

Words With the Proto-Indo-European Root BL

Exercise 1

Instructions: fill in the blanks using the words from the word bank. Nouns may need to be changed into their plural forms, and verbs may need to be put into different tenses.

ball balloon bellows belly billow bladder bloated blow bolster bulb bulbous bulge deflate deflation inflate hot air balloon water balloon

1. We need to buy a cake and _____ for our son's birthday.
2. She has a very large, _____ nose that I find very attractive.
3. There is not enough air in the tire, you need to _____ it.
4. The fire is dying, get the _____ and blow air onto it.
5. Let's rent a _____, go up into the sky and look at the countryside below.
6. _____ is at ten percent a year now, and it is really reducing people's purchasing power.
7. I need to go to the toilet. My _____ is full.
8. He goes to the gym every day and now his muscles really _____.
9. Many popular sports are played using a _____, or spherical object.
10. I ate too much, now I feel _____.
11. There is too much air in the tire, you need to _____ it.
12. During the summer, kids like to throw _____ at each other.
13. It's spring and the _____ of the tulips are beginning to open.
14. A woman's _____ begins to get a lot bigger when she is pregnant.
15. Smoke _____ out of the burning house's windows.
16. If you want to have more money, you can either spend less or _____ your income.
17. Prices are going down, they are _____.

Answers are on the last page.

Answers:

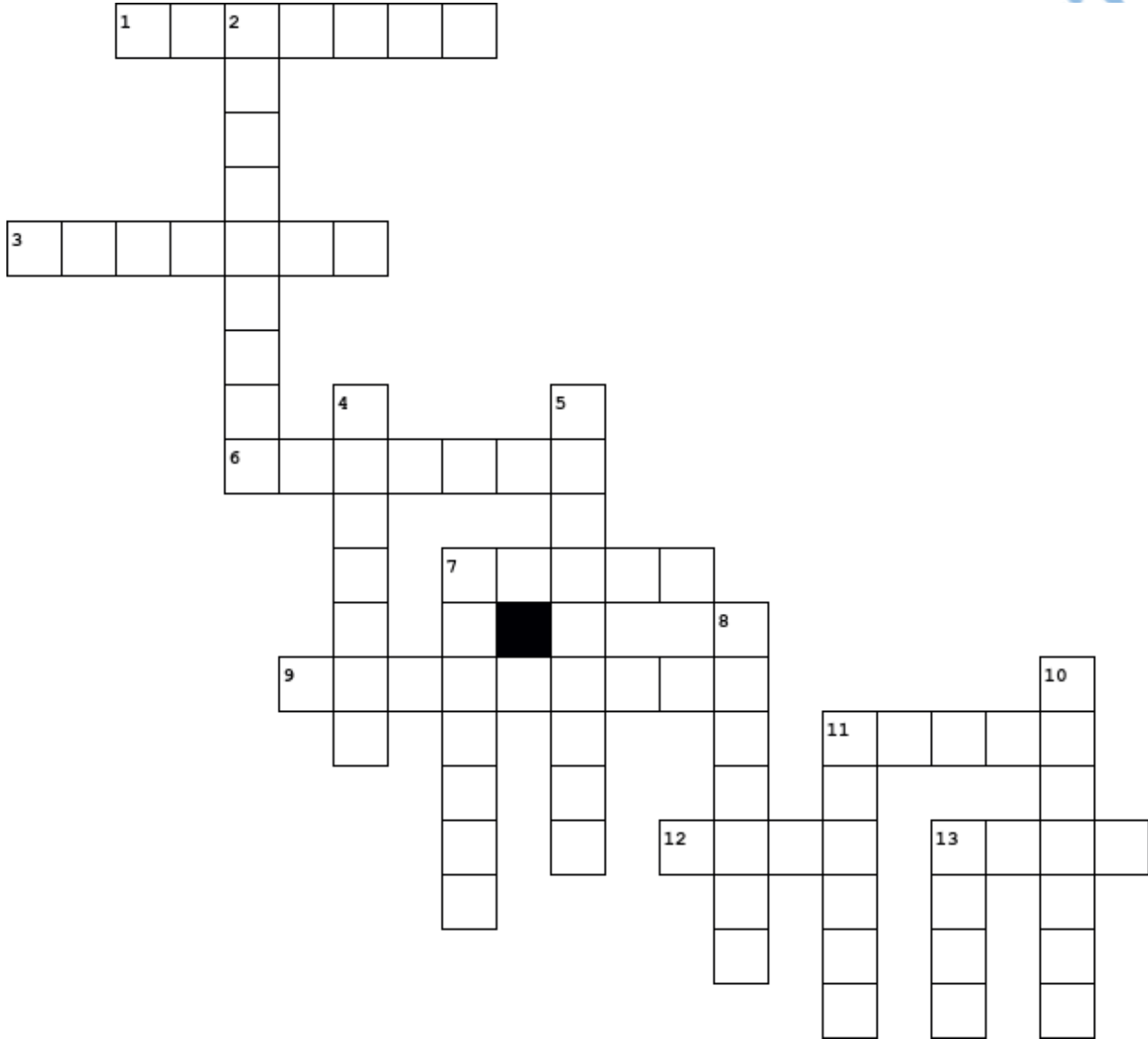
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Exercise 2

Instructions:

Complete the crossword puzzle using the clues/ questions on the following page. Try not to use the word bank from the previous exercise.

You can find the same crossword puzzle at [Words With the Proto-Indo-European Root BL - Crossword Labs](#).



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Across

1. device that blows air onto fire to make it burn hotter
3. to make something stronger or larger
6. a colorful, spherical object that is full of air
7. another word for stomach
9. the decrease in prices over time
11. to swell or rise above the surrounding area
12. a spherical object used in many sports
13. round, hard part of a plant- onions and some flowers have them

Down

2. a pear-shaped object that makes light
4. larger than its normal or healthy size
5. the increase in prices over time
7. having the shape of a bulb
8. to fill a balloon or tire with air
10. to let the air out of a balloon or tire
11. used to talk about movement of large amounts of smoke, steam or fog
13. used to talk about the movement of air

ANSWER KEY

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Exercise 2

Across: 1 bellows 3 bolster 6 balloon 7 belly 9 deflation 11 bulge 12 ball 13 bulb

Down: 2 lightbulb 4 bloated 5 inflation 7 bulbous 8 inflate 10 deflate 11 billow 13 blow