

HEADS UP REAL NEWS ABOUT DRUGS AND YOUR BODY



Remember Your Brain

A crossword challenge

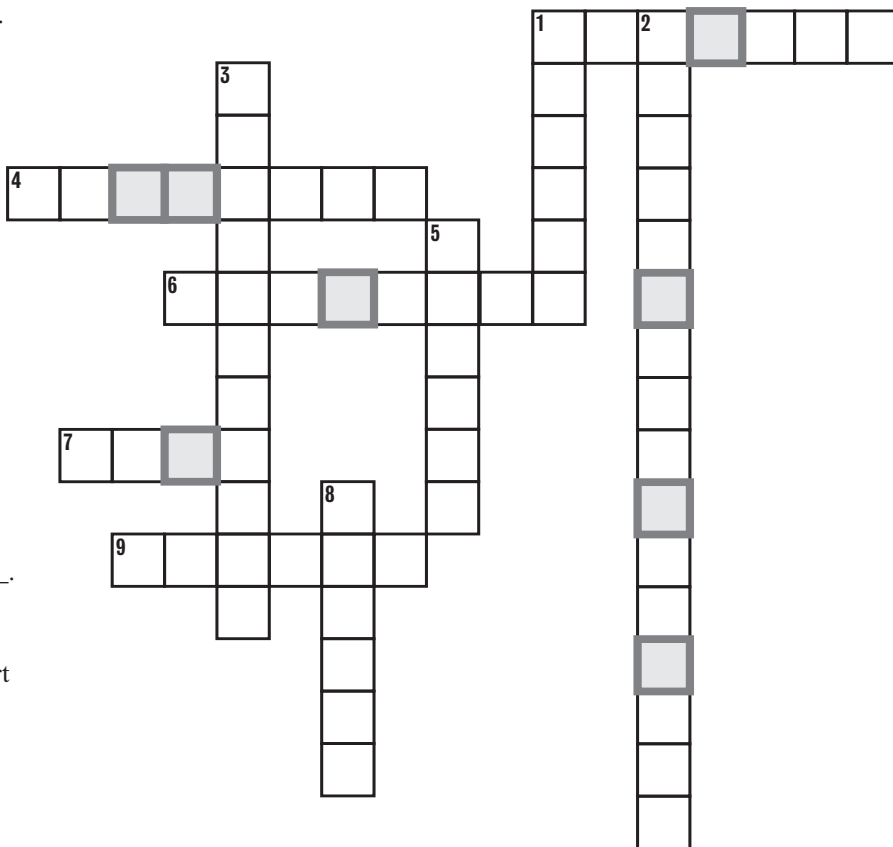
Do you remember how your brain works? Chemical messages are sent from one brain cell to another. These messages spark memories, feelings, and thoughts. Drugs of abuse change the way the brain sends and receives messages. Test *your* brain. Review the “Know Your Brain” glossary boxes on “Mixed-Up Messages” and “Drugs Change Your Brain.” Read the clues. Then fill in the words in the crossword blanks.

ACROSS

- 1 The tiny gap between two brain cells.
- 4 The receiving part of a brain cell.
- 6 The brain chemical used to send messages about feeling good.
- 7 The brain _____ is in charge of breathing and heart rate.
- 9 Another word for brain cell.

DOWN

- 1 Cocaine use can cause high blood pressure, causing blood vessels in the brain to burst, resulting in a _____.
- 2 Chemical messenger in the brain.
- 3 The part of the brain that stores short term memories.
- 5 The _____ system is in charge of pleasure.
- 8 The cerebral _____ is responsible for language and math.



BONUS

After completing the crossword, use the letters in the shaded boxes—moving from top to bottom, left to right—to fill in the blanks below.

Treat your brain right and you'll be able to do this. Your accomplishment will make the dopamine flow. You'll feel great!

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