

# 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. Domicile ____    | A. Tranquilize |
| 2. Abhor ____       | B. Uneasiness  |
| 3. Pacify ____      | C. Frightful   |
| 4. Harrowing ____   | D. Hopeless    |
| 5. Austere ____     | E. Agonizing   |
| 6. Forlorn ____     | F. Soothe      |
| 7. Abscond ____     | G. House       |
| 8. Redoubtable ____ | H. Hate        |
| 9. Sedate ____      | I. Sneak       |
| 10. Anxiety ____    | J. Simple      |

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

I have to be honest: I don't like my mother-in-law very much. It's not that I abhor her or anything, it's just that she's so anxious all the time, it's a little hard to deal with. It's always a daunting task whenever she comes over to dinner. No matter what I cook, we have to allay all of her fears about the food before she'll take a single bite. And it's pretty hard to pacify her once she gets excited. One time, when I cooked rabbit stew, she got so worked up that she told me that cooking rabbit was reprehensible, that you should only cook feral animals. I asked her if she considered a cow to be a feral animal, but she wouldn't answer me. Instead she ate nothing and remained taciturn for the rest of the dinner. Her visits are so exhausting and enervating!

1. The tone in the passage is best described as:
- (A) Analytical
  - (B) Skeptical
  - (C) Reverent
  - (D) Hatful
  - (E) Annoyed



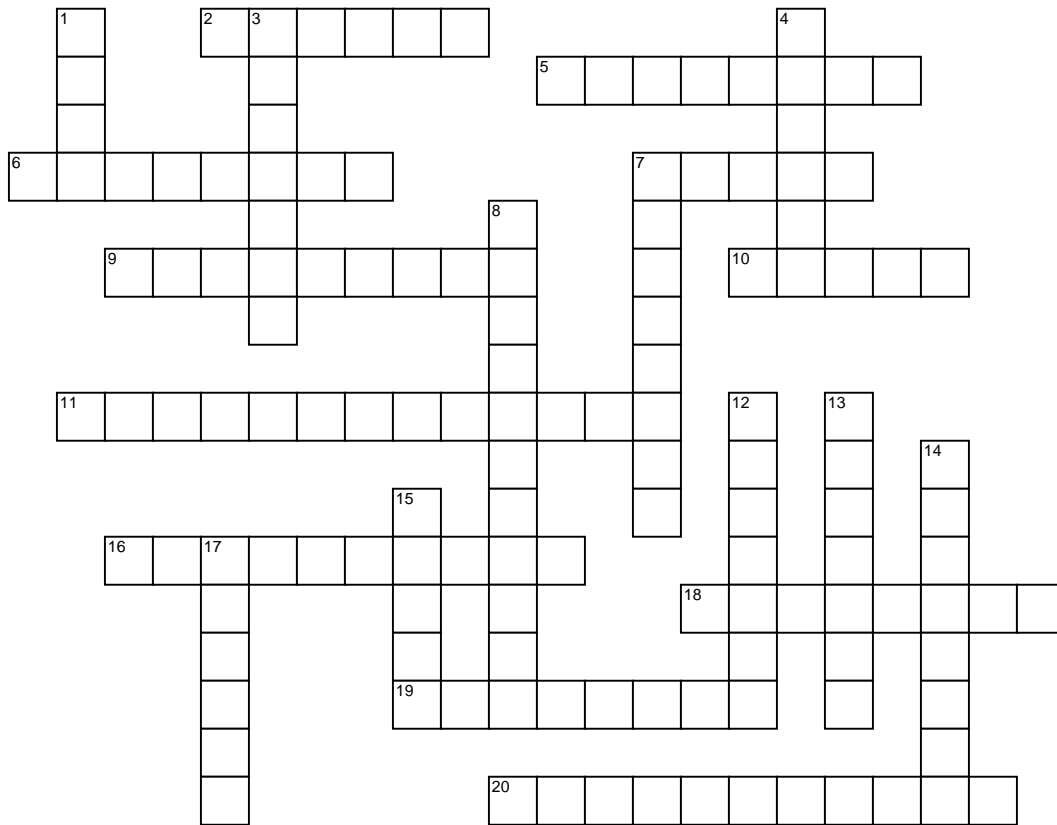
2. The word "allay" in the passage above most closely means:

