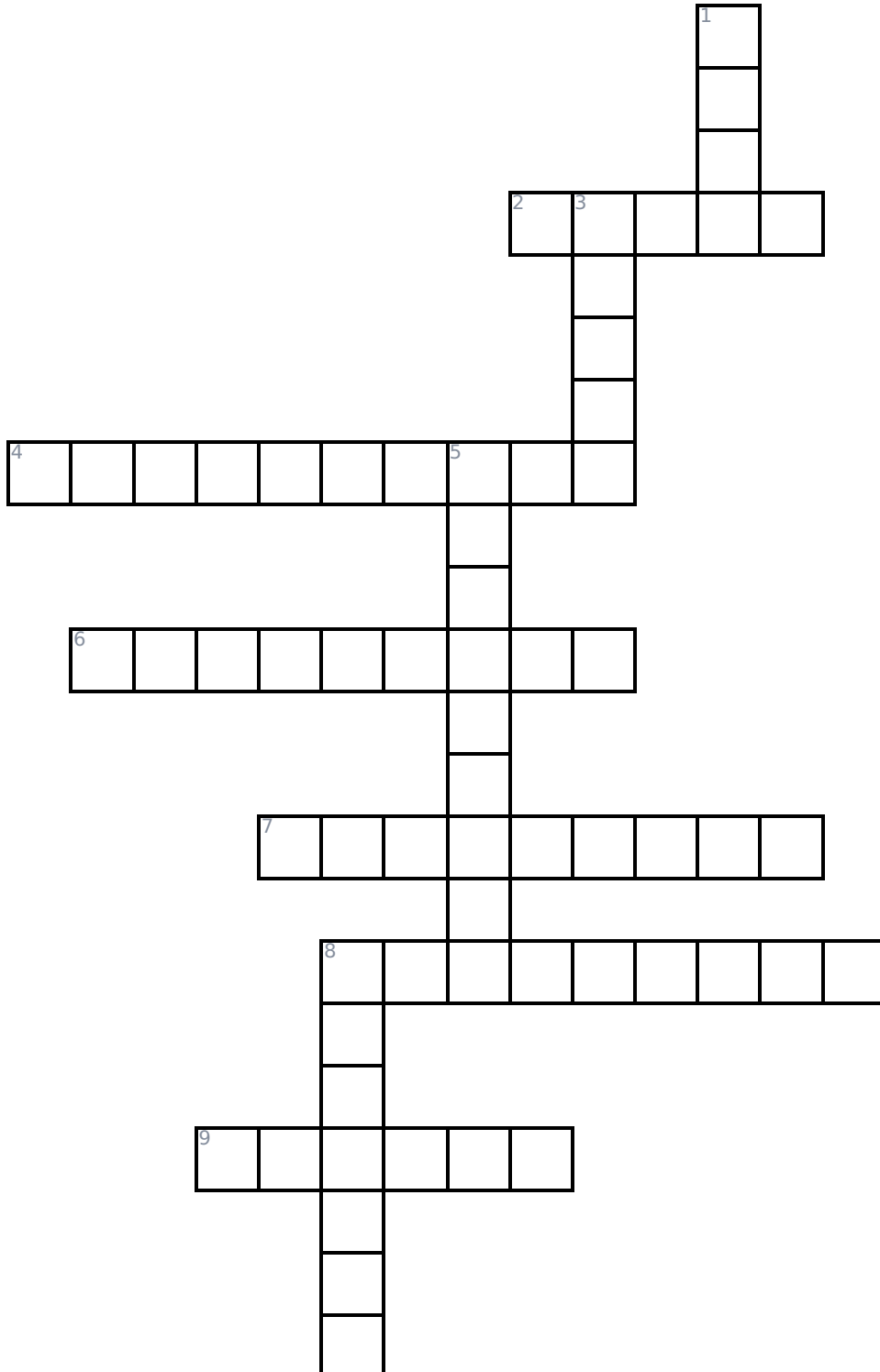
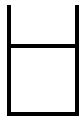


## National Geographic Readers: Coral Reefs: Criss Cross

Answer clues based on the content and vocabulary words from National Geographic Readers: Coral Reefs. Look for hints in the Word Bank. Print the puzzle or use on your tablet, phone, or computer.





## Across

2. Reefs block big \_\_\_ from crashing on the shore.
4. Many animals use \_\_\_ to hide along the reef.
6. An \_\_\_ is all the living and nonliving things in an area.
7. \_\_\_ sometimes spills into the ocean and can harm reefs.
8. \_\_\_ wrap their tails around pieces of coral.
9. Coral reefs are made of hard coral \_\_\_.

## Down

- 1. The crest \_\_\_ is the highest part of the reef.
- 3. Tiny \_\_\_ live inside the coral polyp's soft bodies.
- 5. Earth's largest coral reef system is off the coast of \_\_\_.
- 8. Coral reefs need \_\_\_ and warm temperatures year-round to survive.

## Word Bank

AUSTRALIA  
ZONE  
WAVES

POLYPS  
SEAHORSES  
POLLUTION

ECOSYSTEM  
CAMOUFLAGE

SUNLIGHT  
ALGAE

# Answer Key

