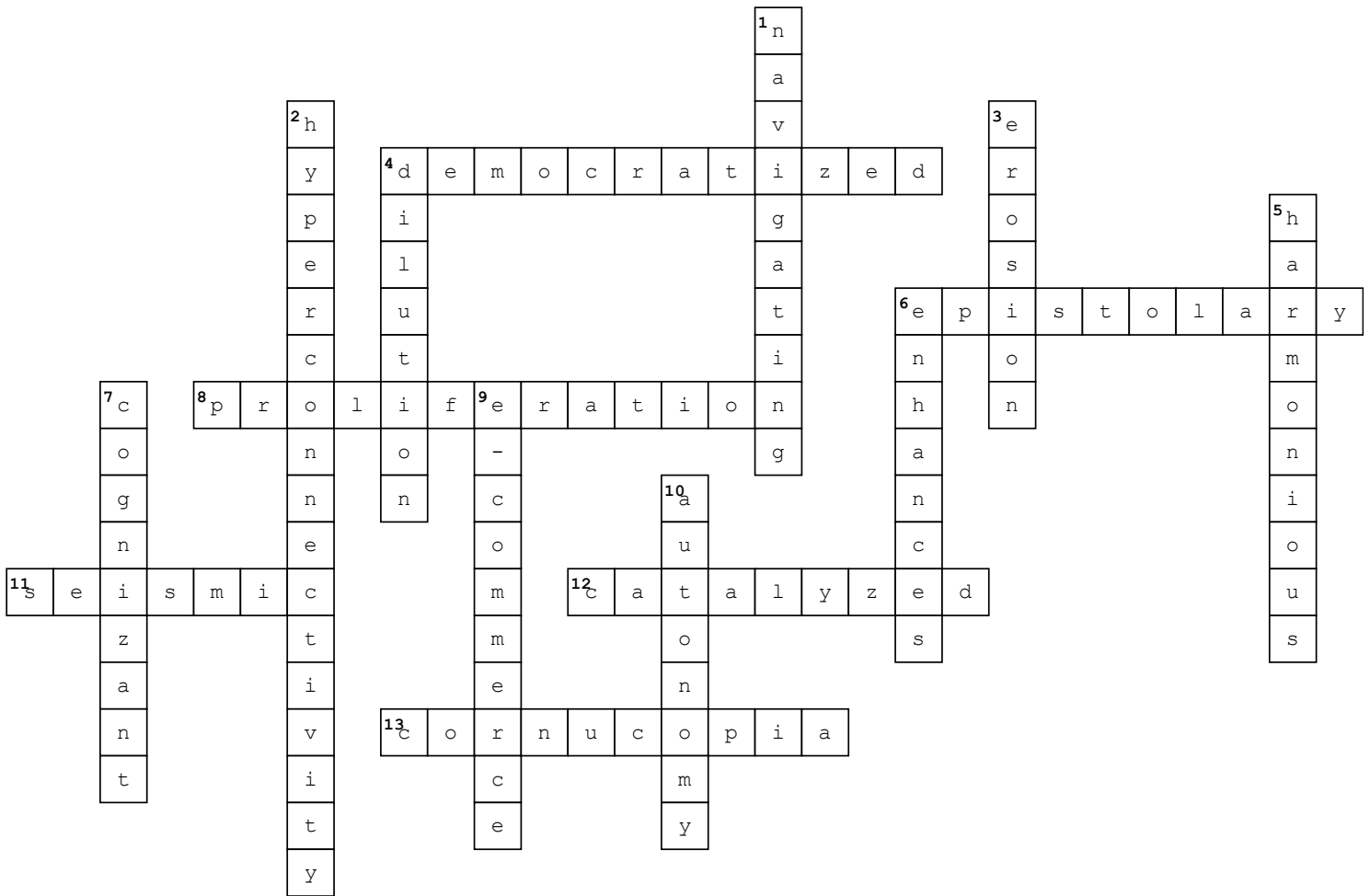


The Social Impact of the Internet



Across

4. Made accessible or available to all people; in this context, refers to the equalizing effect of the Internet in providing information and communication opportunities to a wider population.
6. Pertaining to letters or the writing of letters; traditionally used to describe communication through written correspondence.
8. Rapid increase or spread; in the context of the article, it refers to the swift expansion of digital technologies and online content.
11. Having a strong or widespread impact; often used metaphorically to describe events or changes that have profound and far-reaching effects.
12. Caused or accelerated a process or event; often used to describe something that prompts a significant change or reaction.

Down

1. To plan and direct the course; metaphorically used to describe the process of managing or finding one's way through a complex situation, such as the digital landscape.
2. The state of being extensively interconnected through various forms of digital communication, particularly characterized by immediate and constant access to information and communication networks.
3. Gradual decline or degradation; in the context of interpersonal skills, it refers to the perceived decrease in face-to-face communication abilities due to the prevalence of digital interactions.
4. The process of making something weaker or less effective; in the context of leisure and the internet, it refers to the potential reduction in the quality or impact of real-life experiences due to digital distractions.

13. An abundant supply of good things; used metaphorically to describe the vast array of entertainment options available on the Internet.

- 5.** Forming a pleasing or consistent whole; used to suggest the need for balance between digital and physical aspects of life.
- 6.** Intensifies, increases, or further improves the quality, value, or extent of something; in this context, refers to the potential of technology to improve the quality of human life and interactions.
- 7.** Having knowledge or awareness; in this context, it implies being fully informed about the benefits and challenges of the digital age.
- 9.** Commercial transactions conducted electronically on the internet, including buying and selling goods and services online.
- 10.** The capacity to make an informed, uncoerced decision; in the context of the workplace, it refers to the independence and flexibility afforded by remote working arrangements.