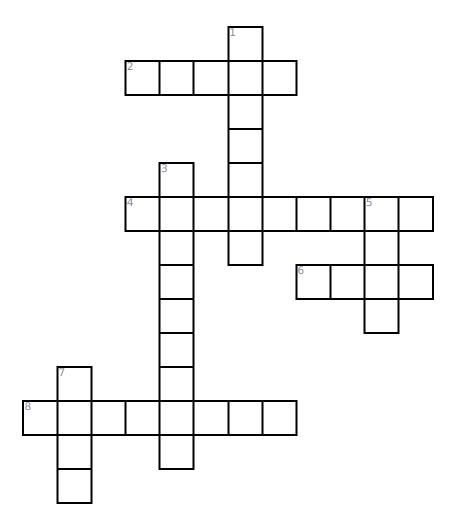


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After Dark: Poems about Nocturnal Animals: Criss Cross

Answer clues based on the content and vocabulary words from After Dark: Poems about Nocturnal Animals by David L. Harrison. Look for hints in the Word Bank. Print the puzzle or use it on your tablet, phone, or computer.



Across

- **2.** a small black-and-white North American animal that produces a very strong and unpleasant smell when it is frightened or in danger
- **4.** a soft, gentle light that comes from the moon at night
- **6.** the time of day when sunlight first begins to appear
- **8.** Someone who protects from harm or guards

Down

- 1. very old or having lived or existed for a very long time
- 3. a small animal that has very stiff, sharp parts (called quills) all over its body
- 5. to utter or make a long, loud, sad sound like that of a wolf or dog
- 7. a place where an animal or insect lives and usually lays eggs or takes care of its young

Word Bank

NEST	DEFENDER	MOONLIGHT	HOWL
PORCUPINE	SKUNK	ANCIENT	DAWN

Answer Key

