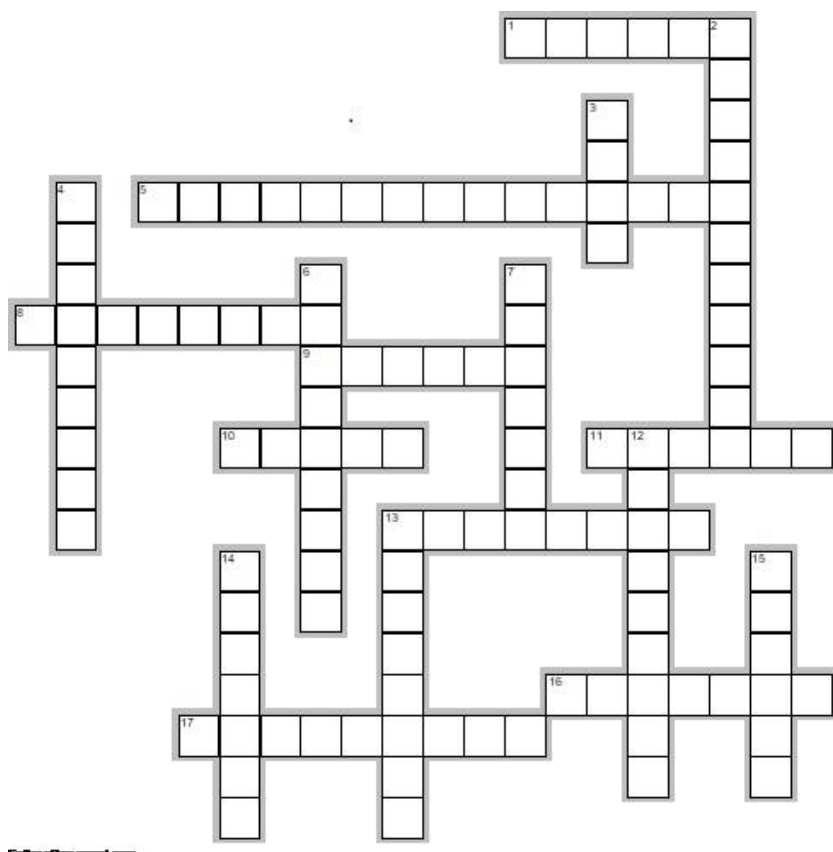


Themed Crossword

Theme: 13A 11A 12D, 16A



ACROSS

1. Partner cooked holding base of spoon (6)
5. Anything is possible except travel beyond outer space? (3,4,3,5)
8. Being erudite, scanned perfectly (4-4)
9. The government ordered to bring in an advisor (6)
10. Strive to include After Dark's initials in last minute (5)
11. Wants Hydrogen to enter enlightened, society's leader (6)
13. This is when age goes up or down, by a third (8)
16. Being **<2Down>** follows Japanese mark of respect - the lightened lamp who always enlightens (7)
17. Maybe well groomed, but leaders missing — whom to follow? (4,5)

DOWN

2. Simple, an air-crash brings a plane here (4,2,5)
3. Losing time gave up, got zero in test (4)
4. Willing to roughly evict peer (9)
6. Fine naval officer penning book on latest in warfare (9)
7. Dedicated, least remote leader at the centre (7)
12. Five were part of a gig beforehand (2,7)
13. One keen on reading new work in progress rapidly (8)

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