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Step by step



VALENTINE'S DAY





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FEBRUARY



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February 14 : Valentine's Day



Although no one knows for sure the exact origin of **Valentine's Day** it is believed that it started in the Roman Empire around 270AD.

It is now celebrated in many countries across the world including: America, Canada, Mexico, Italy, United Kingdom, France, Ireland, Australia and Denmark.

VALENTINE'S

VOCABULARY



heart



ring



teddy bear



gift



balloons



card



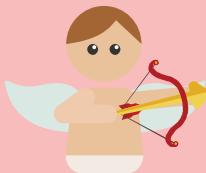
candy



cake



flowers



Cupid



chocolate

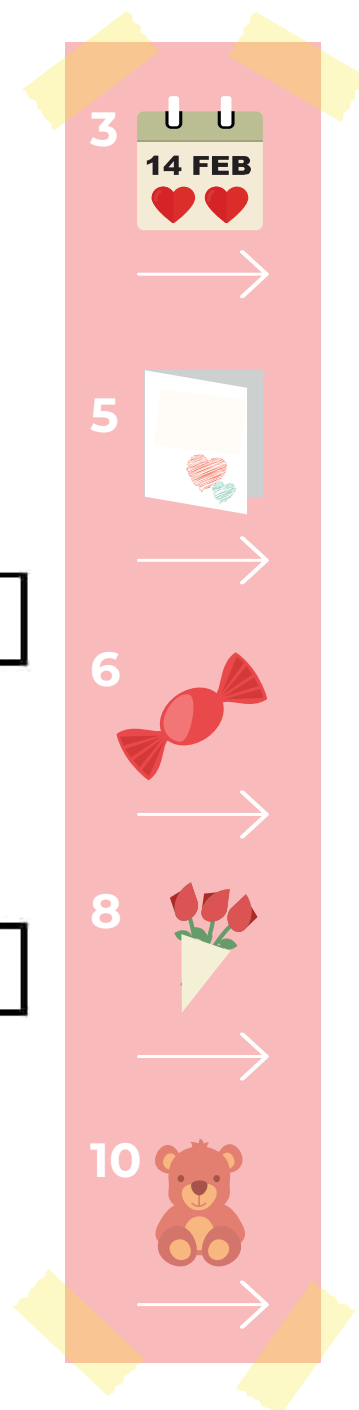
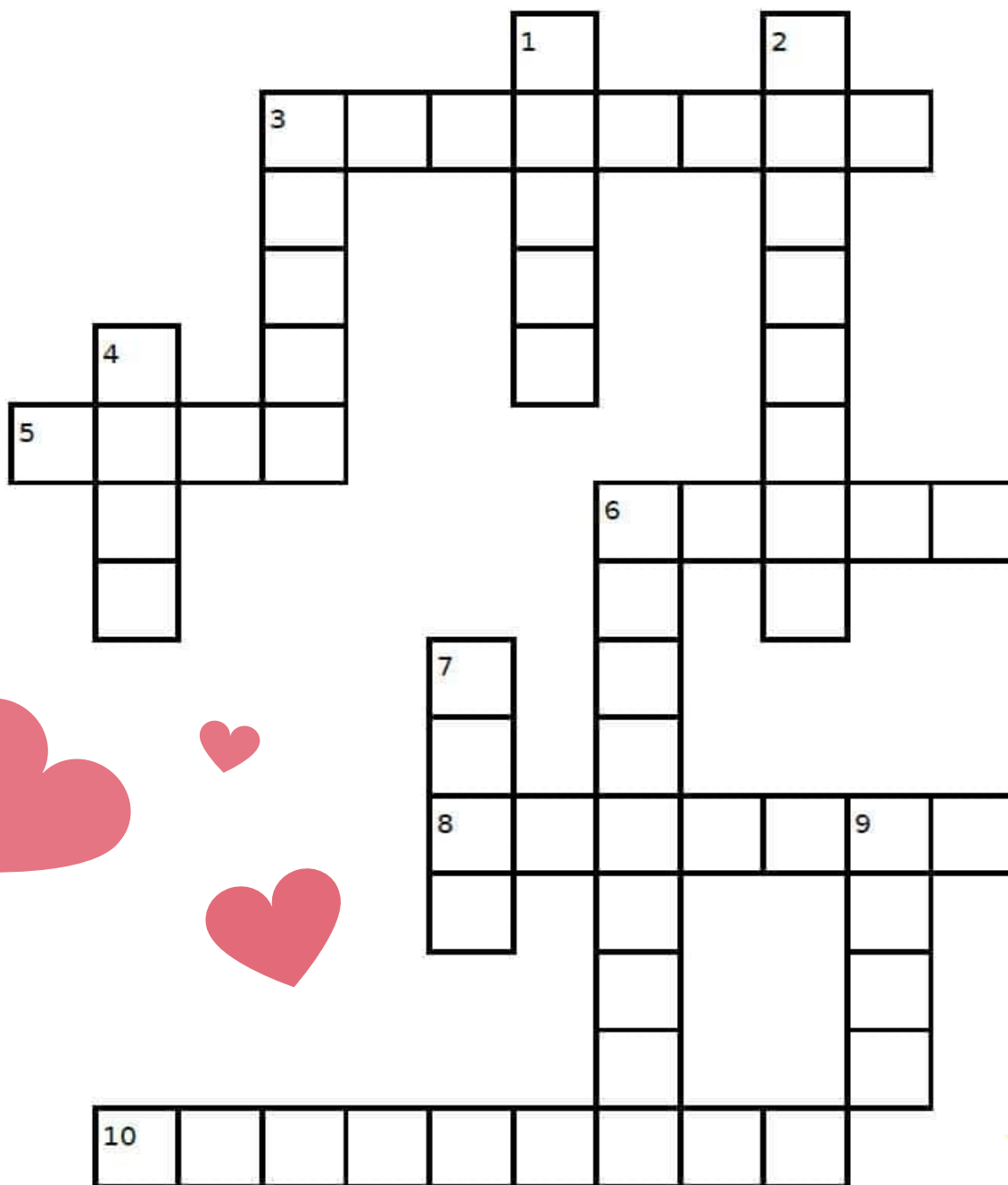


