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ANIMAL NEWS

CORAL BREAKTHROUGH

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A ridged cactus coral (main) and its larvae (below right)

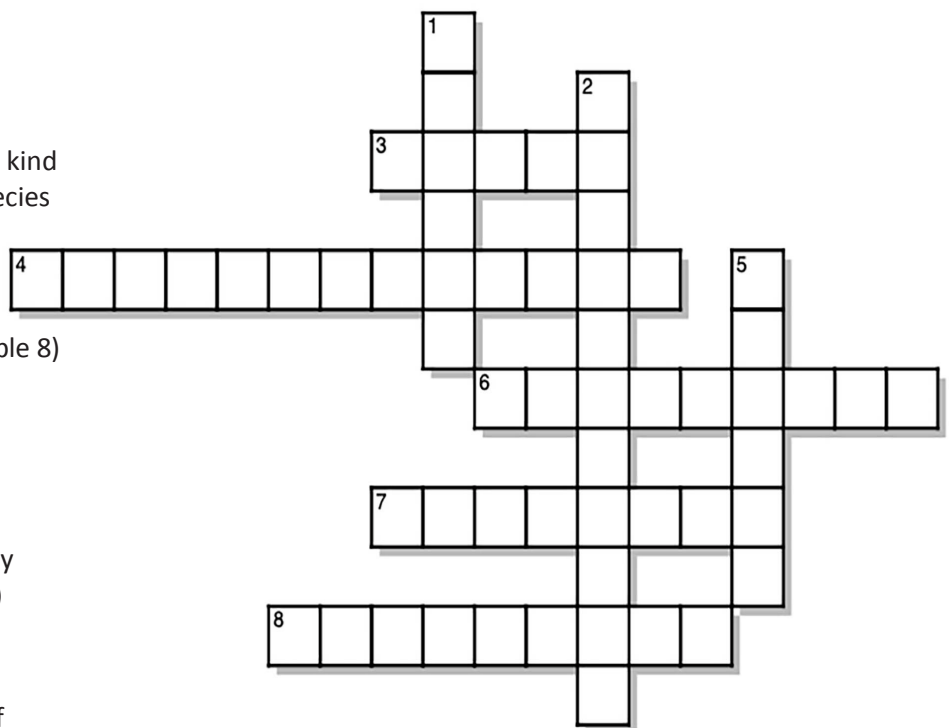


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