

Topic: The Marvelous and Mysterious Life of Amelia Earhart

A reading comprehension and listening skills lesson

Grade 5



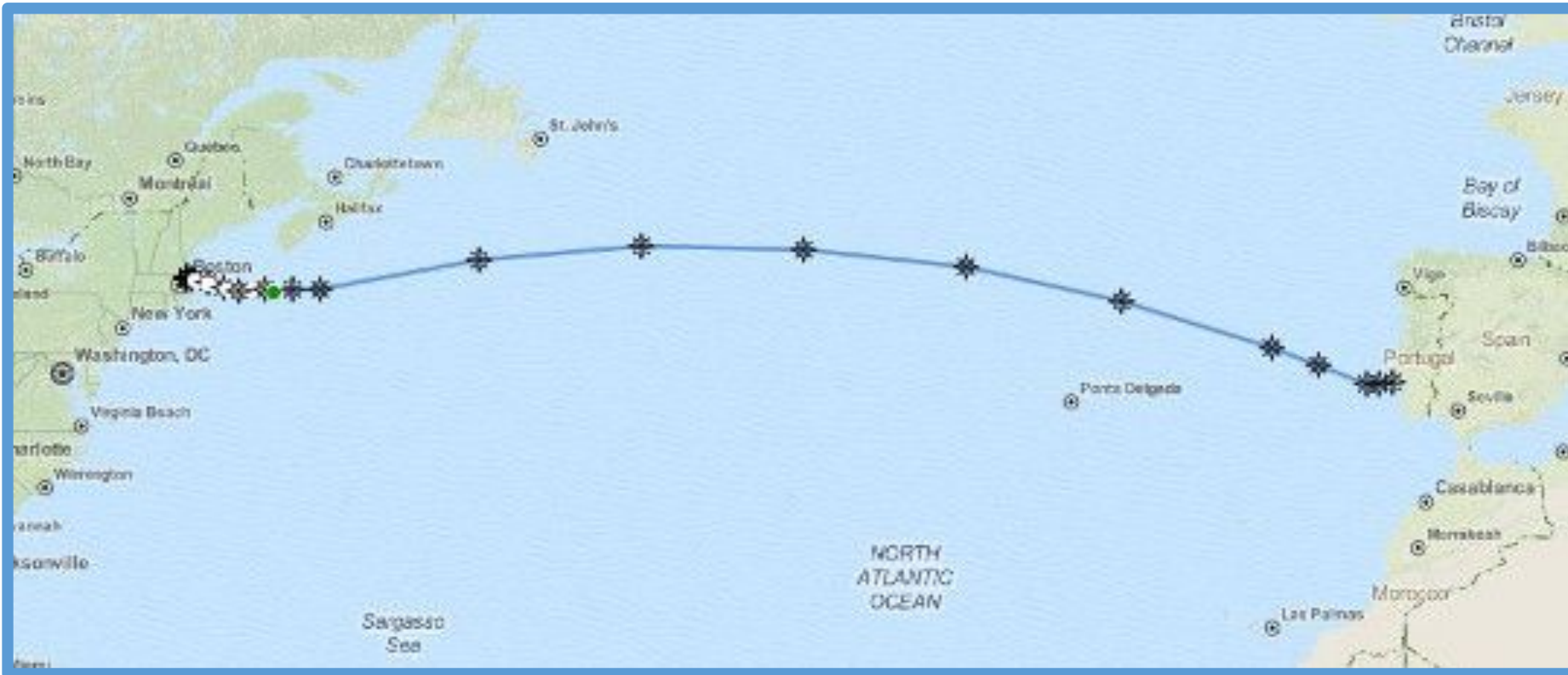
For today's lesson you will need:

A pen or pencil

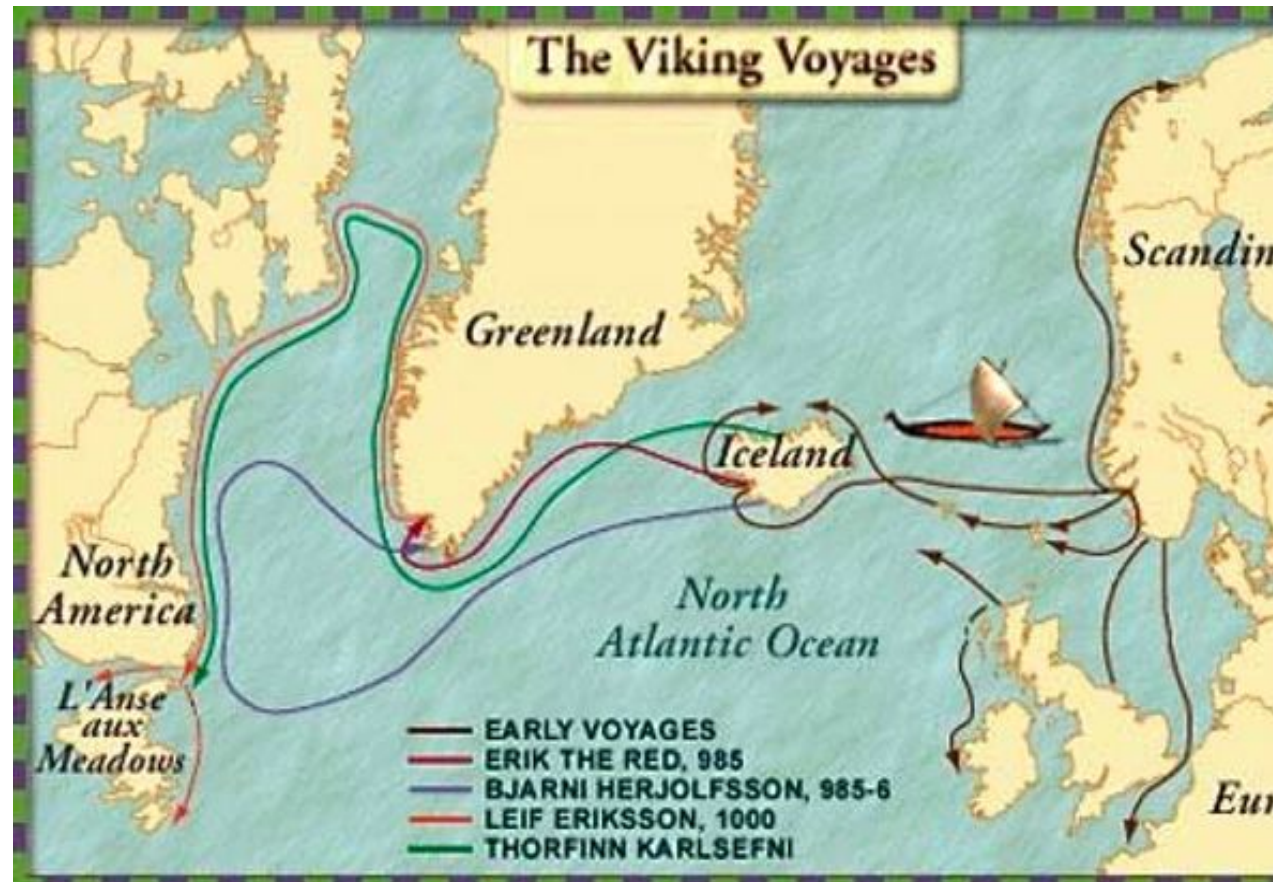
Your notebook, or some paper

Some water to drink

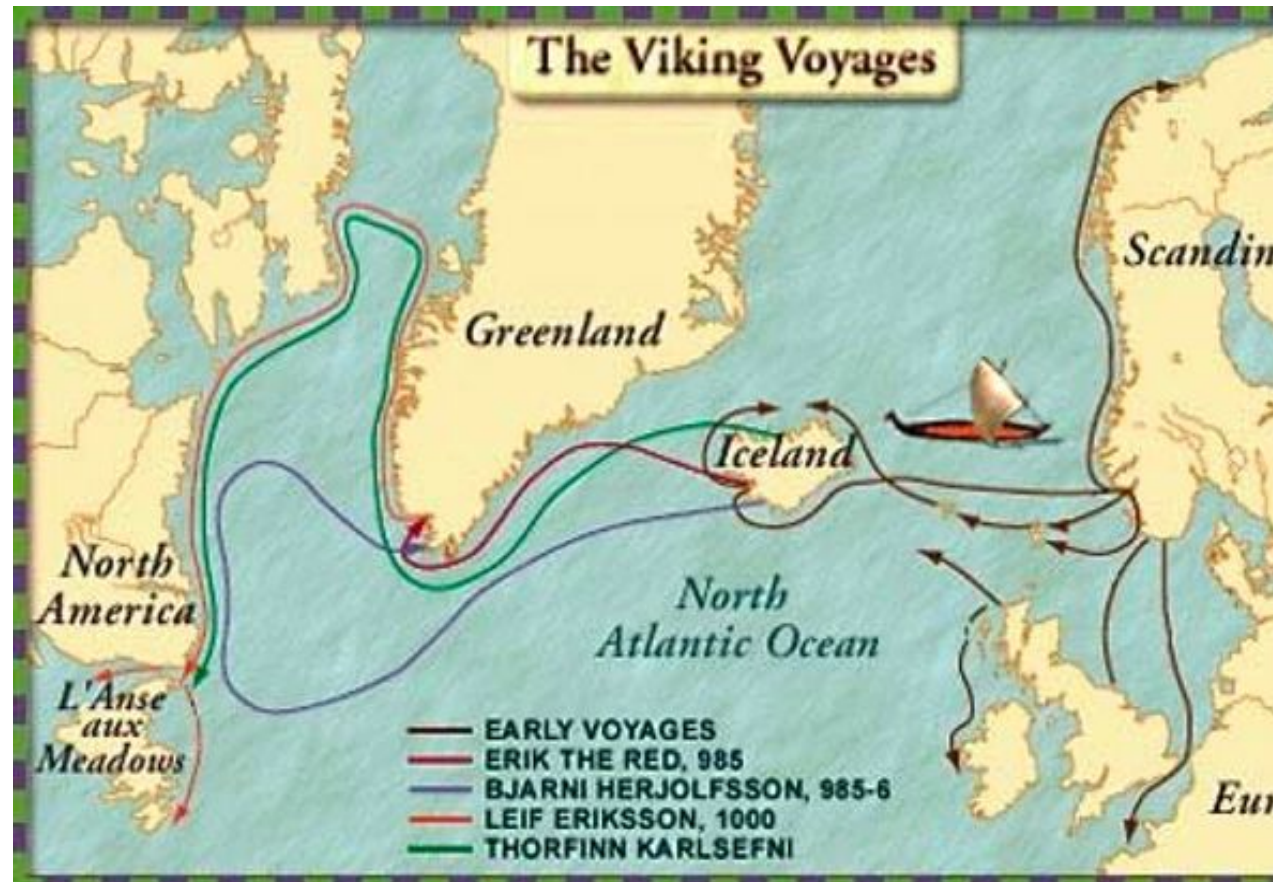
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How would YOU cross the Atlantic Ocean?



How long do you think it took for the Vikings to cross the Atlantic Ocean?



How long do you think it took for the Vikings to cross the Atlantic Ocean?

1 month and 2 weeks

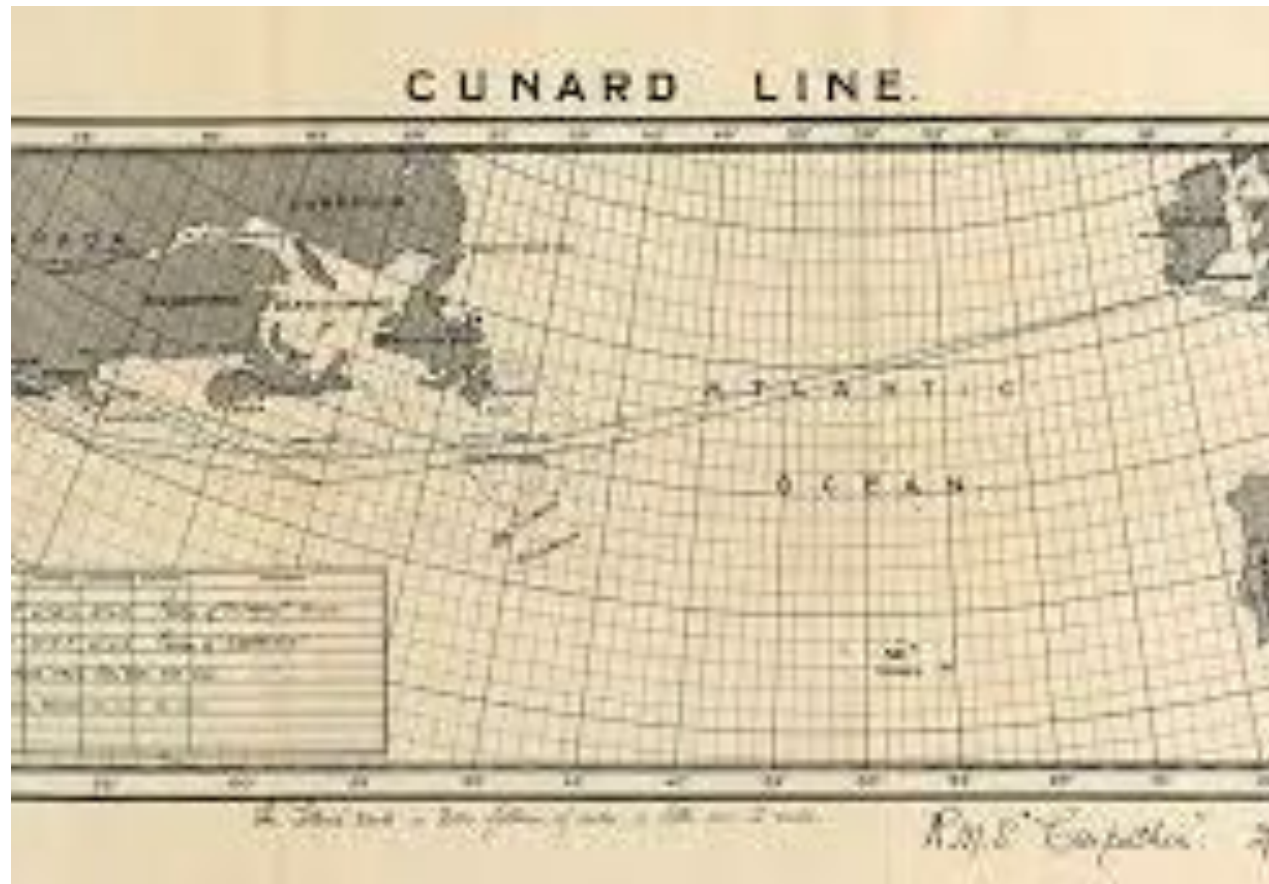


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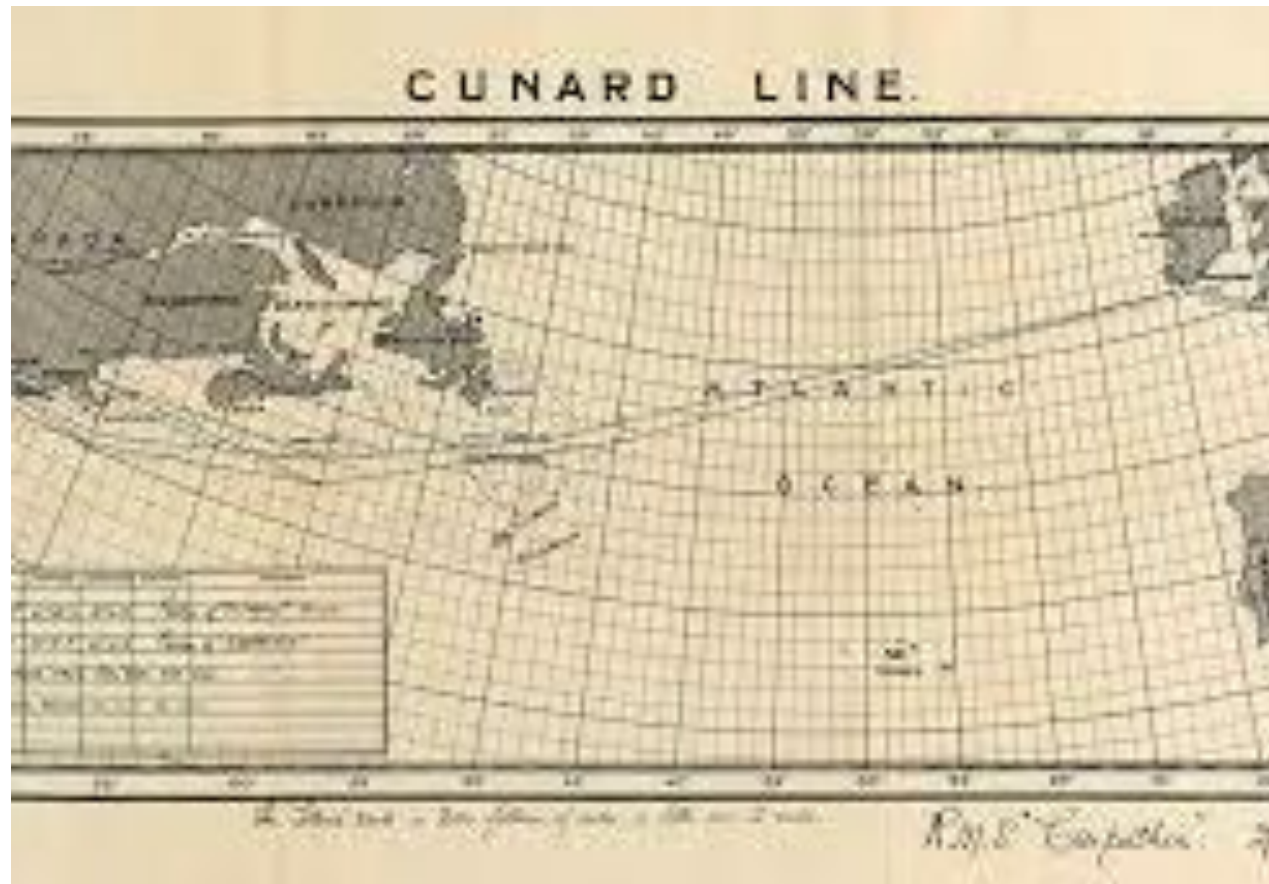


