

How To Make A Crossword Puzzle

- Print out two copies of the blank grid. One will be filled in, and the other will be an empty crossword puzzle ready for someone to try.

Decide on a theme. This one will be about animals.

With a pencil (there might be a lot of erasing!) begin filling in the squares with words relevant to your theme. Cross each word with another, sharing common letters. Fill in as many words as you can think of.

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HINT: Use longer words first so there is plenty of room to cross over, then fill in with smaller words.

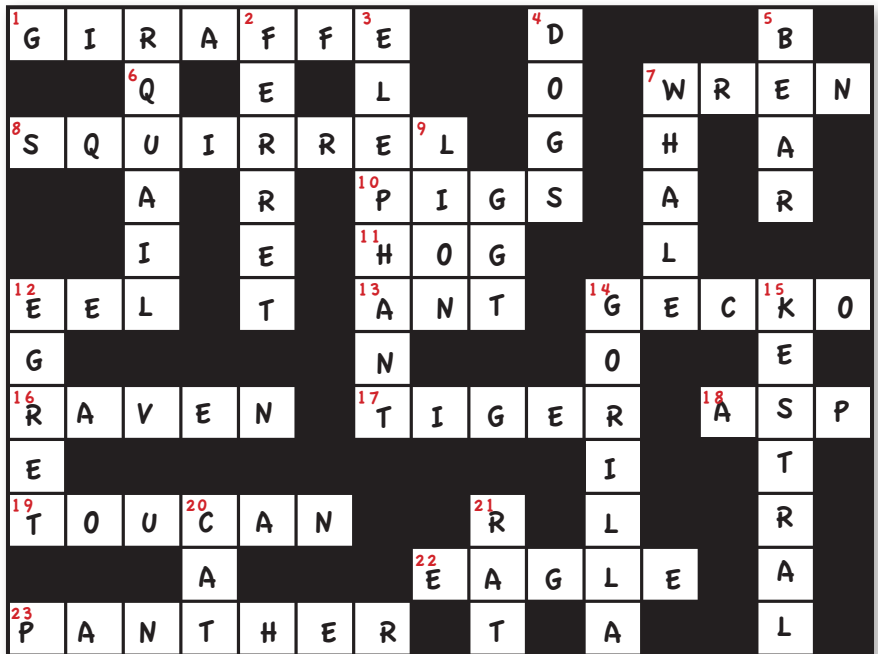
- Once you've written in as many words as you can, color in the empty boxes with black.

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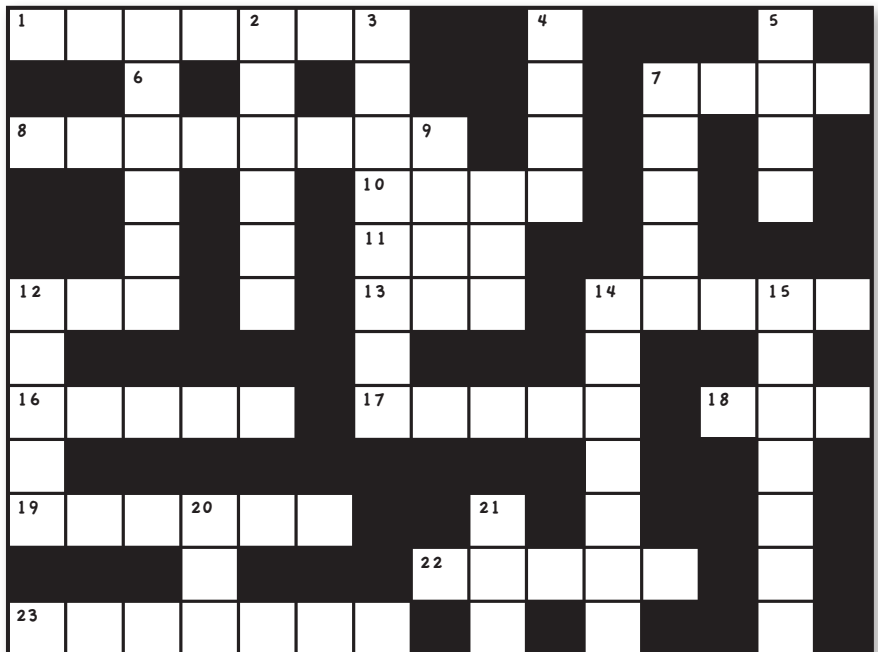
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- 3.** Write numbers (1, 2, 3 and so on) right to left in the boxes of the first letter of each word.

Keep this page. It will be your answer sheet.



- 4.** Take the second blank grid that you printed out and fill in the numbers and the black squares, but leave the white squares blank.



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- 5.** Now write in the clues at the bottom of the page, matching the vertical words' numbers under "Down" and the horizontal words' numbers under "Across".

Clues can be as difficult or easy as you want them to be. They can be tricky, or silly. Have fun with them!

- 6.** Give your crossword puzzle a name, and you're done!

