

Do You Remember?



Synonym Matching: In the space provided, write the letter of the synonym on the right that corresponds to the word on the left.

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| 1. Espy _____ | A. Negligent |
| 2. Capricious _____ | B. Clandestine |
| 3. Bide _____ | C. Glimpse |
| 4. Remiss _____ | D. Increase |
| 5. Savor _____ | E. Enjoy |
| 6. Aberration _____ | F. Waiver |
| 7. Surreptitious _____ | G. Whimsical |
| 8. Vacillate _____ | H. Wait |
| 9. Immutable _____ | I. Deviation |
| 10. Augment _____ | J. Invariable |

Sentence Completions: Each sentence below has one blank, indicating that something has been omitted. Beneath the sentence are five words labeled A through E. Choose the word that, when inserted in the sentence, best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. The crowd stood _____ as the famous celebrity unbuckled his belt and mooned everyone.
(A) Aghast
(B) Tarnished
(C) Adept
(D) Bloated
(E) Adamant
2. Though he started with nearly \$200, after shopping for a turntable and some records, Pablo's funds had _____ to five or six dollars.
(A) Merged
(B) Burnished
(C) Diminished
(D) Admonished
(E) Forged



3. Despite constant criticism, the president remained _____ in her policy of taking every other Tuesday off.

- (A) Random
- (B) Steadfast
- (C) Inquisitive
- (D) Perfect
- (E) Munificent

4. The scary moment is not when you hear the thunder itself; it's the _____ between the lightning and the sound of the thunder that is so frightening.

- (A) Munificence
- (B) Lull
- (C) Encore
- (D) Touchdown
- (E) Collusion

5. "So I'm moody and unpredictable!" the gnome told his friend. "Gnomes are supposed to be _____!"

- (A) Diminutive
- (B) Pale
- (C) Emollient
- (D) Excellent
- (E) Mercurial

6. One of the most frightening monsters of cinema history is the _____ Terminator 2, who could melt into the floor or disguise himself as a carton of milk.

- (A) Protean
- (B) Inimical
- (C) Punctilious
- (D) Affable
- (E) Gregarious

7. What better embodies the current _____ than a couple walking in the park hand-in-hand, each one talking on a cell phone to a different person.

- (A) Hurdle
- (B) Zeitgeist
- (C) Linchpin
- (D) Inclination
- (E) Harmony



8. The theory of evolution posits that over time most species demonstrate remarkable _____ when faced with the threat of extinction.

- (A) Hubris
- (B) Forage
- (C) Scarcity
- (D) Susceptibility
- (E) Mutability

9. Many nineteenth century novelists studied the science of _____ and subsequently gave all of their villains crooked noses or warts.

- (A) Physiognomy
- (B) Philosophy
- (C) Sodomy
- (D) Psychiatry
- (E) Botany

10. The new waiter _____ polished the silverware as his boss had instructed him to do.

- (A) Soothingly
- (B) Movingly
- (C) Coyly
- (D) Dutifully
- (E) Callously

Reading Comprehension: Read the passage below and answer the questions based on the text.

Abraham Lincoln was not a politician so much as he was a person of strong morals who happened to hold a political office. He remained steadfast in his beliefs, even in the face of harsh criticism and threats. Amid a time of such upheaval and flux, with a civil war beginning and slavery tearing the nation apart, Lincoln wasn't fickle, didn't fluctuate in his opinions or vacillate between different positions. In fact, it was this unwavering strength that allowed him to attempt to rectify the terrible slavery situation in America. But Lincoln's death prevented him from finishing the job he started, and his successors never kept Lincoln's promise to give every former slave forty acres of land and a mule in an attempt to redress and make amends for the evils of slavery.