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Around 21 days



How long do you think it took the steamship RMS Mauretania to cross the Atlantic Ocean?



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6 days



How long do you think it took Charles Lindbergh to fly across the Atlantic Ocean?



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Around 33 hours



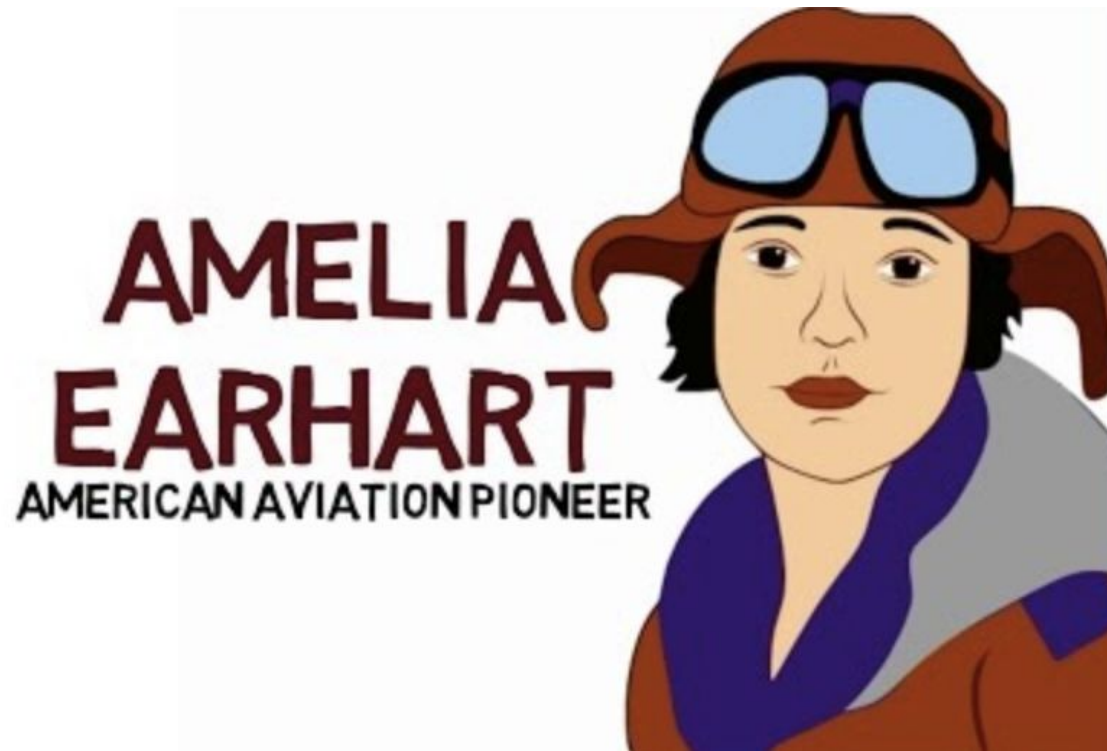
How long do you think it took Amelia Earhart to fly across the Atlantic Ocean?



How long do you think it took Amelia Earhart to fly across the Atlantic Ocean?

15 hours

Let's learn a bit more about Amelia Earhart!



- Why is her life mysterious?
- Let's find out:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yIN_Ldp2S74

Video questions:



What did you see in the video?



What was Amelia's greatest achievement?



Write down three facts about Amelia Earhart from the video into your notebooks.



In today's lesson we will:

- Read a comprehension text about the mysterious disappearance of Amelia Earhart
- Answer a set of nine reading comprehension questions
- Complete a captions quiz about the mysterious disappearance of Amelia Earhart

The Marvelous

Amelia Earhart's Legacy

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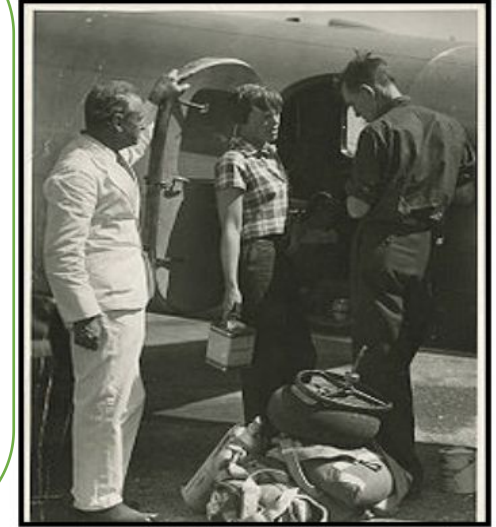
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**Have a quick look at the text.
What type of writing do you
think it is?**



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from previous
lessons:



famously



extraordinary



achievements



record



altitude

New vocabulary:

 instrumental

 circumnavigate

 abducted

 stranded

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 pioneer

Pronunciation Practice:

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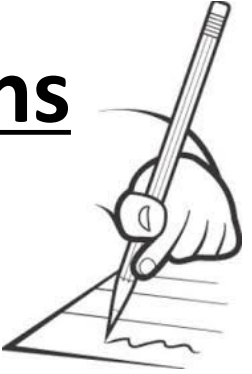
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Digital Worksheet – Reading Comprehension Questions



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Reading Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions based on text 1: The Marvelous and Mysterious Life of Amelia Earhart. Don't forget to look at the text to find or confirm your answers.

1. What is an alternative subheading for the first and second paragraphs?

2. What is Amelia Earhart famously known for?

3. What are the 99's?

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4. Find an example of alliteration in the text.
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7. What does the word
'circumnavigate' mean?

8. What are two possible
reasons that the radio
failed in Amelia Earhart's
airplane?

Amelia's Mysterious Disappearance

In 1937, Amelia Earhart announced to the world that she planned to circumnavigate the globe. It was during this second attempt at completing a world flight that disaster struck. Fred Noonan was the only other crew member to fly with Amelia on this journey. They departed from Miami and flew all over the world to places in South East Asia, Africa, India and South America. They flew on a Lockheed Electra 10E airplane. On July 2nd, 1937, they took off from Papua New Guinea and intended to land on Howland Island. It remains unclear whether it was due to misunderstandings or errors, but their radio failed and communication with Amelia Earhart's airplane was lost. No matter how hard they tried, the United States Coast Guard could no longer contact Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan. About an hour afterwards, the US Coast Guard and the US Navy began searching the Pacific Ocean for Amelia and Fred. They searched the waters of the ocean and Howland Island. Did they crash into the ocean? Were they stranded on an island? Were they abducted by aliens? Unfortunately, no physical evidence of the airplane or Amelia and Fred has ever been found.



