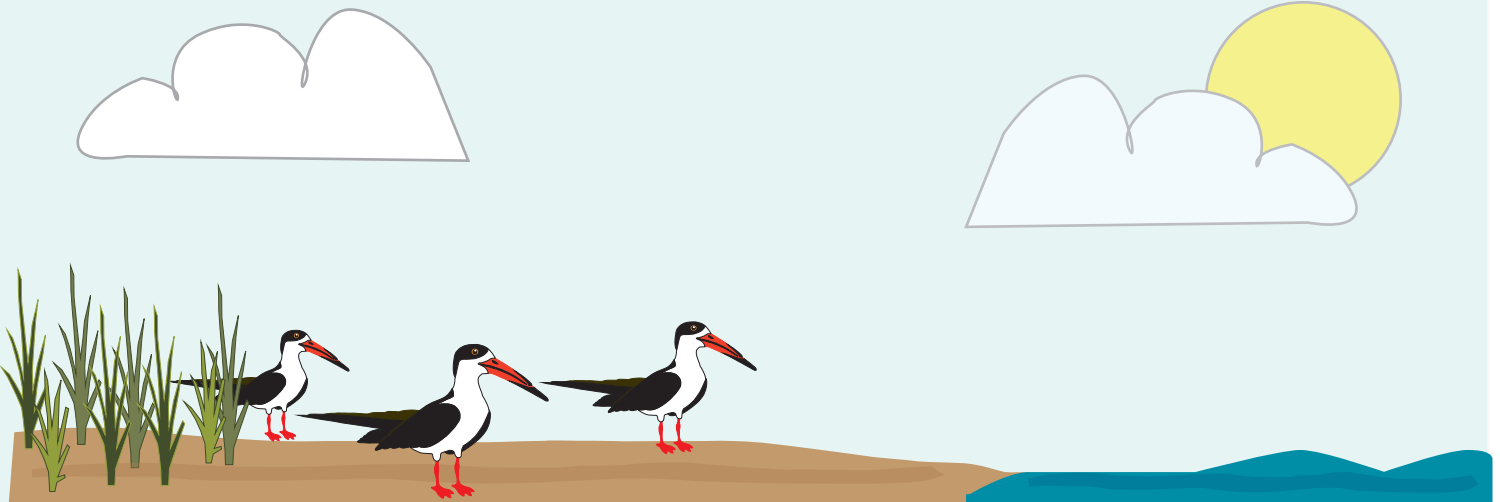


# CWPPRA Coastal Crossword Puzzle

## For 3rd - 5th grade students

Read the text below with your student.  
Use the information to complete crossword puzzle.



Louisiana is filled with wetlands! Wetlands are unique environments that are covered with shallow water all or part of the time. Their soils are like sponges that soak up water! The Mississippi River built Louisiana's wetlands! As the river naturally flooded each year, it would leave dirt and build land that developed into wetlands. At the mouth of the Mississippi River is the delta, an area where sediment is also deposited, and land is built.

In Louisiana there are a couple of different types of wetlands. Coastal Swamp Forests, also known as just swamps, are wetlands that are filled with woody plants and trees. The Bald Cypress, the state tree of Louisiana, is found throughout swamps. Wetlands that are made up of mostly grasses are called marshes. There are freshwater and saltwater marshes in Louisiana and even a mix of the two!

Wetlands are home to many unique species of plants and animals. Alligators, pelicans, black bears, magnolia flowers and irises are all unique animal and plant species found throughout our coastal wetlands.