- (A) Cook
- (B) Assuage
- (C) Discuss
- (D) Exemplify
- (E) Answer



# Phobia Puzzle #1

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## ACROSS

- 2 to sooth, ease
- 5 moderation from excess, or calm tranquility
- 6 run-down, abandoned
- 7 to soothe, assuage
- 9 impoverished
- 10 savage, wild, untamed
- 11 deserving of criticism
- 16 to make more violent, intense
- 18 intimidating
- 19 to restore, return to original state
- 20 in a state of disrepair

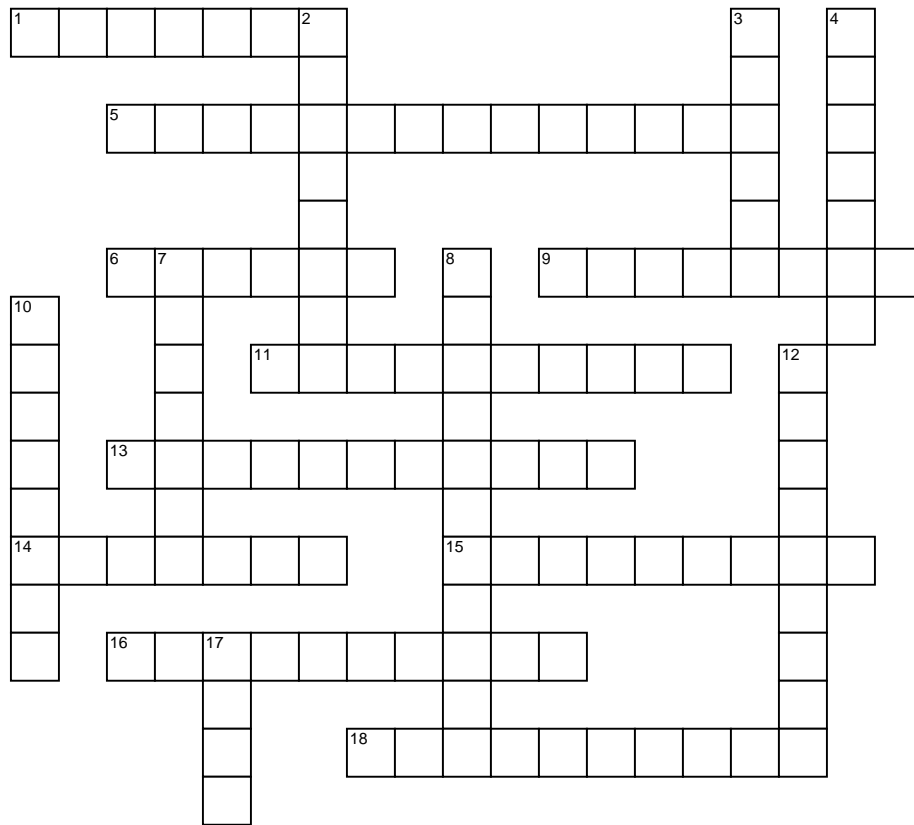
## DOWN

- 1 to demolish
- 3 uneasiness
- 4 to calm, soothe
- 7 rich, wealthy
- 8 a demand for goods, often by an authority
- 12 to ease, pacify
- 13 no longer used or exist- ing
- 14 a residence, a home
- 15 to hate, loathe
- 17 of the most miserable or contemptible kind

**WORD BANK:** Abhor, abject, affluent, allay, anxiety, assuage, daunting, defunct, derelict, destitute, dilapidated, domicile, exacerbate, feral, pacify, raze, renovate, reprehensible, requisition, sedate, sobriety.

# Phobia Puzzle #2

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## ACROSS

- 1 to sneak away and hide
- 5 an abnormal fear of closed or crowded spaces
- 6 a piece of cloth on which an artist paints
- 9 not inclined to talk
- 11 discouraged, hopeless, depressed
- 13 formidable, commanding respect
- 14 one who practices restraint as a means of self-discipline, usually religious
- 15 agonizing, distressing
- 16 arousing fear or alarm
- 18 transparent, light, airy

## DOWN

- 2 deserted, lifeless
- 3 old-fashioned
- 4 lonely, hopeless
- 7 very bare, bleak, simple
- 8 an abnormal fear of open or public places
- 10 to weaken, make weary
- 12 requiring tremendous strength or energy
- 17 to be thrown off balance or feel dizzy

**WORD BANK:** Abscond, agoraphobia, ascetic, austere, canvas, claustrophobia, desolate, despondent, diaphanous, enervate, forlorn, formidable, harrowing, quaint, redoubtable, reel, strenuous, taciturn.