9. What do you think happened to Amelia Earhart? Please use phrases from the text to support your answer.

A Mystifying Mystery

To this day, Amelia Earhart's disappearance remains a mystery. There are many bizarre popular theories as to what could have happened to her. Many people believe that the airplane crashed into the Pacific Ocean and sank with Amelia and Frank aboard. Others believe that Amelia and Fred landed on a nearby island called Gardner Island. More peculiar are the theories that Amelia Earhart was a spy or that she returned to the United States and assumed a new identity. No trace of Amelia Earhart was ever found again. The only thing we know for certain is that she left behind a high-flying legacy, but the mystery of her disappearance remains unsolved.



Answers:

1. What is an alternative subheading for the first and second paragraphs?

Answers will vary. Possible answer: The Life of Amelia Earhart

2. What is Amelia Earhart famously known for?

She is famously known for being the first woman to fly non stop across the Atlantic Ocean.

3. What are The 99's?

The International Organization for Women Pilots. They provide mentoring, networking and professional opportunities for women pilots.

4. Find an example of alliteration in the text.

Amelia's Amazing Achievements

5. Why could you say that Amelia was not 'a nice little girl'?

Because her childhood was very different to that of other girls during this time period. She played outside and climbed trees and enjoyed playing adventure games.

6. From where to where did Amelia Earhart fly when she completed her nonstop flight across the Atlantic Ocean?

From Canada to Northern Ireland.

7. What does the word 'circumnavigate' mean?

To sail/go all the way around something.

8. What are two possible reasons that the radio failed in Amelia Earhart's airplane?

Either misunderstandings or errors led to the radio failing.

9. What do you think happened to Amelia Earhart? Please use phrases from the text to support your answer.

Answers will vary. Possible answers should include: crashed into the sea, sank in the sea, she was a spy or she assumed another identity. Students must copy phrases from the text to support their answers.

In today's class we:



WE TALKED ABOUT
THE MARVELOUS
LIFE AND
MYSTERIOUS
DISAPPEARANCE OF
AMELIA EARHART



READ A NON-
FICTION
INFORMATION
TEXT ABOUT THE
MYSTERY



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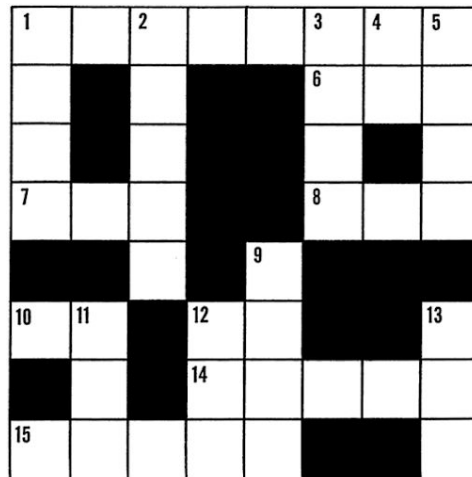
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Activity- Crossword Countdown

Look at the clues. You have 2 minutes to figure out as many words as possible. Then we will complete a crossword as a class. Note your answers on a piece of paper.



Your two minutes starts now!



Down

1. Related to machinery.
2. Stuck somewhere unpleasant and it is difficult to escape.
3. An achievement that has never been beaten .
4. One of the first people to do something.

Across

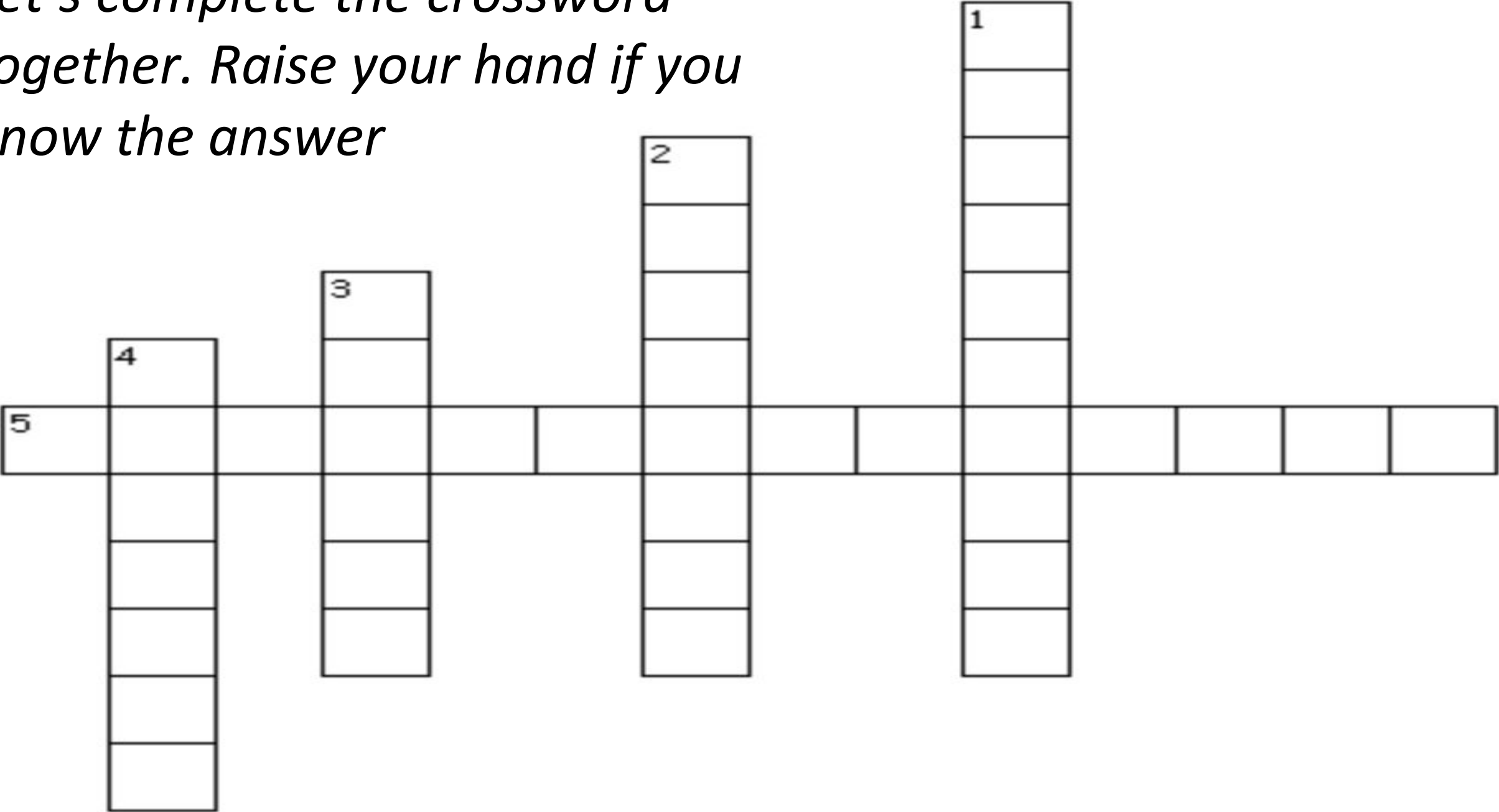
5. To go all the way around something.



