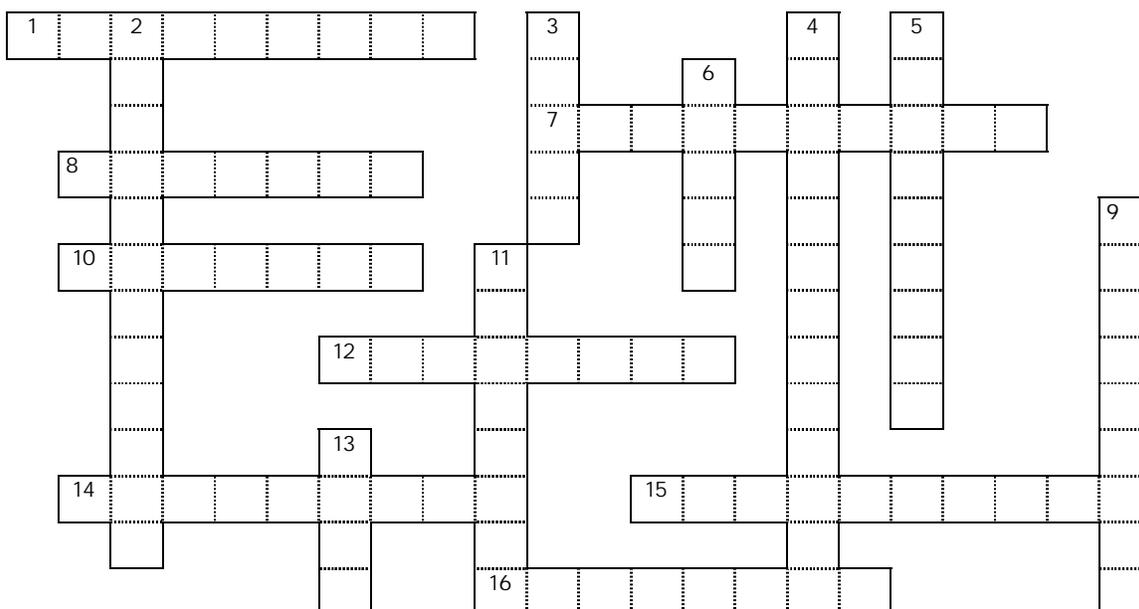


## REFERENCE CROSSWORD: FIND THE BEST ANSWER!



### **Across:**

1. Best source to use to find 8 across.
7. Read your Webster's!
8. Words that mean the same.
10. Best source for quick facts on a wide variety of subjects.
12. When using a book, this table can help determine what information is in the book.
14. A book that tells about a person's life.
15. The meaning of a word, which can be found easily in 7 across.
16. The proper order of letters in a word, also found in 7 across.

### **Down:**

2. In many volumes or in one, this tool holds the key to large quantities of information
3. Use this to find the correct page number in a book or set of books.
4. How to say a word: use 7 across to find the correct way!
5. Try the almanac to find lots of these factual numbers.
6. A collection of maps.
9. The section of the library where many of these tools are kept.
11. A word meaning opposite.
13. Found in an atlas.

## Dictionary and Thesaurus:

One of the most helpful tools for answering questions about words or language is the dictionary.

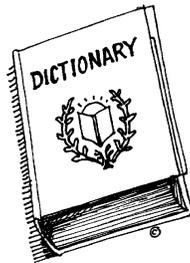
A dictionary lists words alphabetically. It gives the meaning, spelling, part of speech and pronunciation of words. It often lists multiple definitions and how many syllables a word has. Some dictionaries also give the word origin, antonyms, and may also use the word in a sentence.

The most famous dictionary is Webster's, but be careful. The name "Webster" is not copyrighted! Almost anyone can print a dictionary, and use the name Webster in the title.

A *thesaurus* is a special word dictionary. It gives synonyms and antonyms for words.

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## Other Helpful Reference Tools:

### *Atlases:*

An atlas is a collection of maps. There are atlases of the world, and atlases of specific regions. For online help, try *Infoplease*.



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### *Encyclopedias:*

An encyclopedia is a book or set of books with facts on many subjects. This tool is a good jumping off place for research, and often will direct to other helpful sources in their articles.

### *Almanacs:*

An almanac is a book that offers a wide variety of information.

*The World Almanac and Book of Facts* gives up-to-date information on many different subjects. It offers statistical information and interesting facts about government, population, awards, and sports.

One of the most famous and longest running almanacs is the *Farmer's Almanac*. It offers advice on farming, weather predictions, and anecdotes. Another famous almanac is *Poor Richard's Almanac*, written by Benjamin Franklin from 1732-1738.

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When writing a paper, it is often a nice touch to add something extra. Quotes can be valuable to show what other people have said about your topic.

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