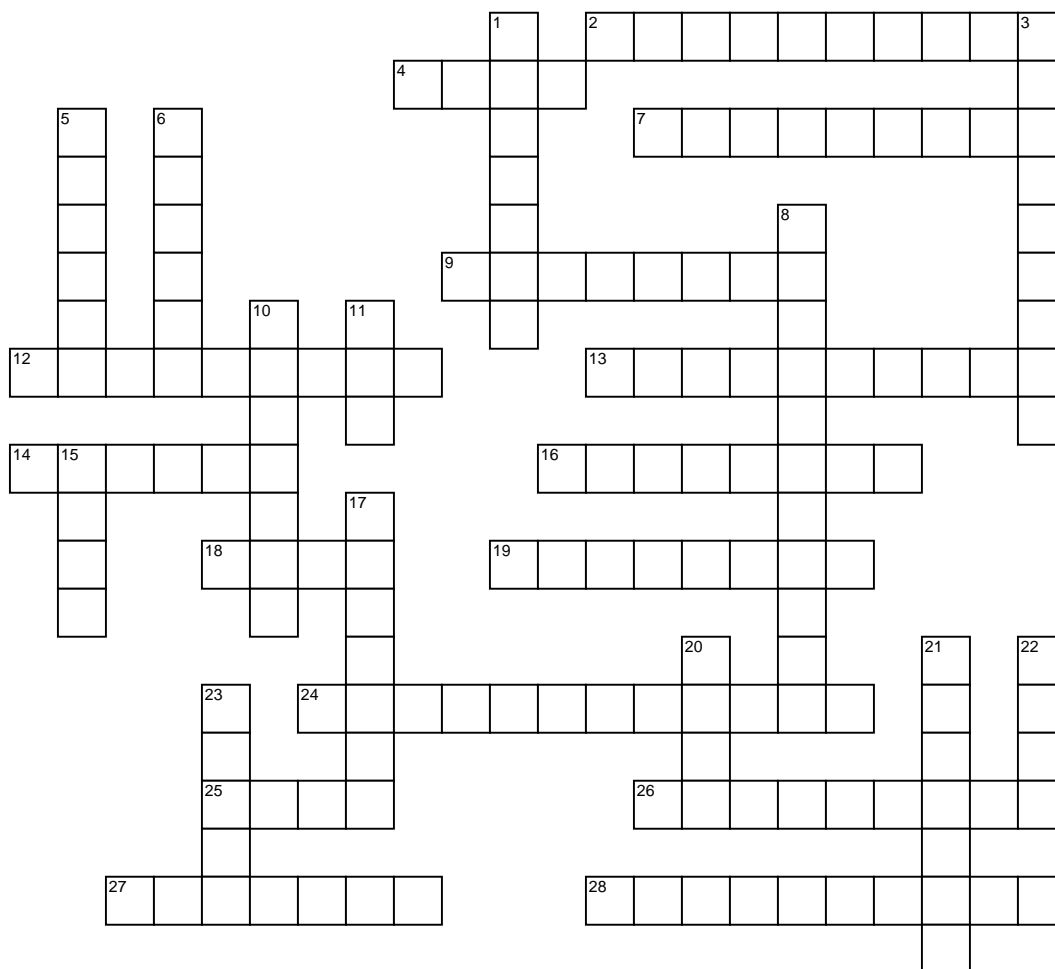


1. Which of the following best states the main idea of the passage?
- (A) Abraham Lincoln was America's greatest president.
 - (B) Abraham Lincoln contributed to the end of slavery.
 - (C) Abraham Lincoln was a man of unflinching beliefs.
 - (D) The promises of Abraham Lincoln were only realized much later.
 - (E) Without the help of the army, Lincoln wouldn't have accomplished much.
2. Which of the following was not a reason that Lincoln succeeded in helping to end slavery?
- (A) He was wise.
 - (B) He was a man of strong moral values.
 - (C) He was steadfast.
 - (D) He didn't waiver in the face of threats.
 - (E) He didn't change his position on issues.



Flux Puzzle #1

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ACROSS

- 2 impulsive, unpredictable, subject to whim
- 4 a state of constant change or a flow
- 7 easily shaped or formed
- 9 to move in a smooth wavelike motion
- 12 quick and changeable in temperament
- 13 dangerously lacking in security or stability
- 14 struck by amazement or terror
- 16 to decrease or make smaller
- 18 to decrease gradually in size or degree
- 19 deceptive, produced by an illusion
- 24 the unexpected changes and shifts often encountered in one's life
- 25 to catch sight of, glimpse
- 26 to vary irregularly
- 27 to set right or remedy
- 28 a deviation from the expected course