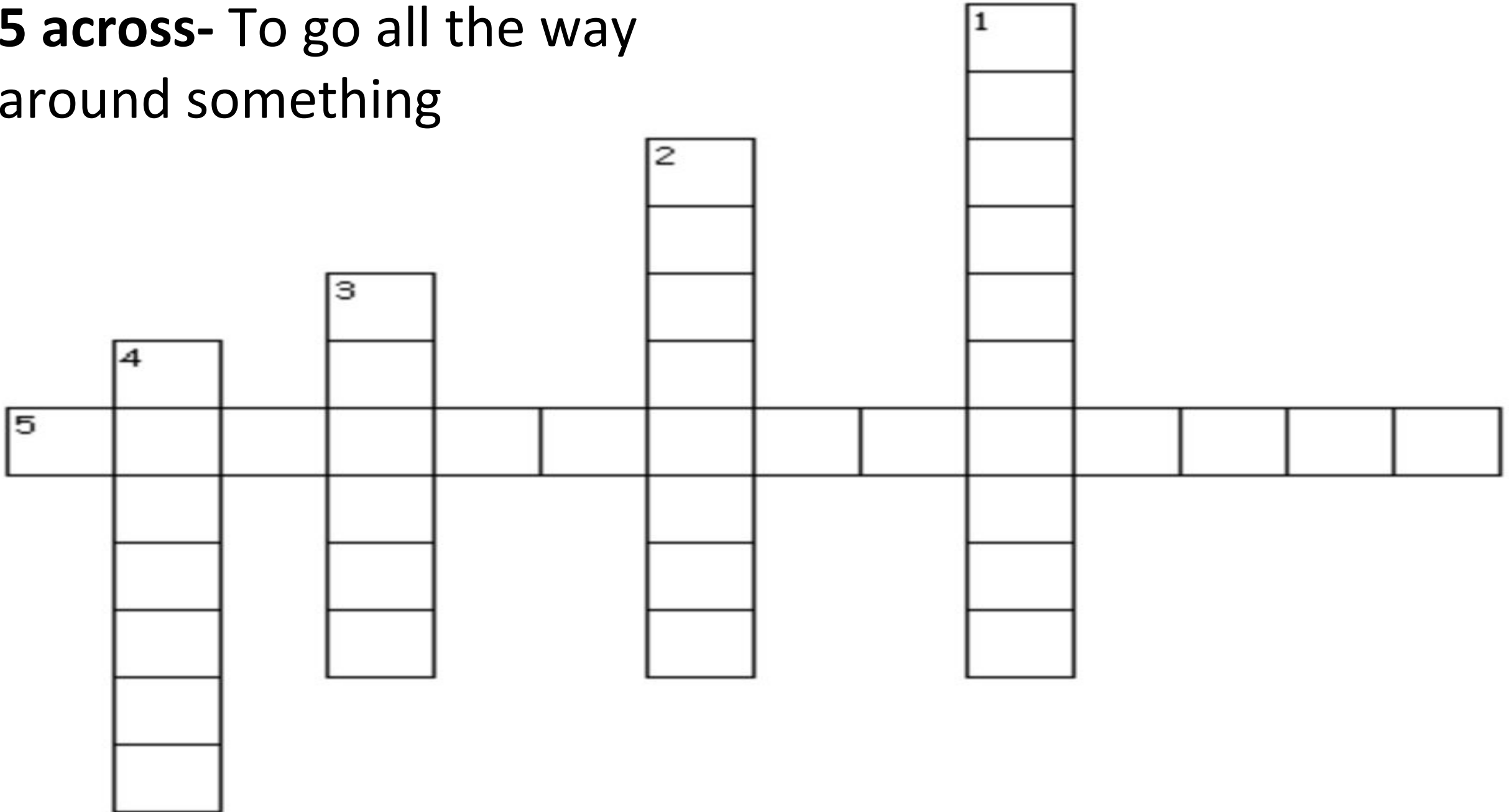
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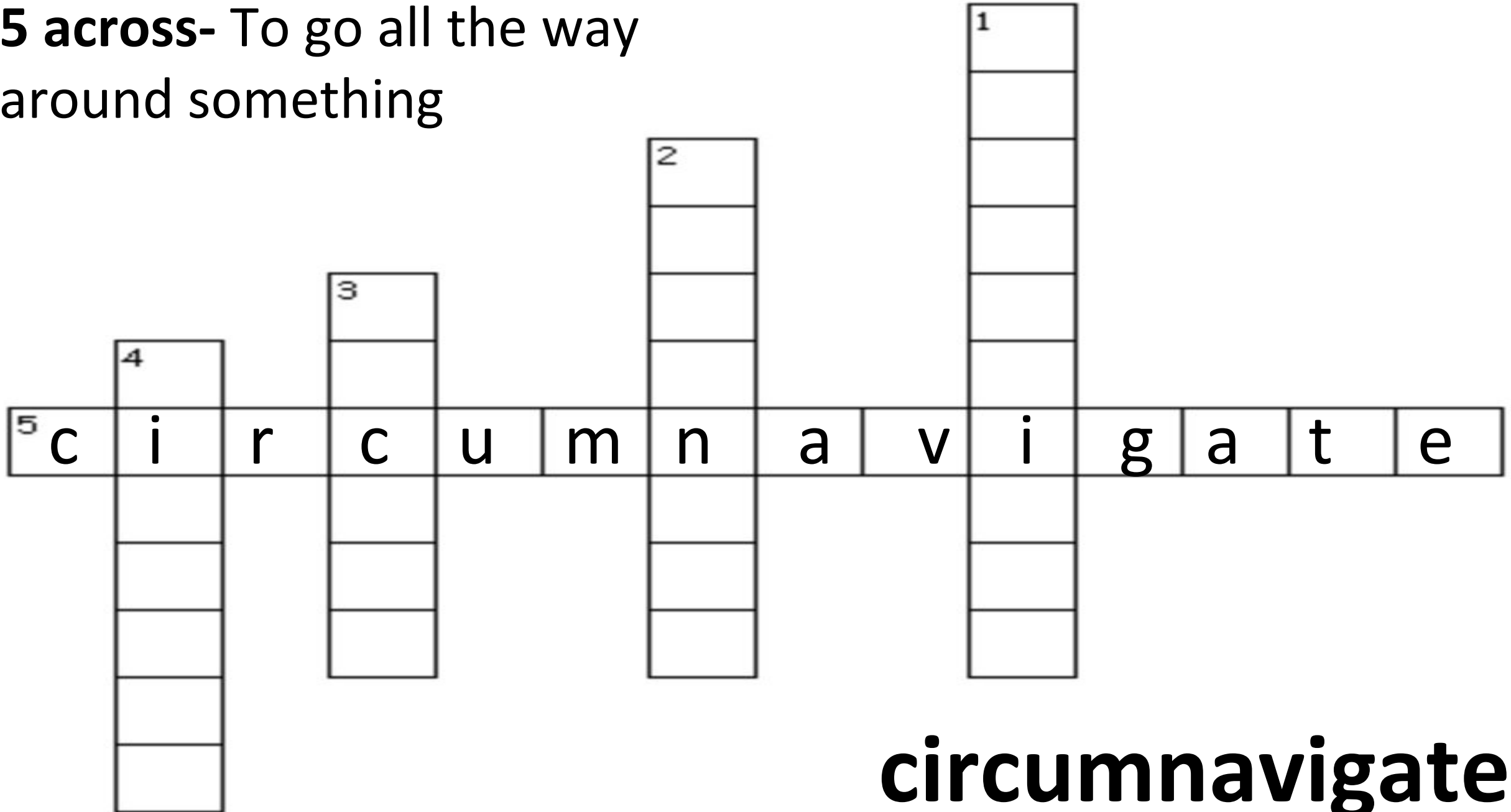
*Let's complete the crossword
together. Raise your hand if you
know the answer*



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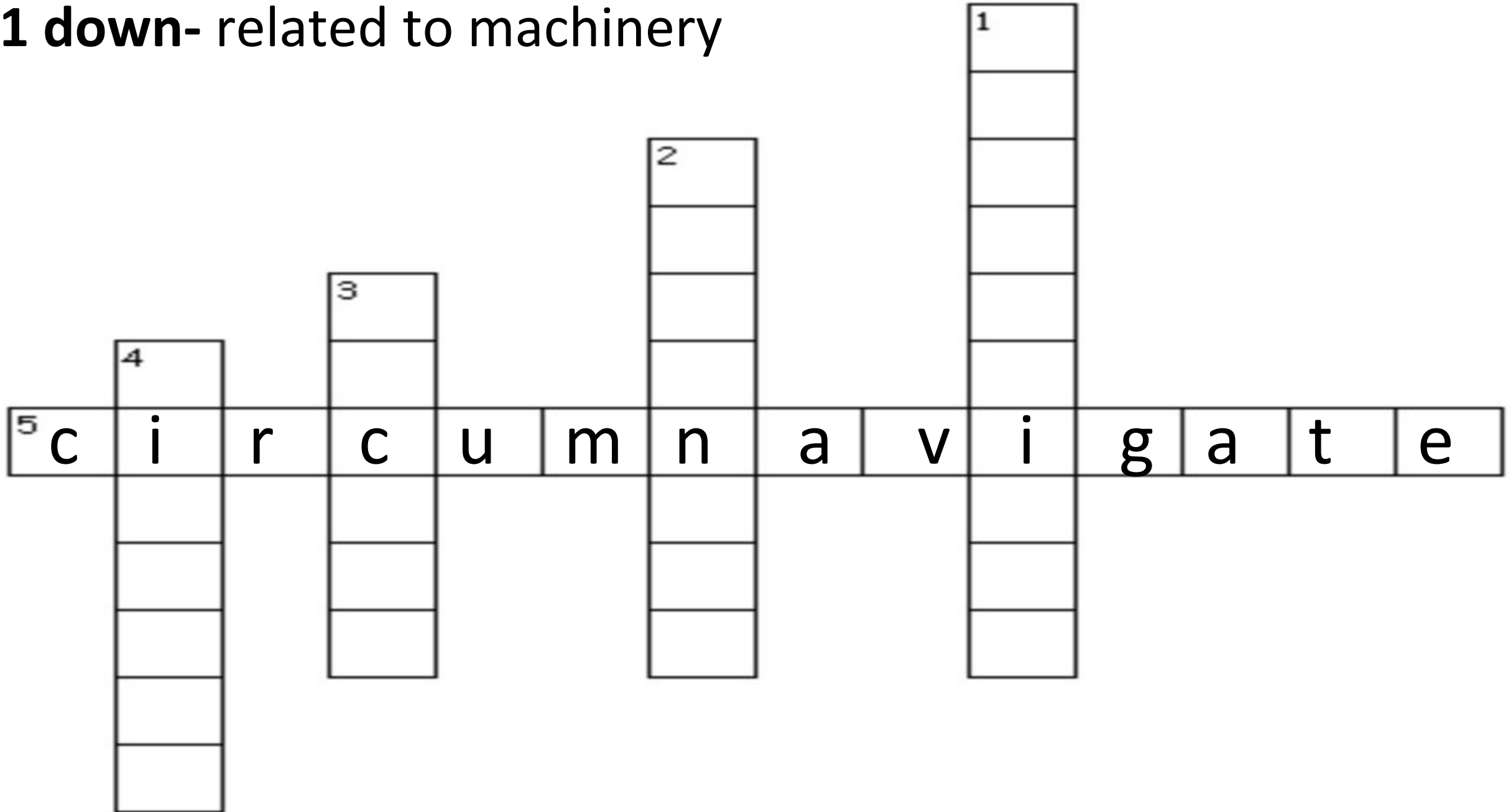


