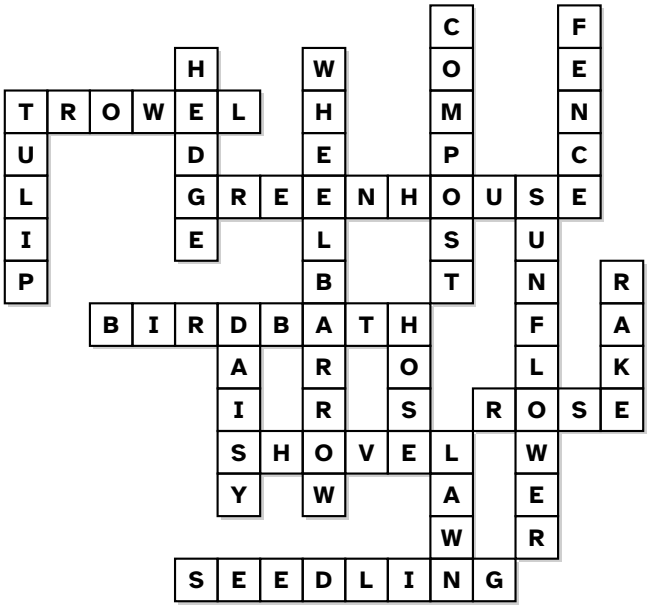

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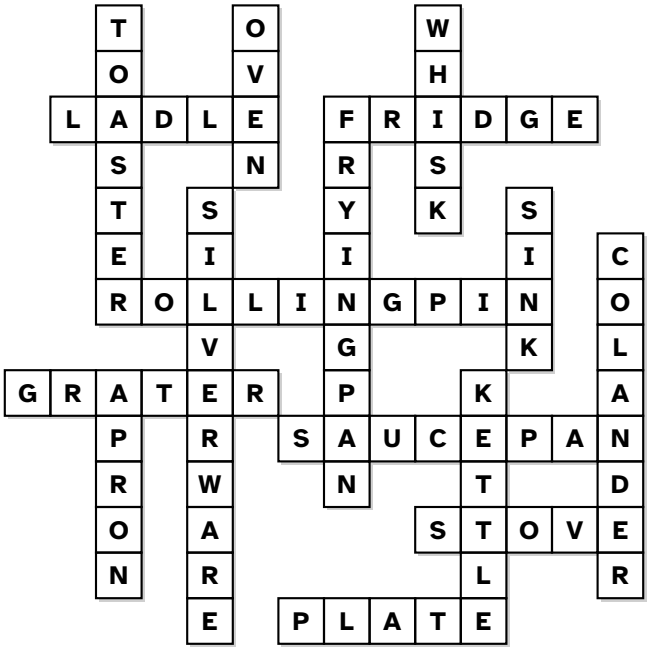

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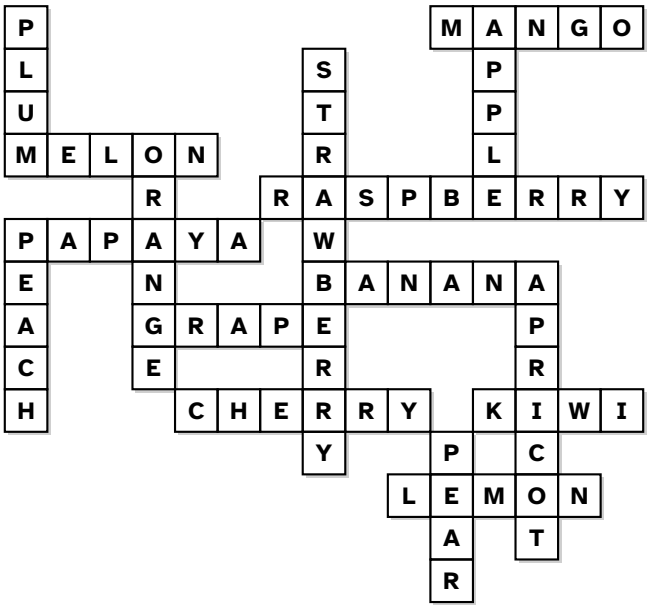

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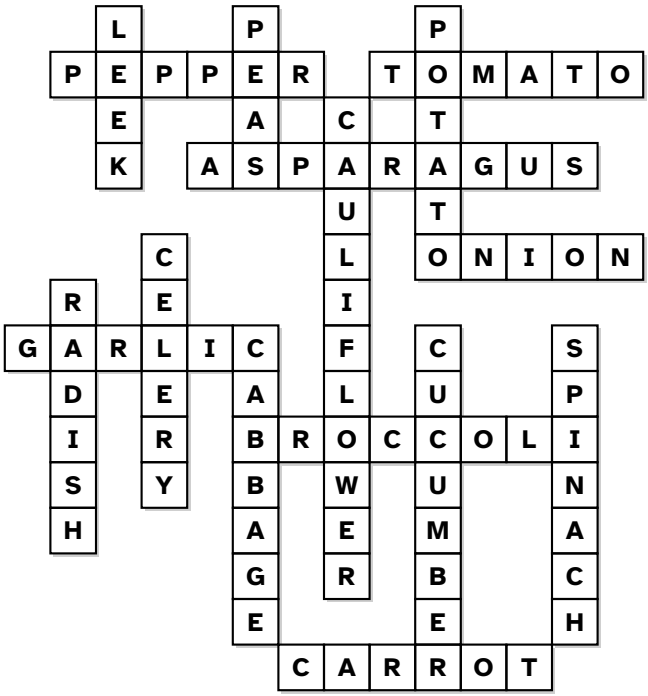

