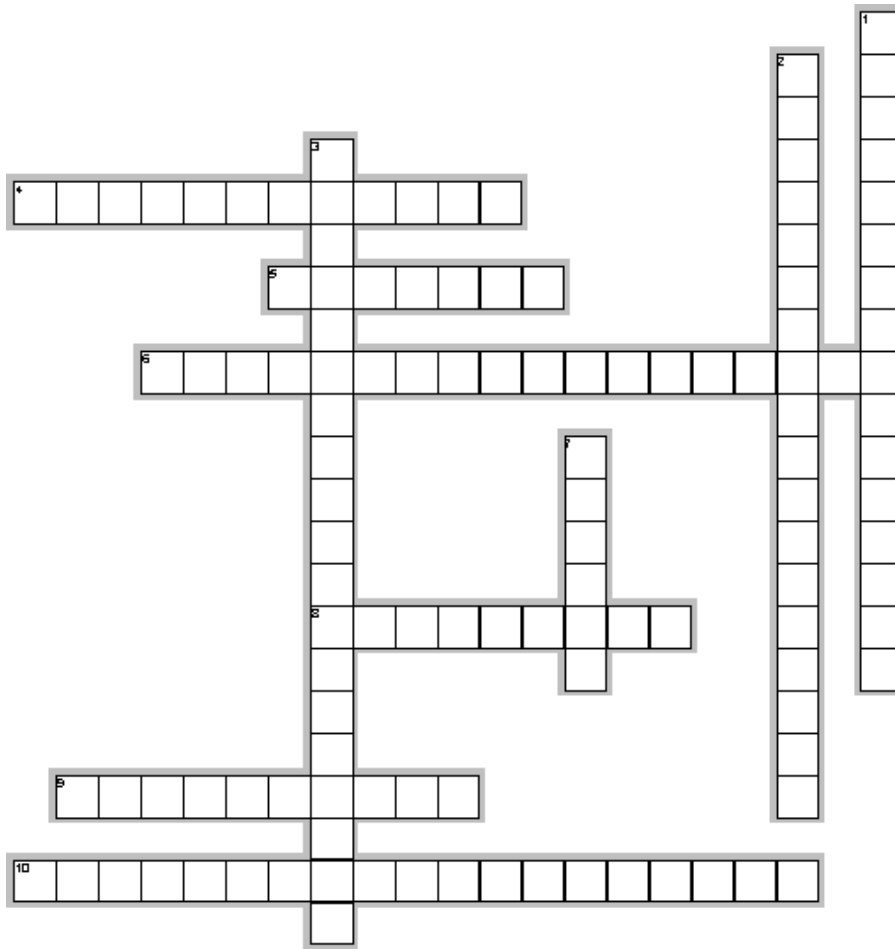


## Golenberke Biology Chapter 16 Vocabulary: Darwin's Theory of Evolution



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### **Across**

4. study of past and present distribution of organisms
5. how well an organism can survive and reproduce in its environment
6. structure that is inherited from ancestors but has lost much or all of its original function (2)
8. change over time; the process by which modern organisms have descended from ancient organisms
9. heritable characteristic that increases an organism's ability to survive and reproduce in an environment
10. structures that are similar in different species of common ancestry (2)

### **Down**

1. process by which organisms that are most suited to their environment survive and reproduce most successfully; also called survival of the fittest (2)
2. body parts that share a common function, but not structure (2)
3. selective breeding of plants and animals to promote the occurrence of desirable traits in offspring (2)
7. preserved remains of living things

### **WORD BANK**

adaptation  
analogous structure  
artificial selection  
biogeography  
evolution

fitness  
fossil  
homologous structure  
natural selection  
vestigial structure