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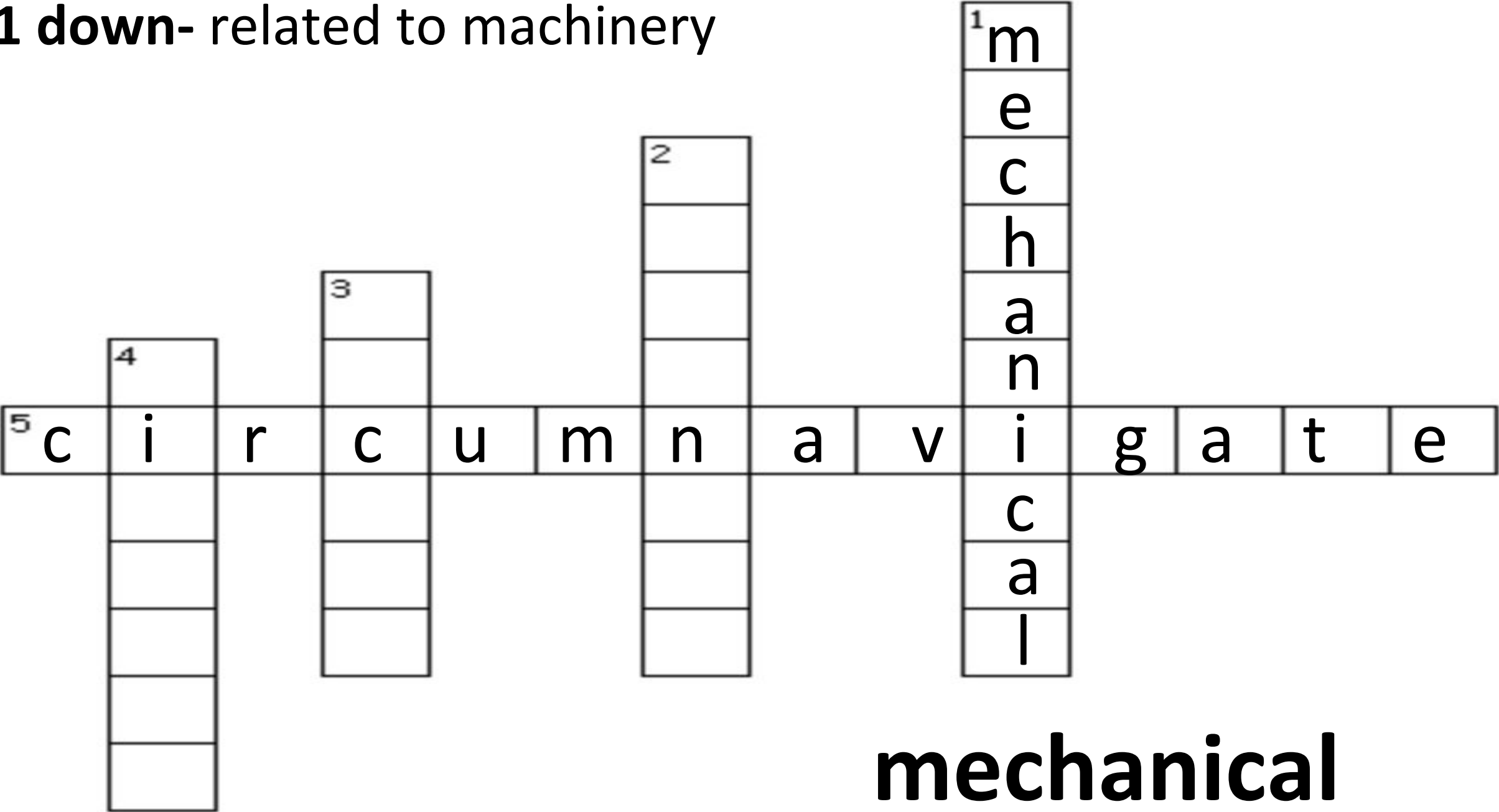


