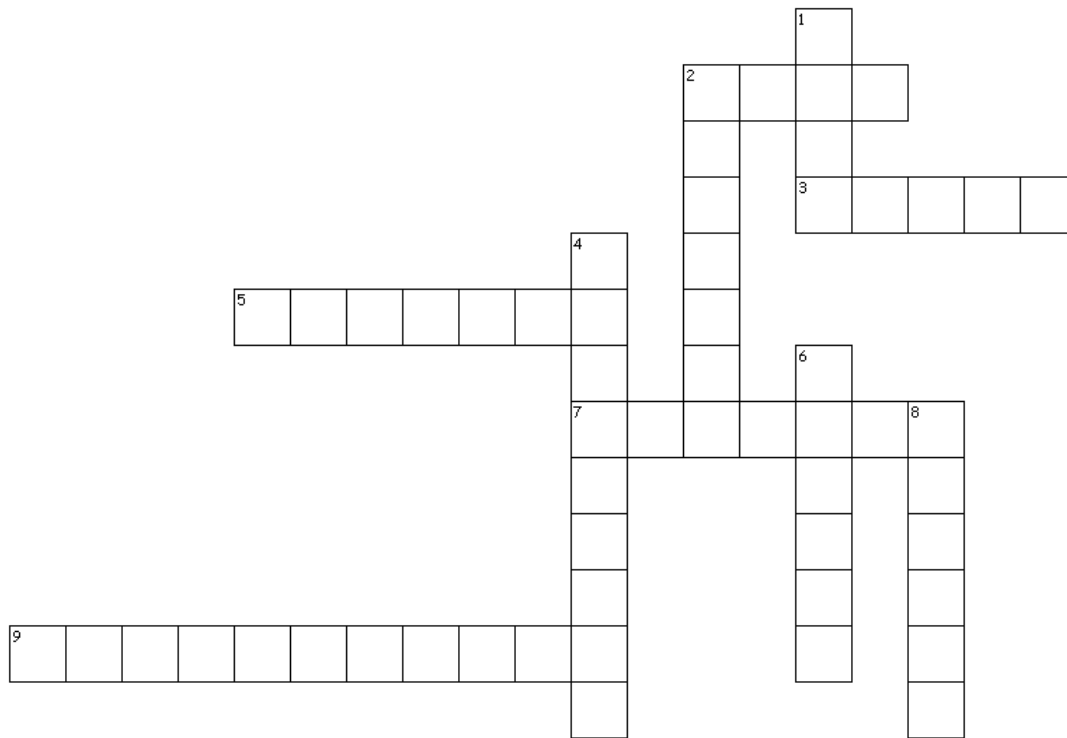


Desert Tortoise Crossword Puzzle



Across

2. Desert tortoises don't have teeth, instead they have this type of mouth.
3. This hard cover protects a tortoise from the harsh environment and from predators.
5. Desert tortoises belong to this group of animals. They are born on land and have scales.
7. Desert tortoises will dig these to protect themselves, hibernate, or to lay eggs.
9. A cactus species that desert tortoises love to eat. Named after a fruit, but more prickly.

Down

1. These machines are a major threat to tortoises when they cross highways.
2. The body part where desert tortoises store most of their water. If picked up, they release all the water from this area.
4. An animal like a desert tortoise that only eats plants, fruits, and vegetables.
6. Desert tortoises live mainly in this southwestern desert.
8. These tiny plates protect the desert tortoise mainly on the tortoise's legs.

ANSWER KEY

1. CAR (across) 2. BEAK (down) 3. SHELL 4. HERBIVORE
5. REPTILE 6. MOJAVE 7. BURROWS 8. SCALES 9. PRICKLYPEAR