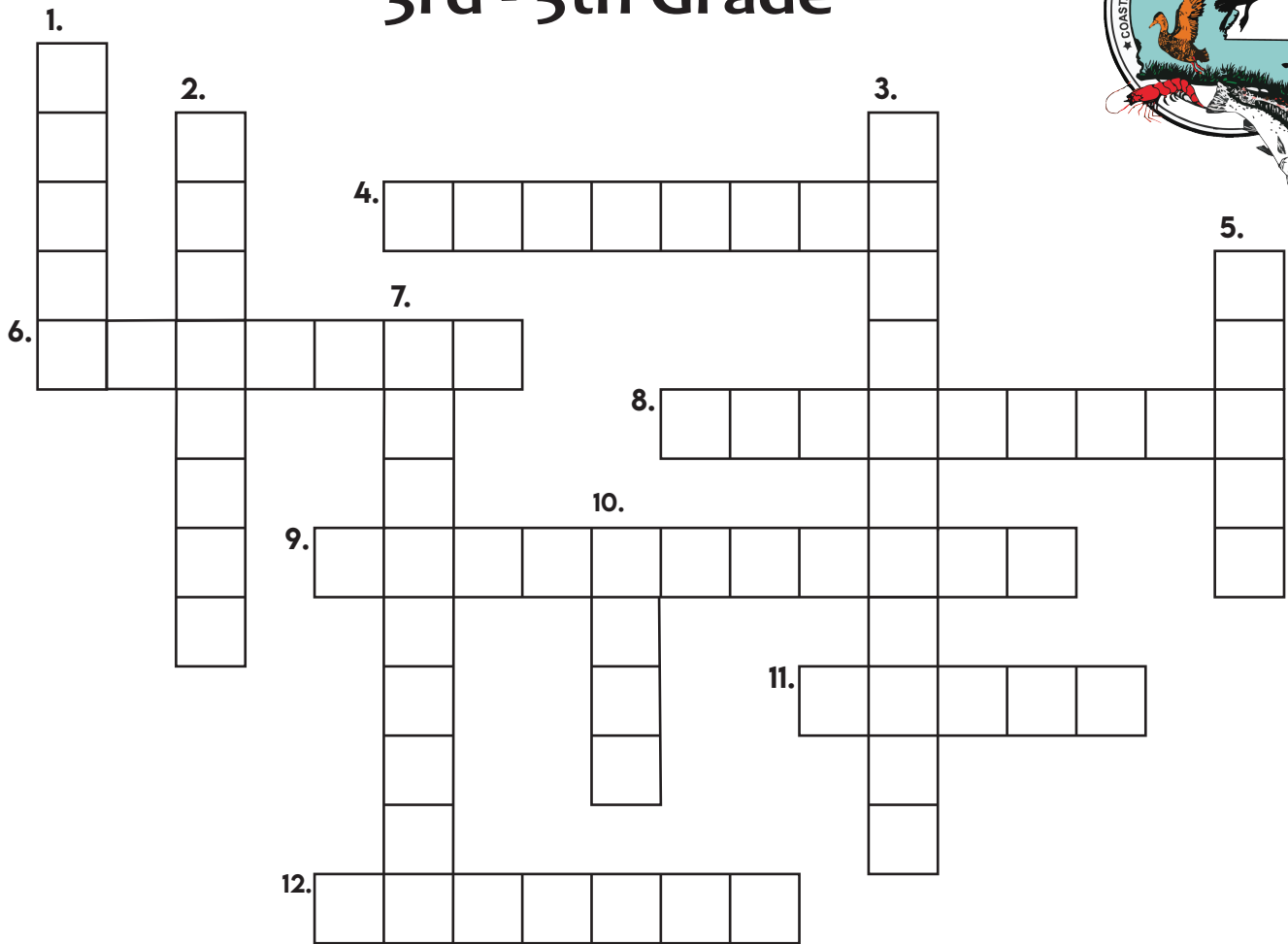
Our wetlands are threatened by erosion and coastal land loss. As we built levees for flood protection, we prevented sediment from building wetlands. Our wetlands gradual wear away due to storms, wave energy, and the digging of channels.

For more information about coastal restoration go to [LAcoast.gov](http://LAcoast.gov)!



