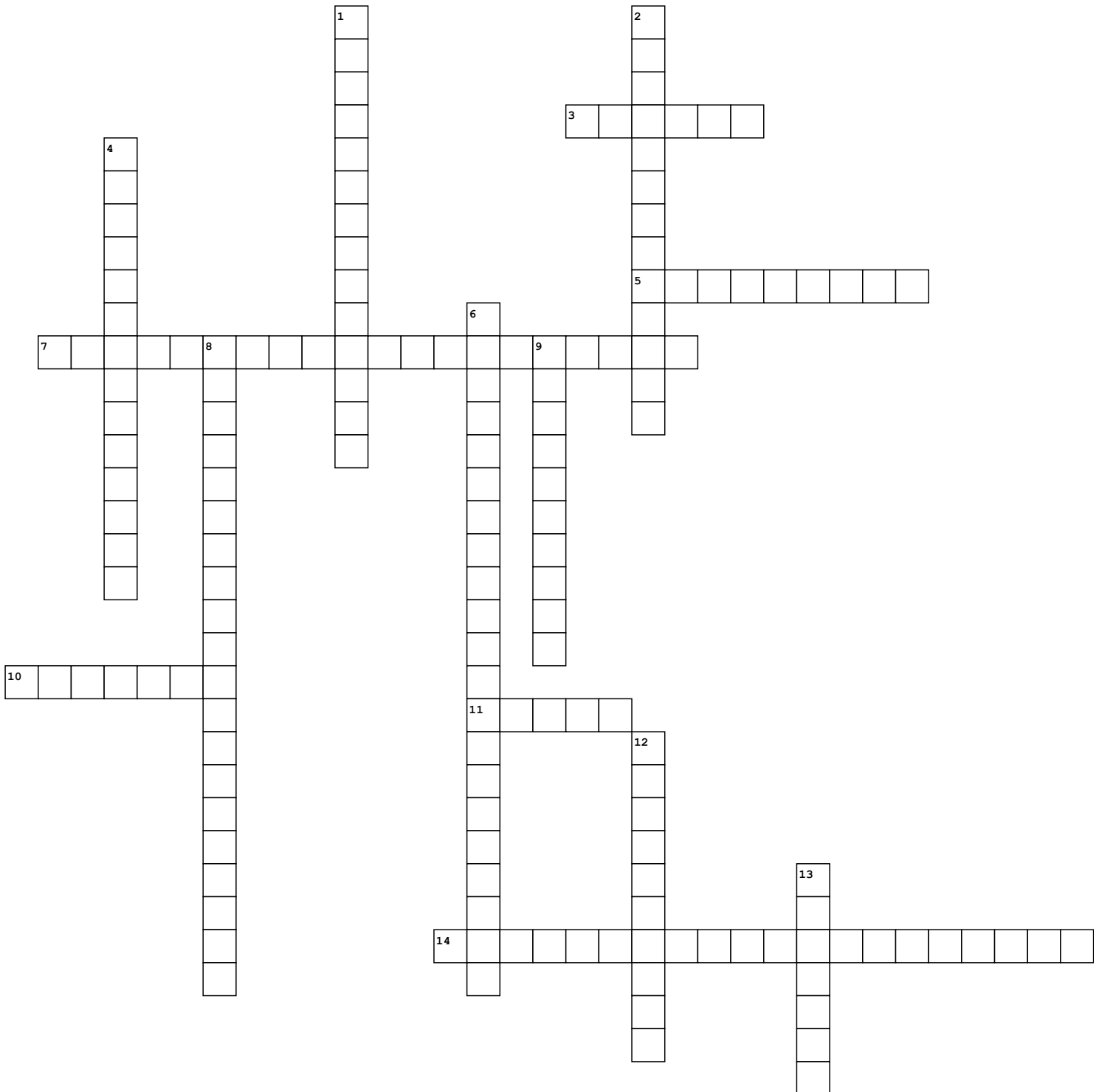


Evolution Vocabulary



Across

3. the trace or remains of an organism that lived long ago, most commonly preserved in sedimentary rock

Down

1. Originating from a common ancestor.
2. the history of life in the geologic past as indicated by the traces or remains of living things

- 5. the process in which inherited characteristics within a population change over generations such that new species sometimes arise
- 7. a theory as to how new species form. It occurs when a population becomes physically separated from the rest of the population and new traits develop.
- 10. a group of organisms that are closely related and can mate to produce fertile offspring
- 11. a genetically determined characteristic
- 14. A structure that is inherited from ancestors but has lost much or all of its original function.
- 4. Generating too many offspring capable of surviving in nature.
- 6. Structures-body parts that are structurally similar in related species, shows evidence of ancestry.
- 8. Body parts that share a common function, but not structure. In other words evolved separately.
- 9. a characteristic that improves an individual's ability to survive and reproduce in a particular environment
- 12. differences between members of the same species
- 13. How well an organism can survive and reproduce in its environment