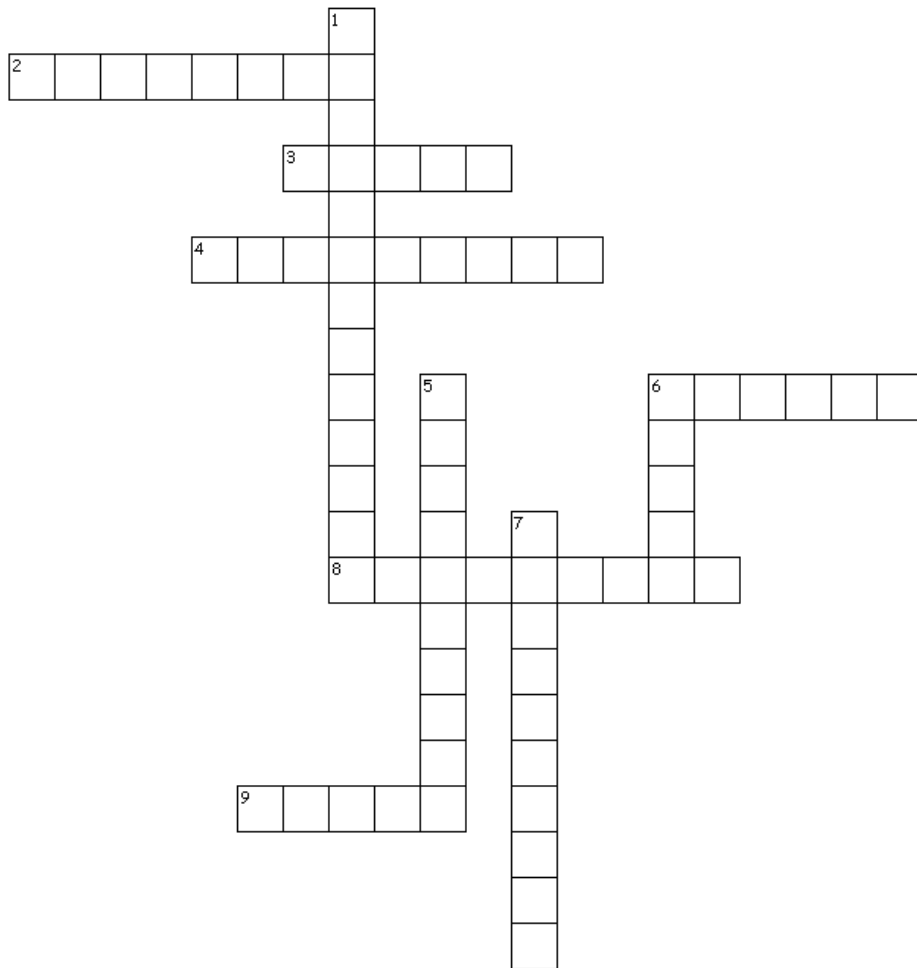


# Stingray Crossword Puzzle



## Across

2. A species of ray that lives in warm, shallow areas of the Atlantic; females can grow to be 5 ft across
3. Toxin that stingrays can inject into predators as a form of defense
4. Ray and shark skeletons are made of this
6. Cousins of stingrays and skates
8. Special holes that pump water over a ray's gills so they can breathe
9. A slimy, protective layer on a ray's skin

## Down

1. Animals with no backbone that are commonly prey for many types of rays
5. Animals that can only feed on other animals
6. A barbed appendage stingrays use for defense
7. Blending in with your surroundings to avoid being seen

## ANSWER KEY

1. INVERTEBRATES 2. SOUTHERN 3. VENOM 4. CARTILAGE 5. CARNIVORES  
6. (across) SHARKS (down) SPINE 7. CAMOUFLAGE 8. SPIRACLES 9. MUCUS