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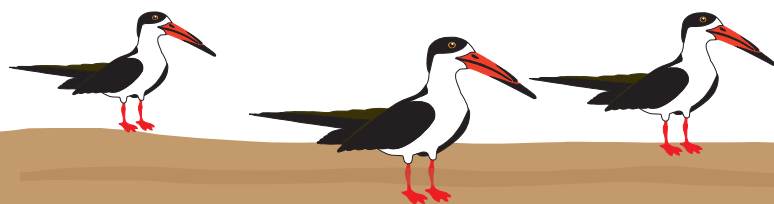


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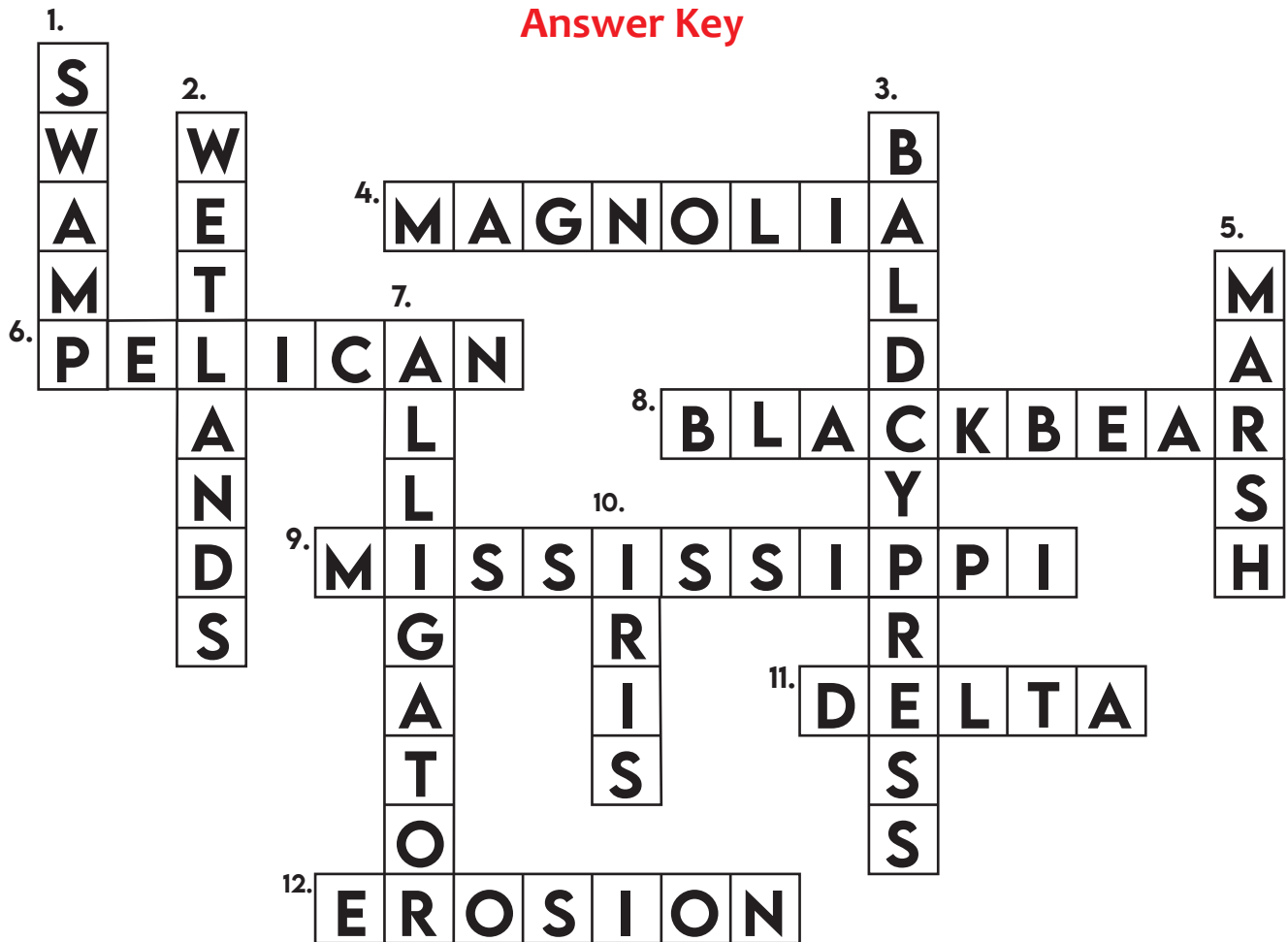
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