

## Characteristics of vertebrates

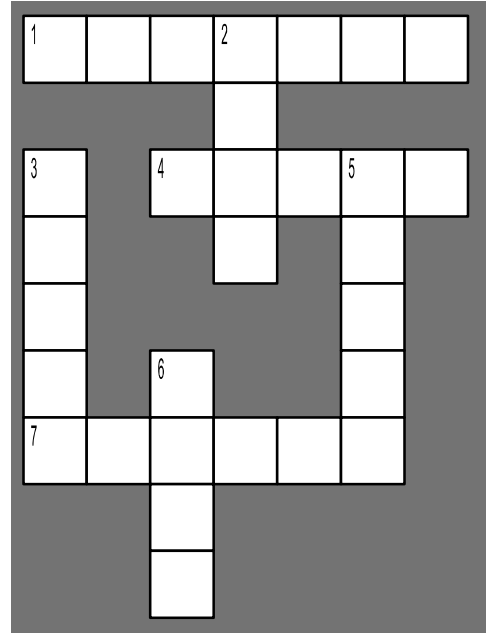
### 1. Complete the crossword puzzle.

#### Across

1. An individual unit of what covers a bird's body (7)
4. The respiratory organs on the side of a fish's body (5)
7. Small rigid plates that cover a fish's body (6)

#### Down

2. The flexible back end of many animals (4)
3. The respiratory organs inside the human body (5)
5. The arms and legs of a person or animal, the \_\_\_\_\_ wings \_\_\_\_\_ of a bird (5)
6. It grows out of the skin of humans and many animals to keep them warm (4)



### 2. Complete the questions about vertebrate animals using the words in the box.

- a) Question: \_\_\_\_\_ the internal skeleton of vertebrates made of?  
Answer: It's made of bone and cartilage.
- b) Question: \_\_\_\_\_ most vertebrates reproduce?  
Answer: They reproduce sexually.
- c) Question: \_\_\_\_\_ the five main groups of vertebrates?  
Answer: They're fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.
- d) Question: \_\_\_\_\_ a vertebrate interact with its environment?  
Answer: It interacts with its environment using complex sense organs.