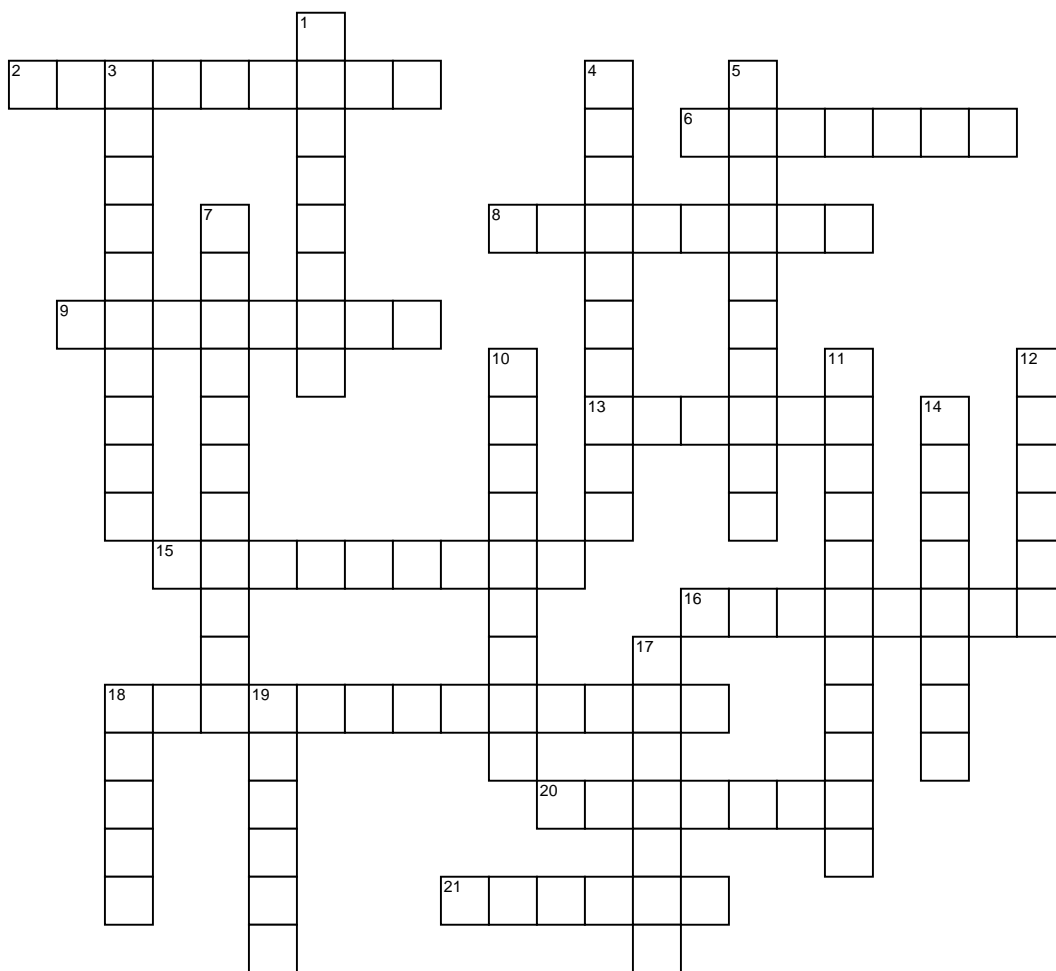
DOWN

- 1 to increase or make larger
- 3 fixed or unchanging
- 5 characterized by changeableness, whimsical
- 6 not moving, being at rest
- 8 to readjust or make corrections to
- 10 readily taking on various shapes or forms
- 11 to increase gradually in size or degree
- 15 to open the mouth and stare stupidly
- 17 to set right, correct
- 20 a relatively calm interval, as in a storm
- 21 characterized by continuous change or activity
- 22 to wait, or remain in a condition
- 23 to change for the better, improve

WORD BANK: Aberration, aghast, amend, augment, bide, capricious, diminish, dynamic, espy, fickle, fluctuate, flux, gape, illusory, lull, malleable, mercurial, precarious, protean, recalibrate, rectify, redress, static, steadfast, undulate, vicissitudes, wane, wax.

Flux Puzzle #2

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ACROSS

- 2 the spirit of the time
- 6 to meet needs
- 8 having more than one spouse at a time
- 9 a very small amount
- 13 to take zestful pleasure in, enjoy the flavor of
- 15 not susceptible to change
- 16 having only one spouse at a time
- 18 done by stealthy means, clandestine
- 20 unvarying, conforming to one principle
- 21 being the only one of its kind

DOWN

- 1 hatred of women
- 3 not susceptible to change
- 4 having only one side
- 5 capability of change
- 7 a waiting room
- 10 to sway from one side to another
- 11 the art of judging human character from facial features
- 12 something that exists as a discrete unit
- 14 a difference between what is expected and what actually occurs
- 17 careful to fulfill obligations
- 18 to appreciate fully, enjoy
- 19 negligent, exhibiting carelessness

WORD BANK: Antechamber, dutiful, entity, immutable, invariable, misogyny, monogamy, mutability, physiognomy, pittance, polygamy, relish, remiss, savor, suffice, surreptitious, uniform, unilateral, unique, vacillate, variance, zeitgeist.