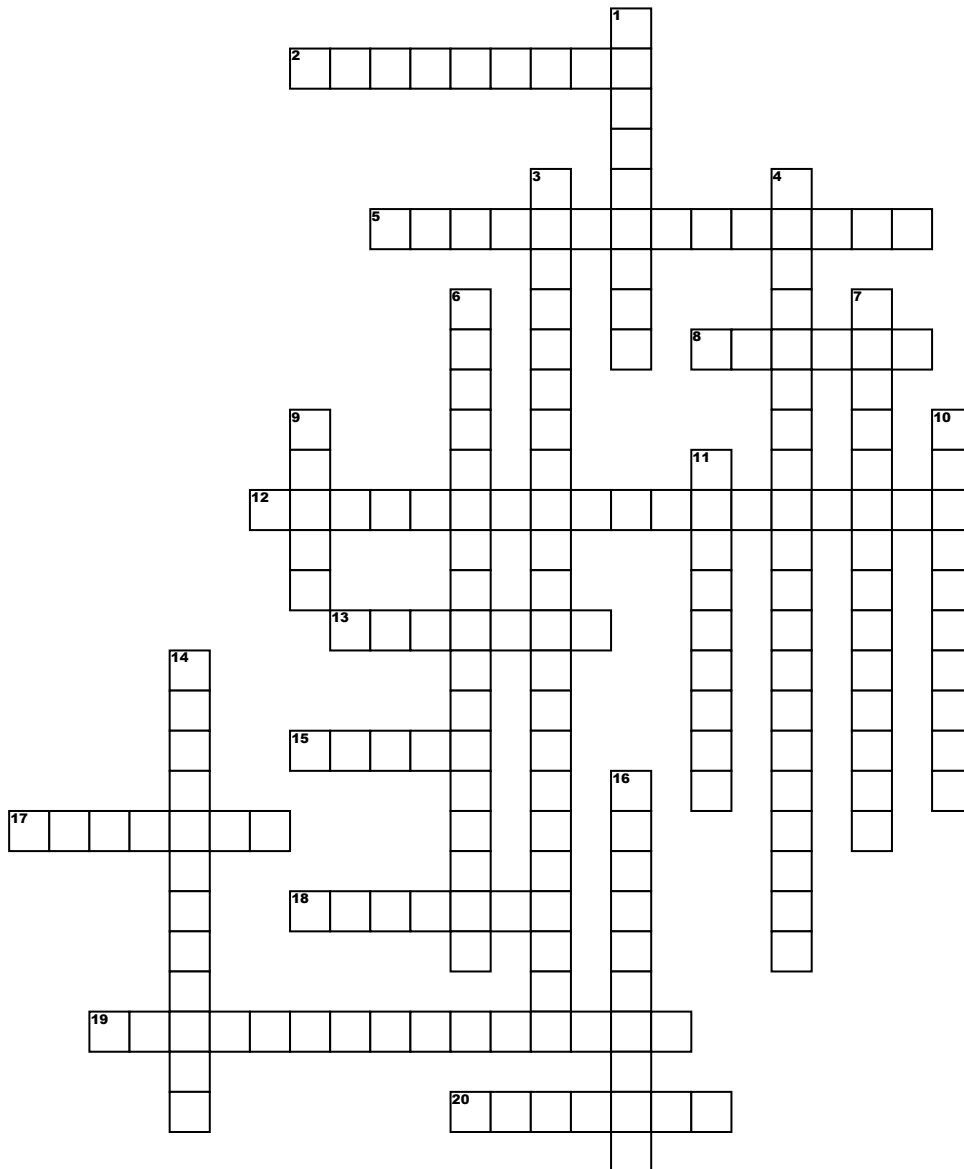


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Ecology Unit Crossword Puzzle!



Across

- 2.** The portion of the Earth in which all living things exist (includes land, water, and atmosphere).
- 5.** First species to populate an area.
- 8.** Things in the environment that are **ALIVE**.
- 12.** Change in size and composition over time.
- 13.** **NON-LIVING** things in the environment (soil, water, O₂, temperature, light, humidity, and minerals).
- 15.** What the organism does and how it interacts with the biotic and abiotic factors.

- 17.** A group of organisms so similar to one another that they can breed and produce offspring.
- 18.** A place where an organism lives.
- 19.** A stable community where populations of plants and animals exist together.
- 20.** Study of interactions among organisms **AND** between organisms and their environments.

Down

- 1.** Things produced by the ecosystem that benefits humans.
- 3.** The range of the population.
- 4.** An orderly sequence of different communities over a period of time in a particular area.

- 6.** The number of individuals per unit area.
- 7.** Any factor that limits the growth of a population.
- 9.** A group of ecosystems that have the same climate and similar communities.
- 10.** The spatial distribution of individuals within the population.
- 11.** The three parts of this are **MUTUALISM**, **COMMENSALISM**, and **PARASITISM**.
- 14.** Large variety of species living with each other and their environment.
- 16.** All of the individuals of a single species that live within a certain area.