calendar





Complete the crossword



Animal of



North America



The **great frigatebird** lives off the coast of Hawaii. The male has a red gular sac which he uses to attract a female. The female bird has a white spot on her neck and blue rings around her eyes.



Seahorses are a unique animal, as it is not the female who carries babies but the male. Dozens and sometimes hundreds of eggs are carried by the male in what is called a 'brood pouch'.



Blue footed boobies dance to attract a partner. Both the male and female contribute to protecting and raising their young. Breeding pairs typically care for between one and three blue eggs at a time.



Wolves have an average life span in the wild of 6 to 8 years. When a wolf finds a partner they stay with them for life. Wolves live in a family group called a 'pack' and baby wolves are called 'pups'.



A male **kingfisher** will give a gift of fish to females to attract them. A pair of kingfishers work together to build their home called a 'burrow' along the edges of streams or rivers.

Animal profile :

American beaver



Height:

29 to 40 inches (from head to tail)

Weight:

40 to 50 pounds

Diet:

Beavers don't just build homes from trees, they also eat them. They also eat leaves, roots and bark from aspens, willows, maples and poplar trees. They can also eat aquatic plants.



Class: Mammalia

Order: Rodentia

Family: Castoridae

Genus: Castor

Species: *C. canadensis*

Beaver homes are called 'dams'. Beaver create dams to make ponds, their favorite place to live. Dams are created by weaving branches together, felling trees by cutting them down with their teeth, and waterproofing the construction with mud.



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Solution



NEXT MONTH



Ireland

Do you know much about **Ireland**? Learn about the land of saints and scholars. An English speaking country that is full of interesting traditions, people and animals.





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