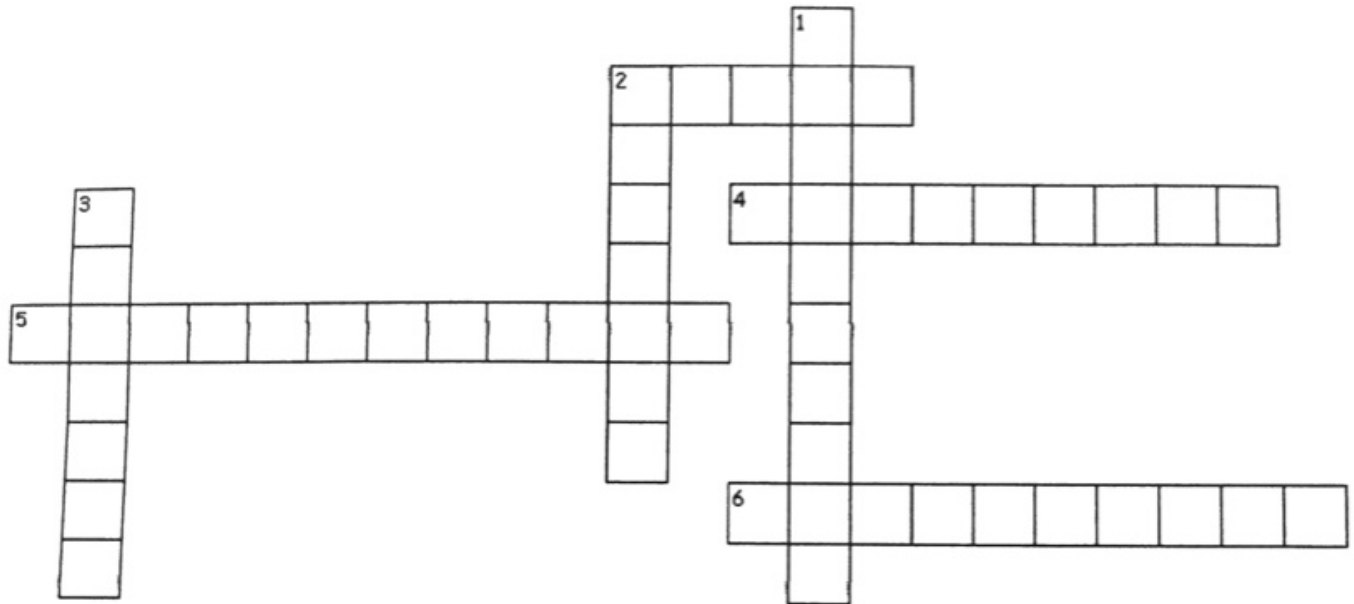


Ecosystem Succession Crossword Puzzle



Across

2. partially decomposed organic matter typically found in top layer of the soil
4. a group of interacting species along with their physical environment
5. a measure of the variety of organisms present in an ecosystem
6. organisms of all the same species that occupy a given habitat and reproduce

Down

1. the concept that communities proceed through a series of regular predictable changes in structure over a long time period
2. the specific kind of place where a particular organism lives
3. succession which begins with a total lack of organisms and bare mineral surfaces. Usually proceeds slowly since there is no soil and only a few readily available nutrients for plants to use for growth