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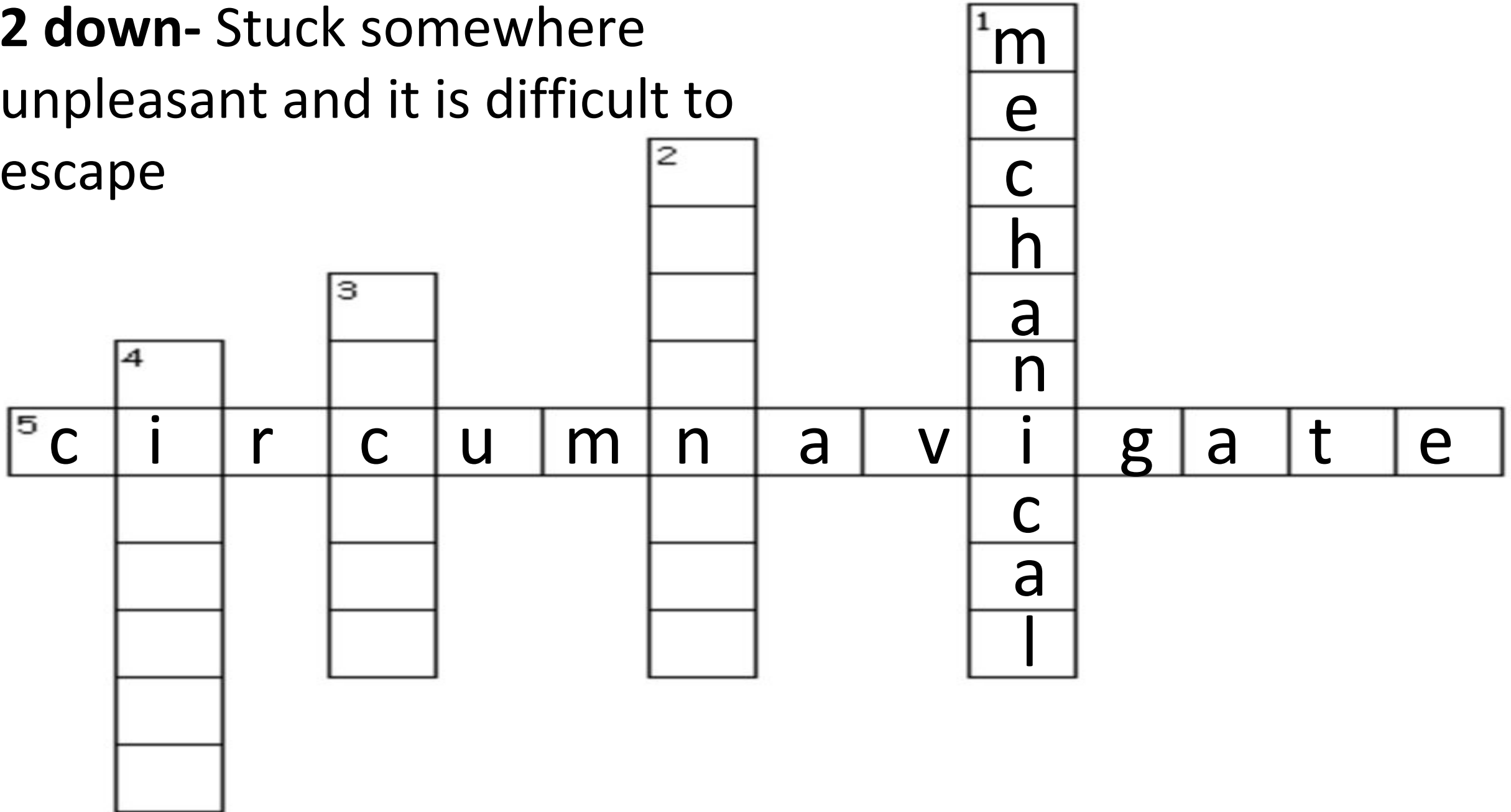
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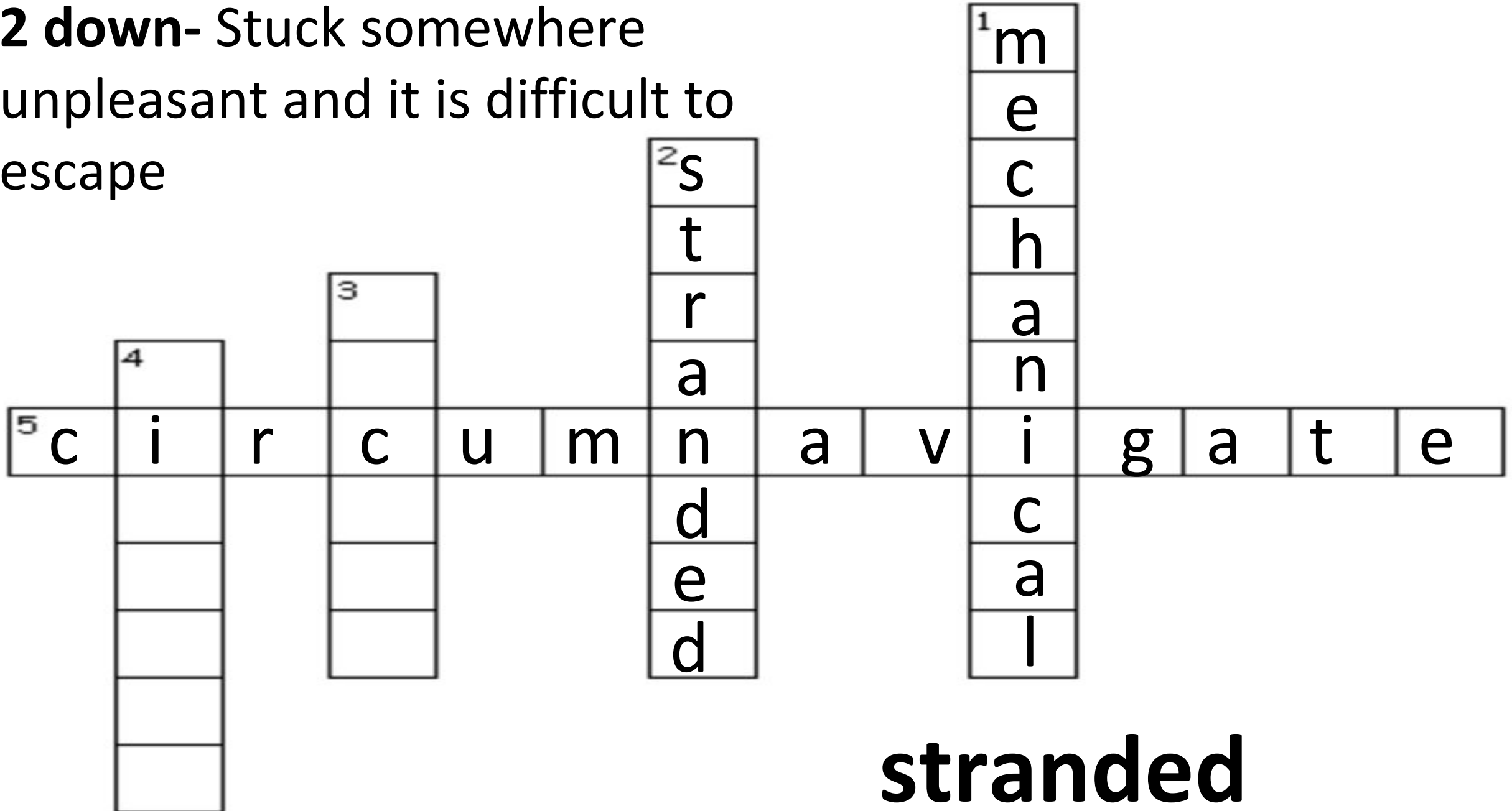
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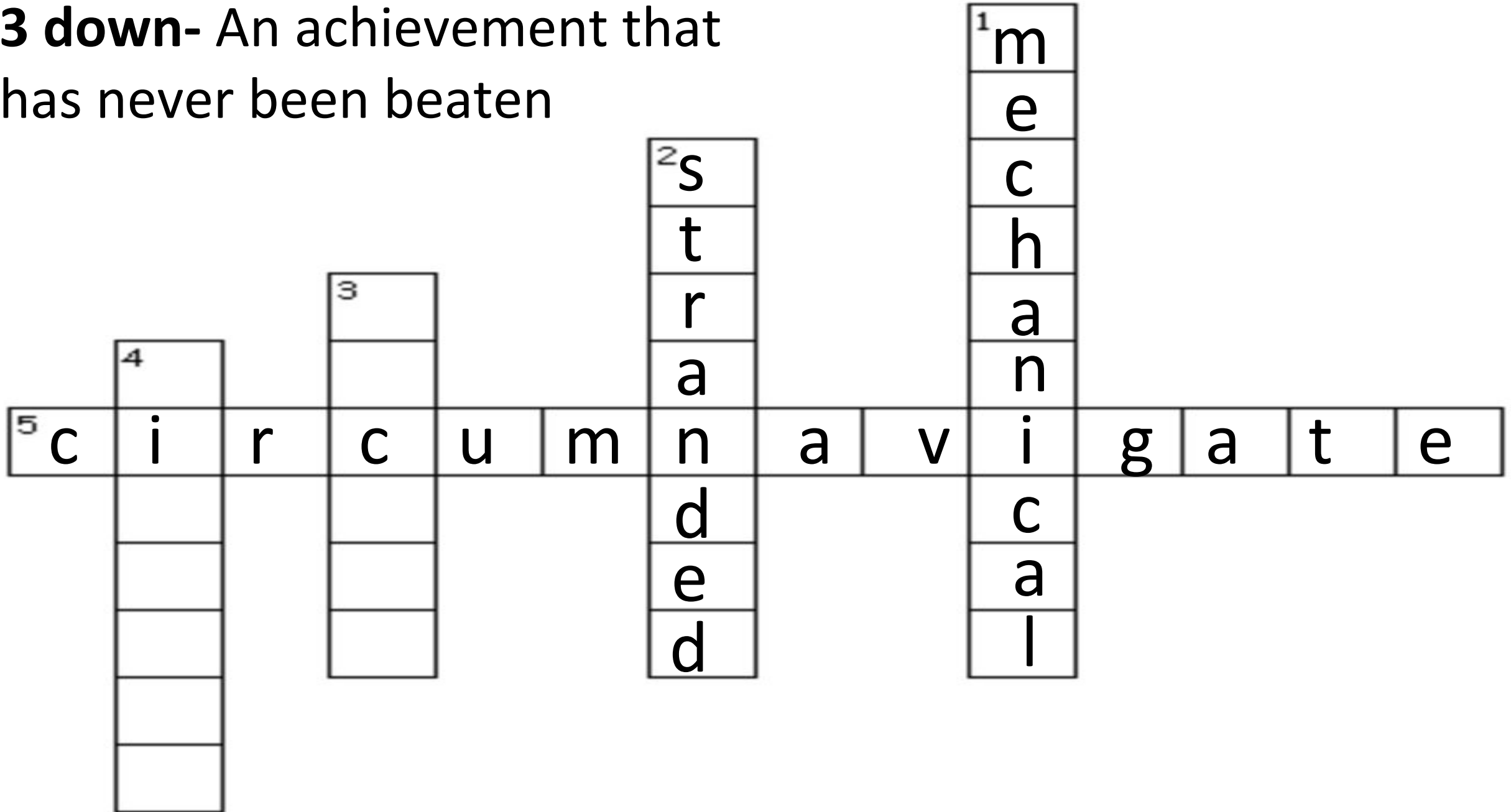


