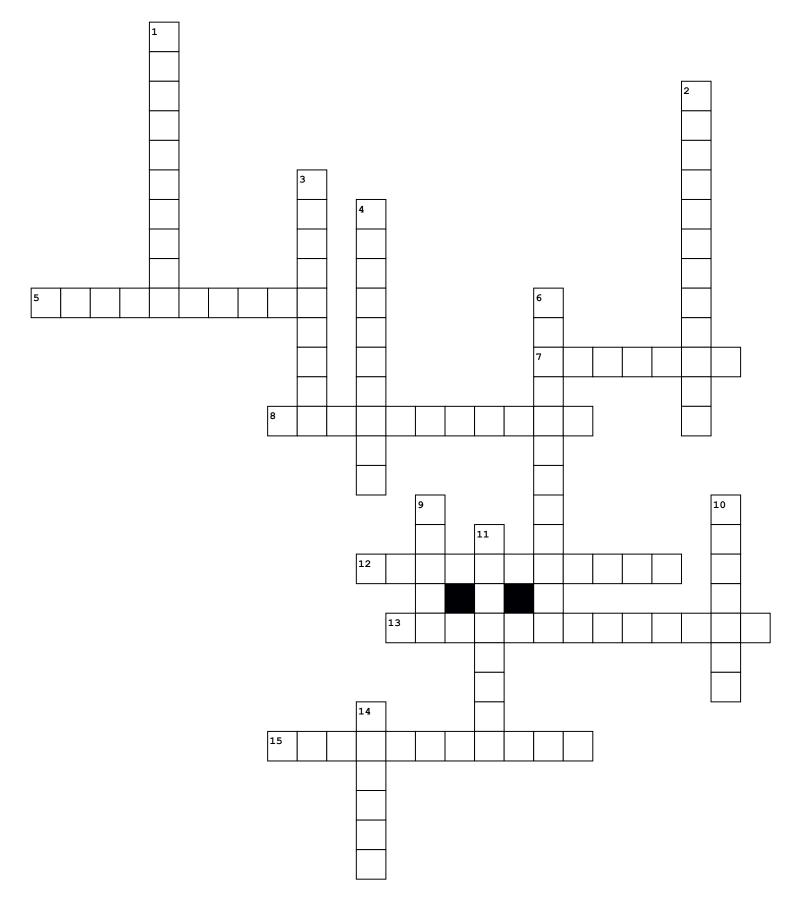
The unique adaptations of desert animals



Across

- **5.** Showing luminous colors that seem to change when seen from different angles.
- 7. Lacking spirit or liveliness; slow and relaxed.
- **8.** The process of becoming completely dry or dehydrated.
- 12. Being more than is needed; unnecessary.
- 13. Peculiar or individual in character.
- **15.** A bird found in the southwestern United States, particularly in desert regions.

Down

- **1.** Extremely small or tiny.
- **2.** Characterized by being active during the nighttime rather than the daytime.
- 3. Unchanging over time or unable to be changed.
- **4.** The chemical processes occurring within a living organism to maintain life.
- **6.** In an informal manner, especially in terms of language.
- **9.** Any of various organic compounds that are insoluble in water; includes fats and oils.
- **10.** Done in a quiet and secretive way to avoid being noticed.
- **11.** A shrub native to North American deserts, particularly known for its adaptation to arid conditions.
- 14. Possessing strength and lean muscle.