

Crossword Puzzle: Find Synonyms and Antonyms

As you know, a **synonym** is a word or phrase that means the same or nearly the same as another word. An **antonym** is a word that means the opposite of another word. Many words have LOTS of synonyms or antonyms. For instance, the word *large* has synonyms like *huge*, *enormous*, *gargantuan*, *mammoth*, and *big*. It also has antonyms like *small*, *tiny*, *little*, and *minuscule*.

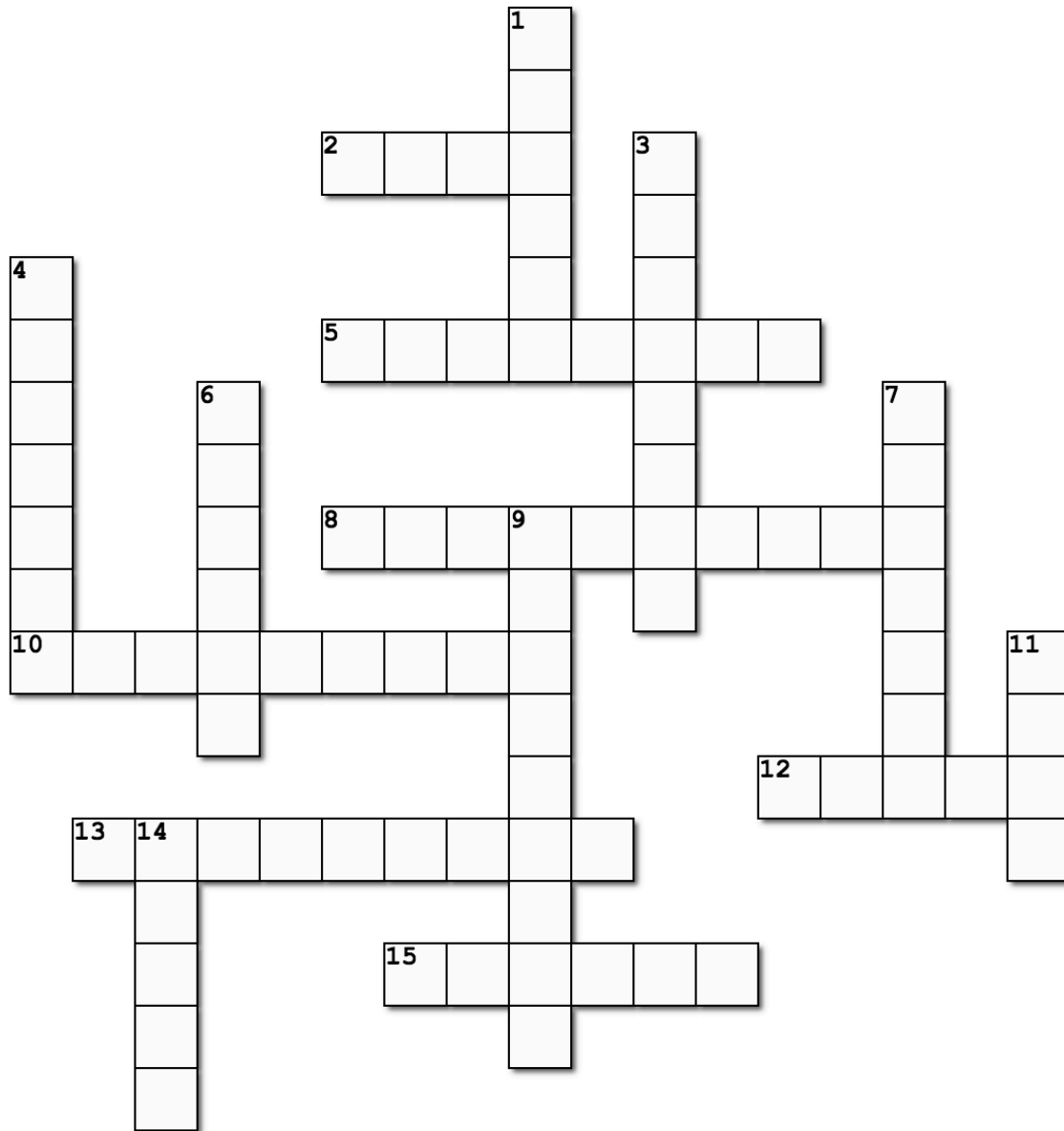
Directions

Use your knowledge of synonyms and antonyms to complete the crossword puzzle on the next page. Find a word for each crossword clue that is a synonym or antonym of the word provided. You may use a thesaurus to help you find these synonyms and antonyms. Match the number of each clue provided to the numbered boxes placed across or down.

Word Bank

Barricade	Impending	Verbose
Quell	Zeal	Falter
Passive	Meticulous	Scarcity
Kindle	Luminous	Eavesdrop
Vile	Hasten	Abate

Crossword Challenge



Across

- 2. Antonym of *Apathy*
- 5. Antonym of *Abundance*
- 8. Synonym of *Thorough*
- 10. Synonym of *Overhear*
- 12. Synonym of *Suppress*
- 13. Synonym of *Roadblock*
- 15. Synonym of *Ignite*

Down

- 1. Synonym of *Hesitate*
- 3. Antonym of *Dim*
- 4. Synonym of *Wordy*
- 6. Synonym of *Accelerate*
- 7. Antonym of *Dynamic*
- 9. Synonym of *Imminent*
- 11. Synonym of *Nasty*
- 14. Synonym of *Wane*

Answer Key

Across

- 2. Zeal
- 5. Scarcity
- 8. Meticulous
- 10. Eavesdrop
- 12. Quell
- 13. Barricade
- 15. Kindle

Down

- 1. Falter
- 3. Luminous
- 4. Verbose
- 6. Hasten
- 7. Passive
- 9. Impending
- 11. Vile
- 14. Abate