Across

1. Long-necked African mammal.
7. "When" will you guess this bird?
10. More than one in a trough.
8. Nutty guy with fluffy tail.
12. "EEK" this fish is slimy!
13. Not your uncle.
14. Insurance lizard.

Down

2. Weasly mammal.
3. Never forgets.
4. Man's best friends.
5. Grizzly or polar.

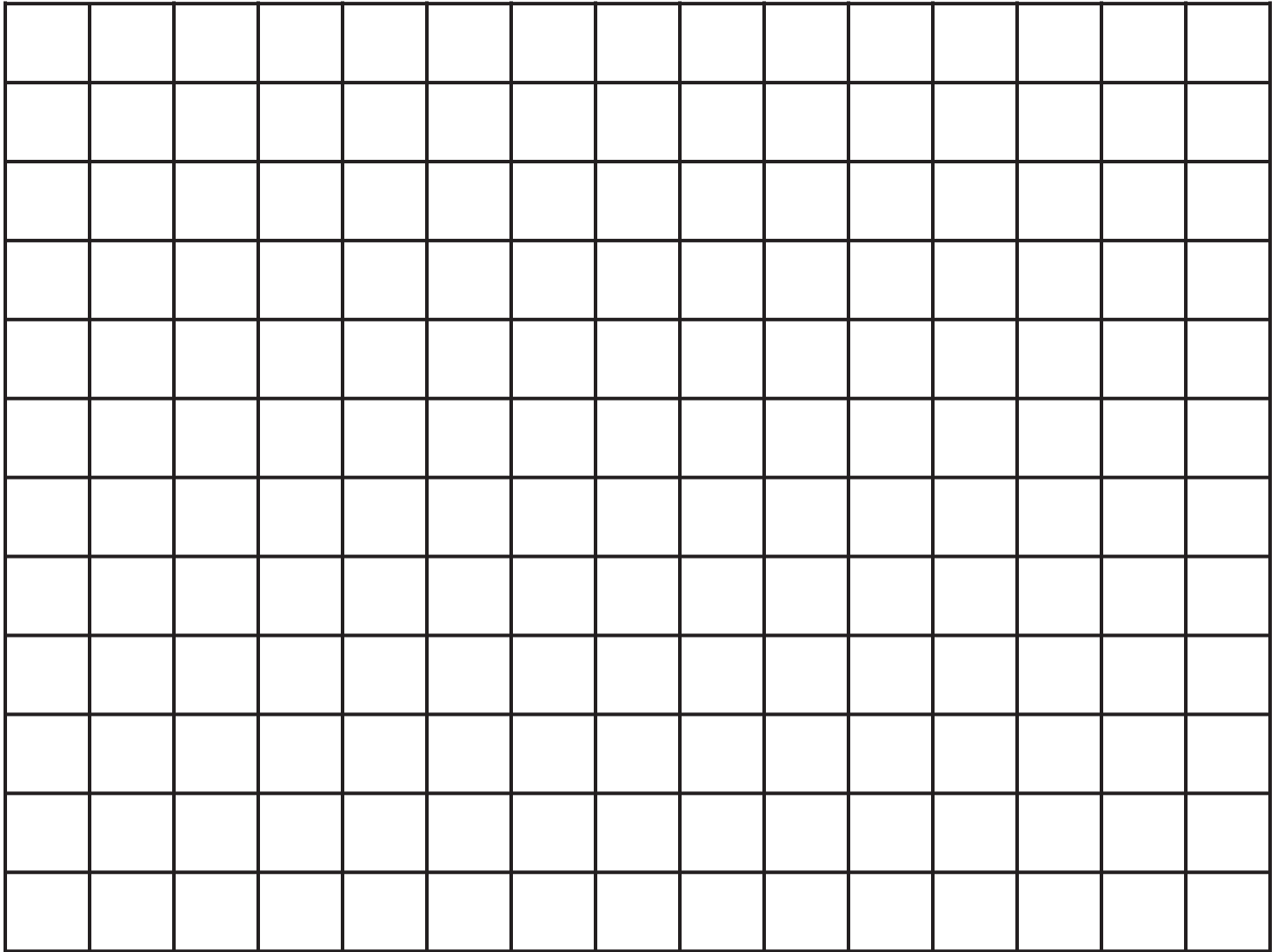
Wonderful World of Animals!

Down

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8. Nutty guy with fluffy tail.
12. "EEK" this fish is slimy!
13. Not your uncle.
14. Insurance lizard.
16. Poe's bird.
17. Striped feline
18. Poisoned Cleopatra.
19. Colorful tropical bird.
22. America's symbol
23. Can be black. Predatory wild cat.

Across

2. Weasly mammal.
3. Never forgets.
4. Man's best friends.
5. Grizzly or polar.
6. Similar to partridge.
7. Largest sea animal.
9. Part of a pride.
12. White shore bird.
14. Largest primate.
15. Small hawk.
20. House pet.
2. You dirty ___!



Down

Across