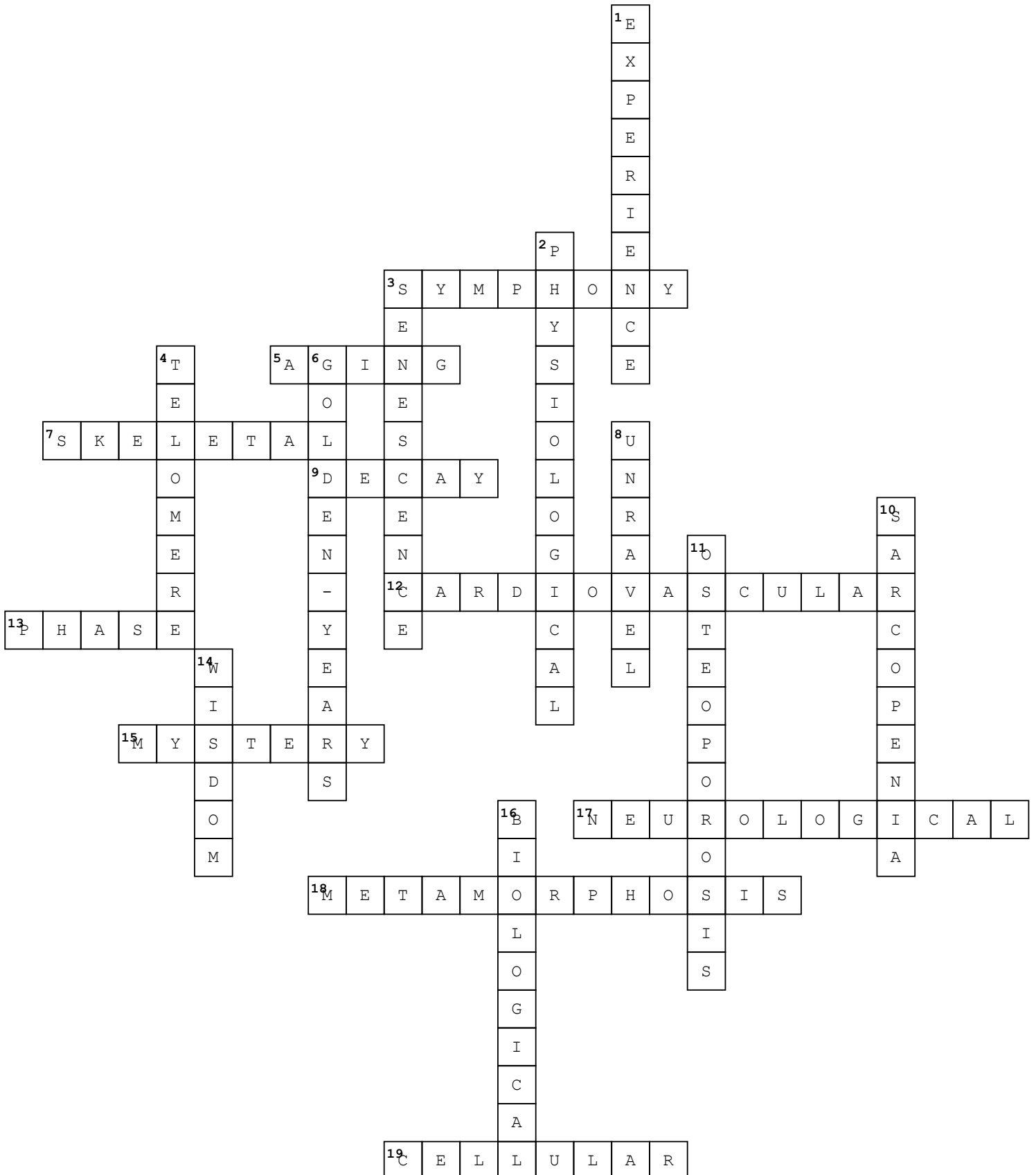


The science of aging: what happens to our bodies as we grow older



Across

- 3.** Something characterized by a harmonious combination of elements.
- 5.** The process of growing old, marked by a gradual decline in physiological function.
- 7.** Relating to or functioning as a skeleton.
- 9.** The state or process of rotting or decomposition.
- 12.** Pertaining to the heart and blood vessels.
- 13.** A distinct period or stage in a process of change or forming part of something's development.
- 15.** Something that is difficult or impossible to understand or explain.
- 17.** Relating to the anatomy, functions, and organic disorders of nerves and the nervous system.
- 18.** A change of form or nature of a thing or person into a completely different one.
- 19.** Relating to or consisting of living cells.

Down

- 1.** Practical contact with and observation of facts or events.
- 2.** Relating to the normal functions of living organisms and their parts.
- 3.** The condition or process of deterioration with age.
- 4.** A compound structure at the end of a chromosome that protects the chromosome from deterioration.
- 6.** The years of retirement, normally after age 65.
- 8.** Investigate and solve or explain something complicated or puzzling.
- 10.** Age-related loss of muscle mass and strength.
- 11.** A medical condition in which the bones become brittle and fragile.
- 14.** The quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgment.
- 16.** Pertaining to the natural science concerned with the study of life and living organisms.