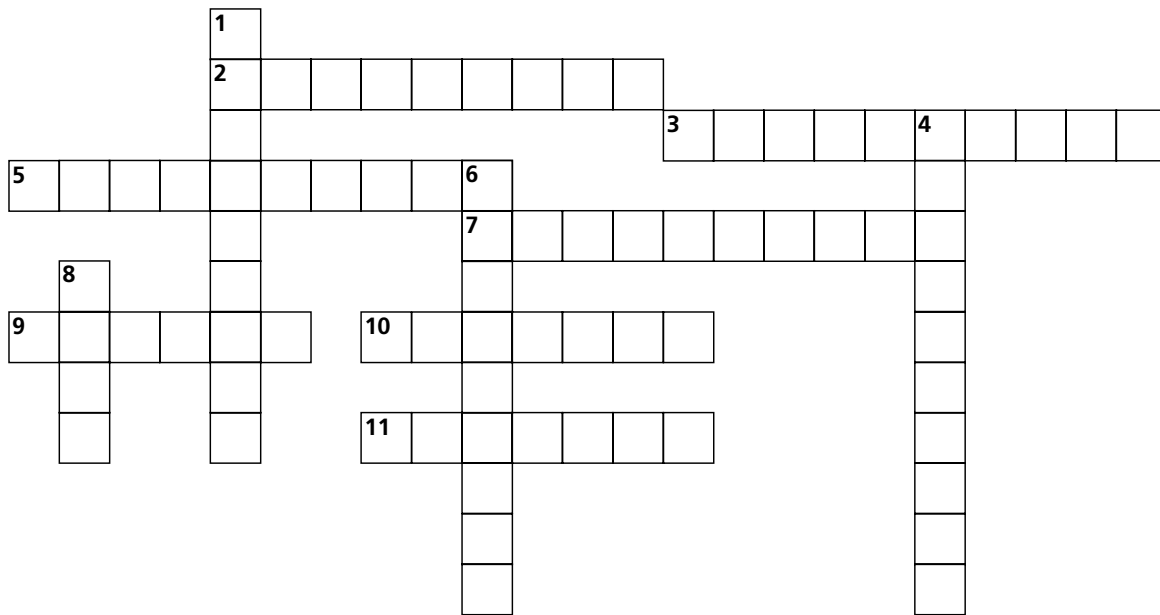


**Changes Over Time** ▪ *Key Terms*

# Key Terms

*Answer the clues to solve this crossword puzzle.*



**Clues down**

1. The gradual change in a species over time
4. A trait that helps an organism survive and reproduce
6. The process by which individuals that are better adapted to their environment are more likely to survive is called natural \_\_\_\_\_.
8. A fossil formed when an organism buried in sediment dissolves, leaving a hollow area

**Clues across**

2. Any difference between individuals of the same species
3. The theory that evolution occurs slowly but steadily
5. Similar structures that related species inherited from a common ancestor are \_\_\_\_\_ structures.
7. The theory that evolution occurs during short periods of rapid change is punctuated \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The preserved remains of an organism
10. A group of similar organisms that can mate and produce fertile offspring
11. No members of a species are still alive