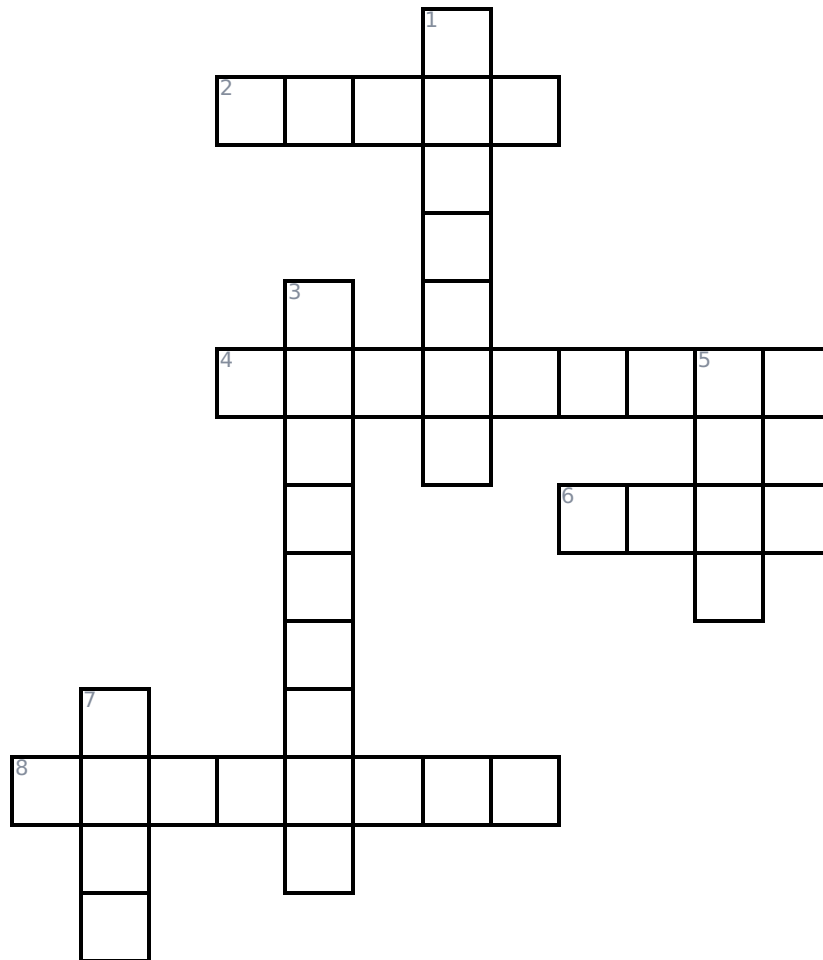


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## After Dark: Poems about Nocturnal Animals: Criss Cross

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  
PORCUPINE

DEFENDER  
SKUNK

MOONLIGHT  
ANCIENT

HOWL  
DAWN

# Answer Key