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3 down- An achievement that has never been beaten



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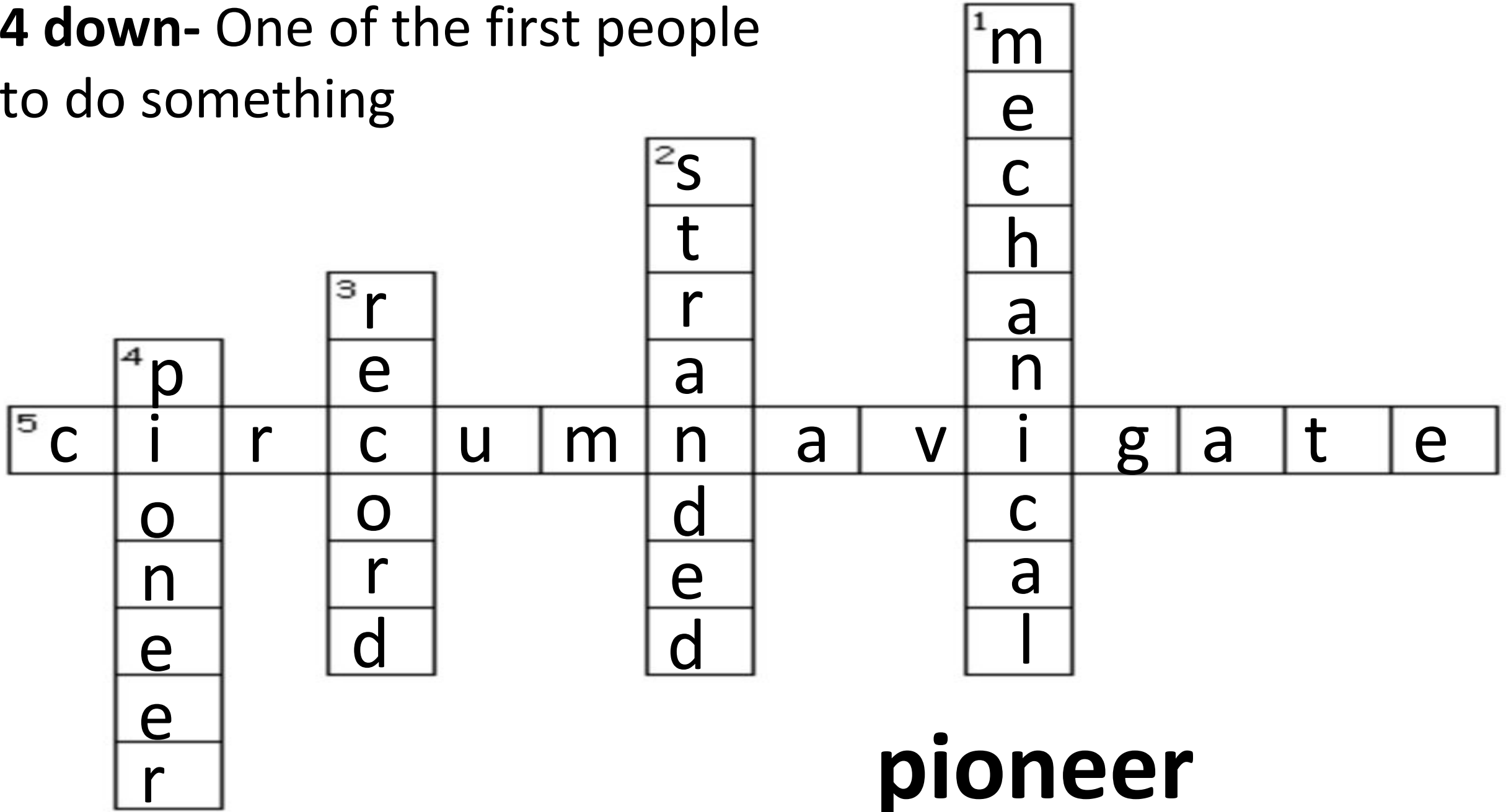
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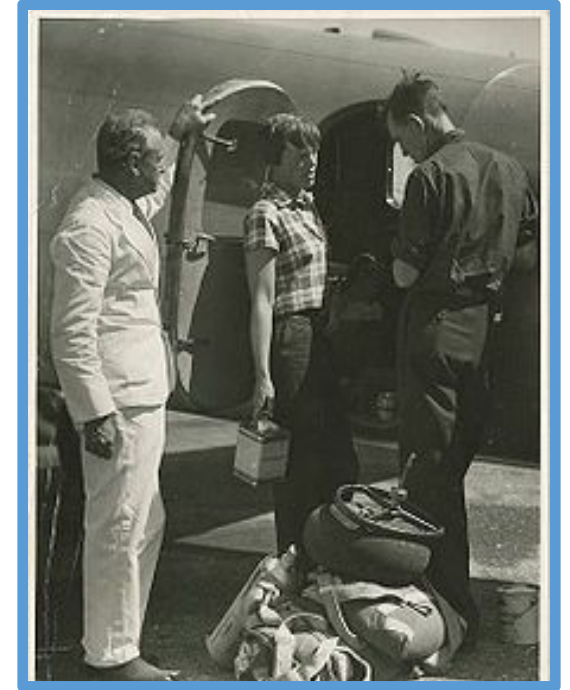
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Captions quiz!

Can you write a caption describing each of these photographs from the text?
Please use information from the text to do so.

Quiz answers:



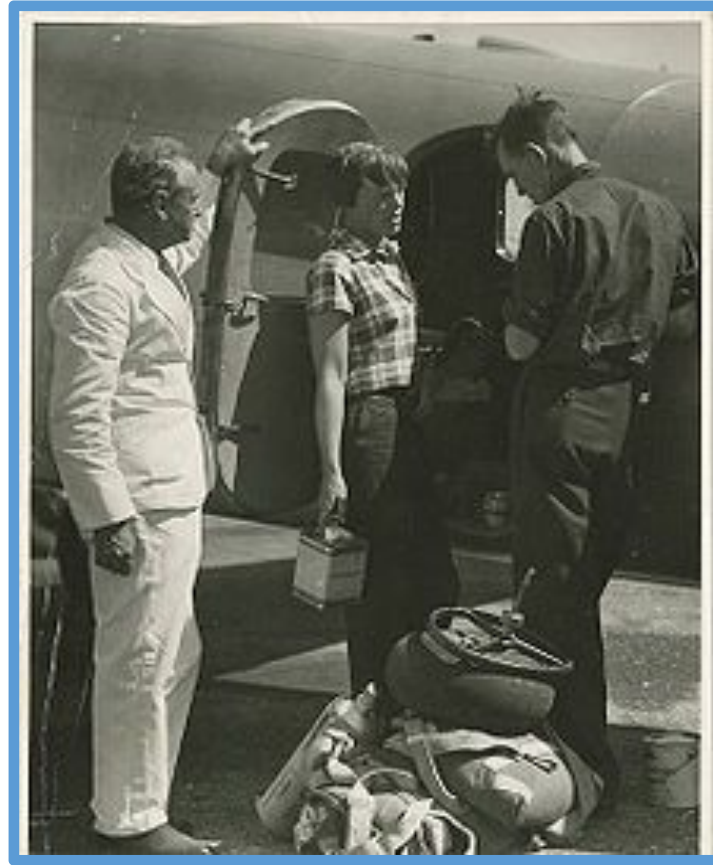
Amelia Earhart sitting on top of her airplane. She is famously known for being the first female aviator to fly across the Atlantic.



The headlines of a newspaper explaining that Amelia Earhart has disappeared.



Amelia Earhart as a little girl. She was born in Atchison, Kansas, USA.



Amelia and her co-pilot Fred Noonan, shortly before taking off on her flight around the world that ended in her disappearance.

Homework:

- Write a one paragraph summary of the reading comprehension text.
- The summary must include at least five facts from the text.
- It must be submitted to the teacher within one week.

