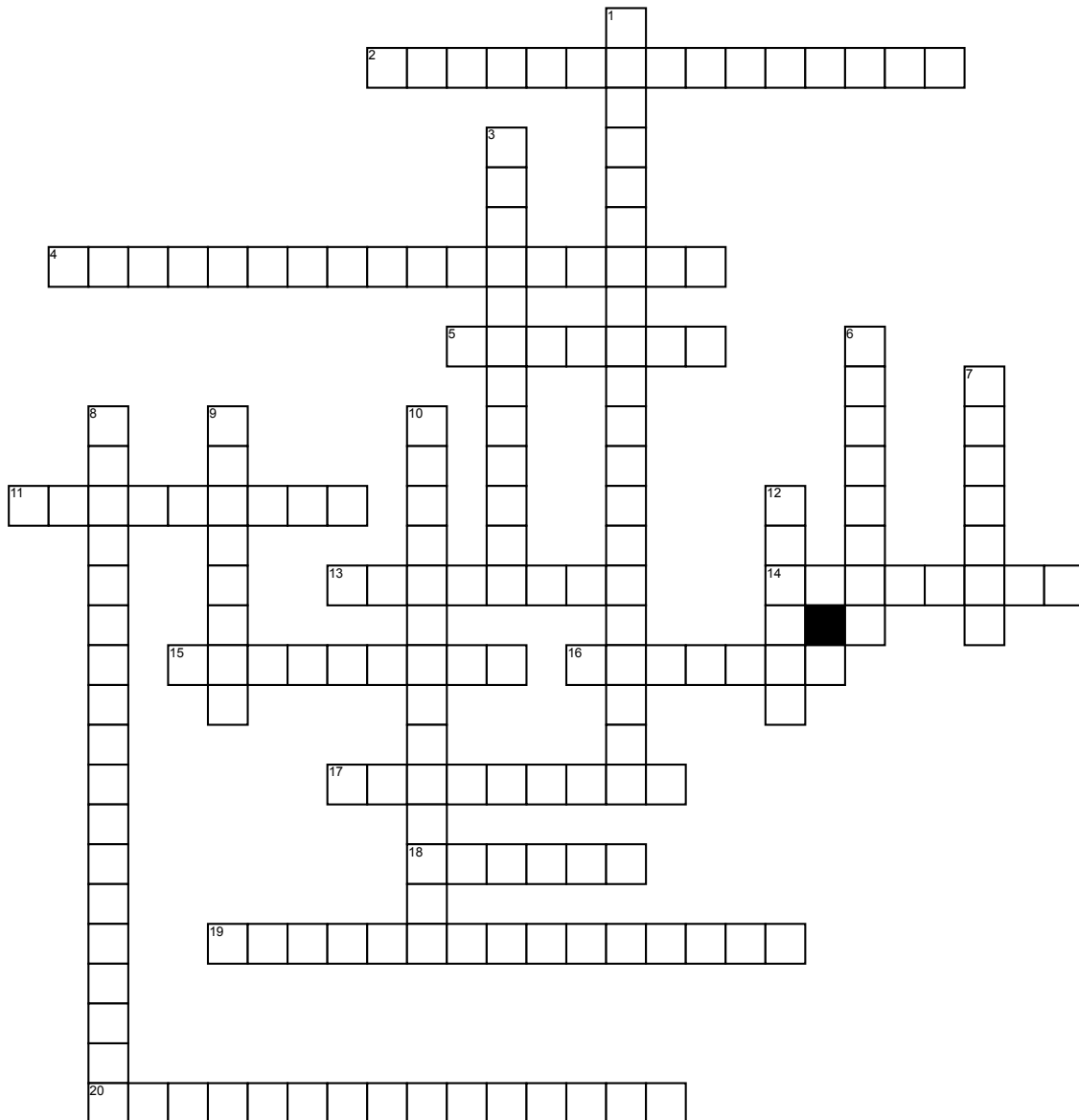


# Ecology Crossword



## Across

2. the stable, mature community that results when there is little change in the composition of species  
 4. the establishment of a community in an area of exposed rock that doesn't have any topsoil  
 5. the average weather conditions in an area  
 11. found in areas with less annual rainfall than in the temperate forests  
 13. the distance of any point on Earth's surface north or south of the equator  
 14. material that is deposited by water, wind, or glaciers  
 15. the ability of an organism to survive when subjected to abiotic factors or biotic factors

16. an ecosystem that is formed where freshwater merges with saltwater  
 17. the biome that is characterized by fertile soil that is able to support a thick cover of grasses  
 18. a treeless biome with a layer of permafrost  
 19. composed mostly of broad-leaved, deciduous trees woodlands: found in areas with less annual rainfall than in the temperate forests  
 20. characterized by grasses and scattered trees

## Down

1. the change in an ecosystem that happens when one community replaces another as a result of changing abiotic and biotic factors

3. also called taiga or northern coniferous forest  
 6. areas that are saturated with water and support aquatic plants  
 7. the condition of the atmosphere at a specific place and time latitude: the distance of any point on Earth's surface north or south of the equator  
 8. warm temperatures and large amounts of rainfall throughout the year  
 9. free-floating, photosynthetic autotrophs that live in fresh water or marine ecosystems  
 10. any abiotic or biotic factor that restricts the numbers, reproduction, or distribution of organisms  
 12. any area in which the annual rate of evaporation exceeds the rate of annual rainfall