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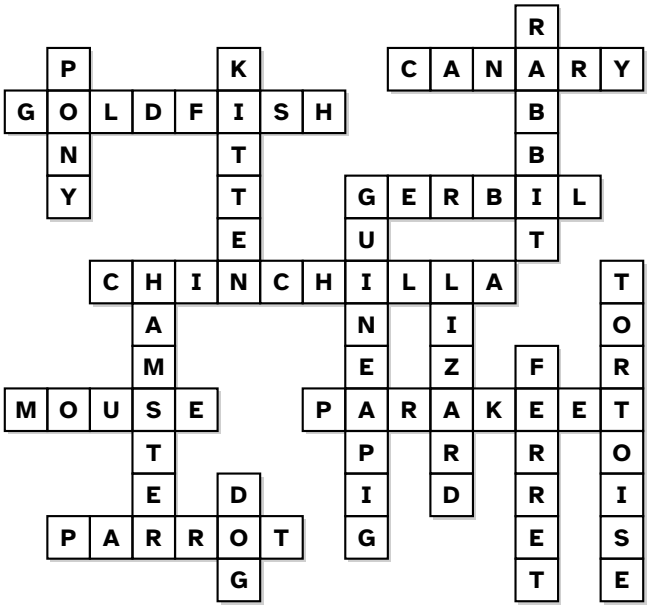

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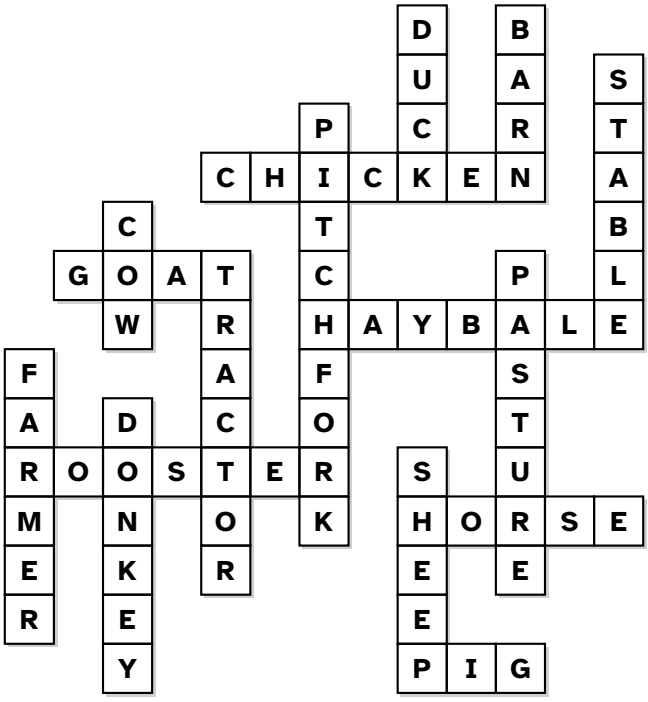

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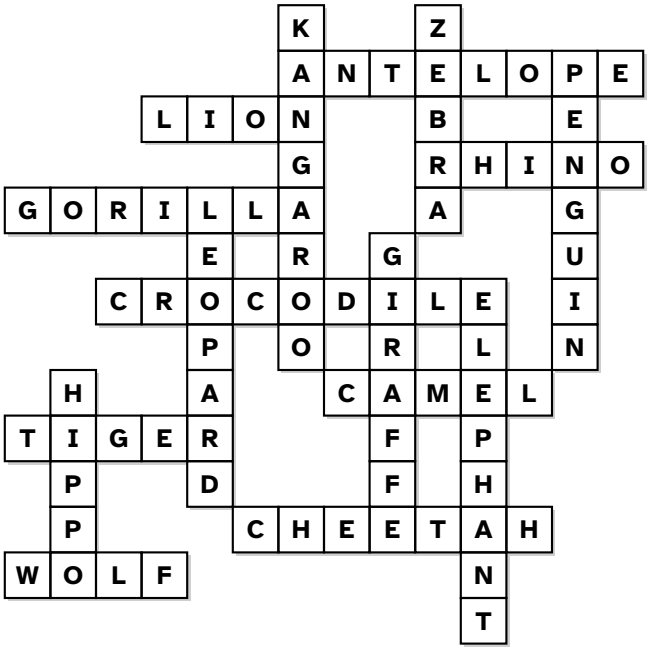

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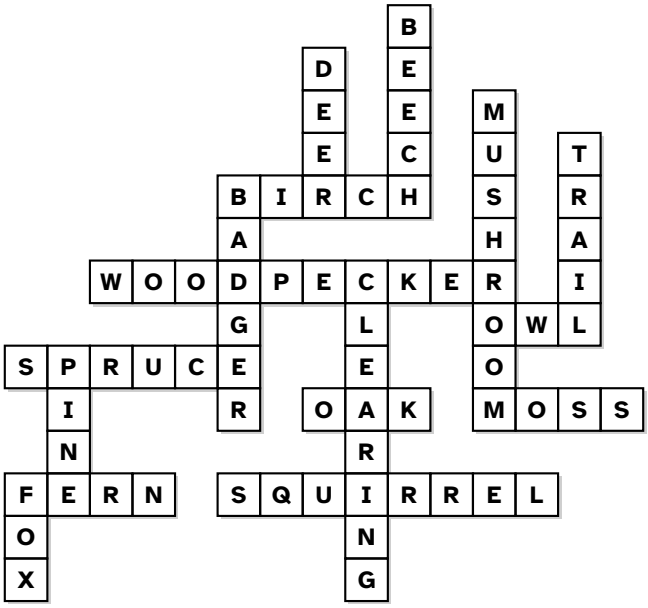

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