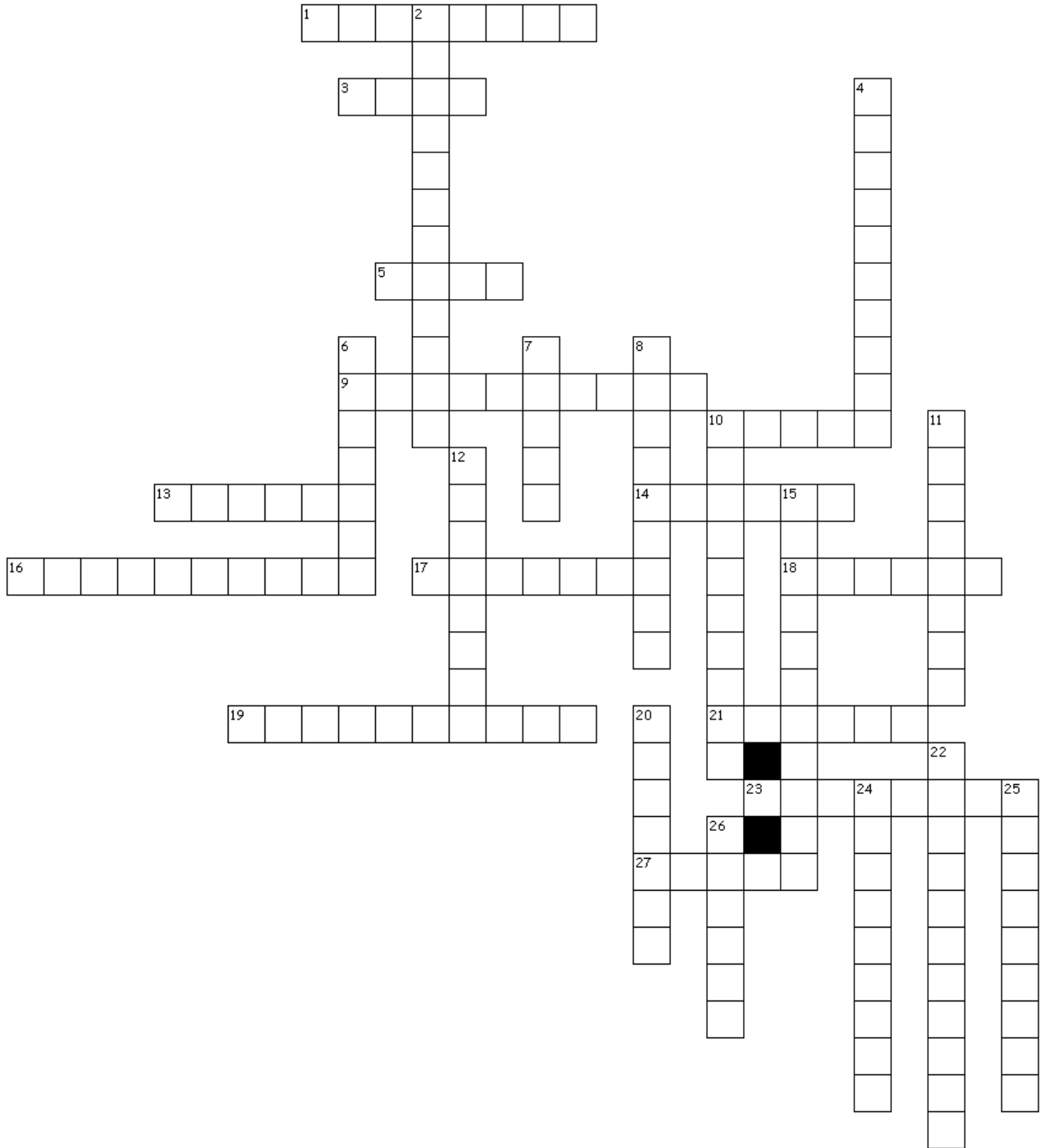


Weeding Out the Words



Across

1. Even if you try to cut down invasive plants, many can do this, so they are very hard to get rid of!
3. Many invasive plants' seeds, like the dandelion, are transported by this so it can spread all over!
5. Term used for a plant that is growing where it is not wanted
9. A term used for plants for decorative purposes. Some of these plants took well to new land and became invasive.
10. Some of the first invasive plants' seeds were brought over in the ballasts of these
13. Some invasive plants, like bedstraw, have seeds like this material that helps them stick to passersby and spread
14. Like invasive weeds are so good at doing, you should do this with your new knowledge of invasive weeds to help prevent them from taking over!
16. Sometimes these may be applied to invasive plants to stop them from growing and spreading
17. Area where a plant or animal lives
18. Many invasive plants are not perennial, but this, enabling them to suck up all the nutrients and water from the soil that the perennial native plants need
19. This invasive plant was brought here intentionally for its delicious fruits we all love to pick, but then it started taking over the habitat of other plants!
21. These types of plants are from the area and often have certain types of habitats in which they grow
23. Often invasive plants can be found along this as it creates an unnatural boundary and disturbed area, and it tends to be polluted along this, too, from all the cars!
27. Some people use these animals, which eat anything!, to eat up invasive plants that are on their property, and even to "mow" their grass!

Down

2. This invasive plant has thorns around it that can puncture the tires of your bike, and help it latch on to things so it can spread
4. Sometimes people help out to get rid of invasive weeds, giving up their free time to help take care of our public lands. These people are called...
6. When an invasive weed is labeled by the BLM, it is also this type of weed (it sounds like a word you might call your brother or sister!)
7. Some invasive plants spread thousands of these in one season!
8. These types of plants steal nutrients from their host plant
10. This type of soil can be poisonous to many plants, so many rare plants are found in this type of soil in this area
11. Many invasive plants seeds lay "sleeping," waiting for the time to sprout. This is called...
12. This type of weed is not native to the area and takes over the habitat of native plants, encroaching on economical and recreational activities
15. Invasive weed species are able to out-compete native species because they have several of these that help them to survive and reproduce

20. Some invasive plants have very deep roots so they can reach water from far down in the earth and survive times of...
22. Term used for invasive plants that stick to animals or people in order to "catch a ride" to a new location
24. Invasive plants have an easier time out-competing native plants in these types of areas
25. Term used by BLM when they want to "get rid of" a noxious weed
26. Type of removal that includes pulling plants out with your hands, digging up plants, etc.

28 of 28 words were placed into the puzzle.

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