

# French words in English

## Exercise 1

Read the English pronunciations of the following words and expressions:

bon vivant: bone VEE-vahnt

déjà vu: day-zhah VOO

femme fatale: femm fahTALL

haute couture: hote cooTYOOR

ménage a trois: mayNAHZH ah TWAH

nom de plume: nome duh PLOOM

rendezvous: RAHNday-VOO

RSVP: ar-ess-vee-pee

sommelier: soam-lee-AY

## Exercise 2

Fill in the blanks using the words and expressions below.

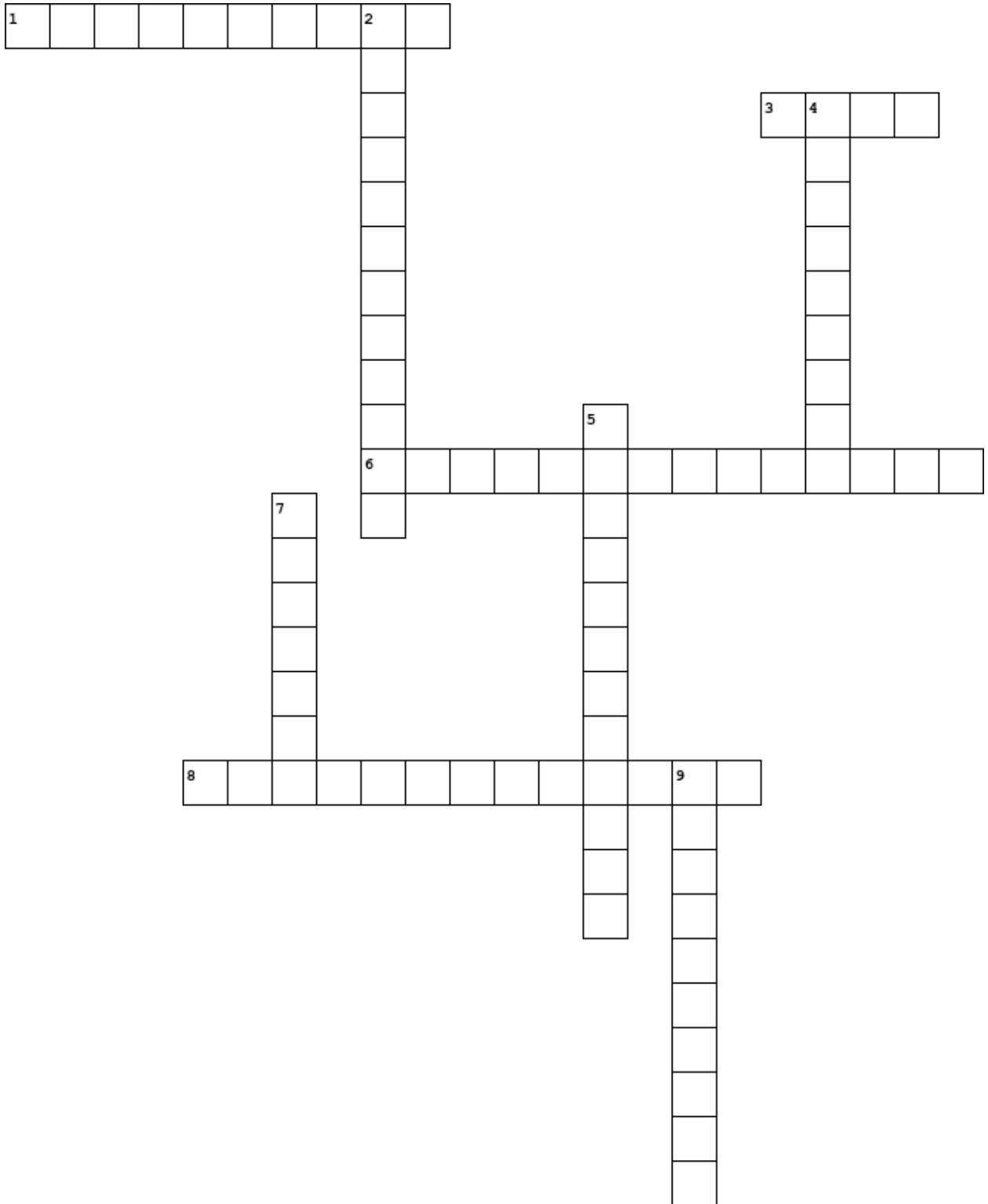
bon vivant déjà vu femme fatale haute couture ménage a trois nom de plume rendezvous  
RSVP sommelier

1. In order to work as a \_\_\_\_\_, you need to know different types of wine and how to describe them to customers; you also need to know the correct technique for pouring wine.
2. Some authors don't want their real names to be known, so they write using a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Oh, wow! I just got a \_\_\_\_\_ to an old friend's wedding./ Well, make sure to answer him!/ I will!
4. Jean-Marie loves to drink, smoke and find new lovers, he's a real \_\_\_\_\_.
5. I love high fashion and it's my ambition to work in \_\_\_\_\_.
6. A \_\_\_\_\_ seems interesting in principle, but being in a romantic relationship with three people in real life gets complicated quickly.
7. Sorry, I can't meet you tomorrow, I already have a \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Whenever I stand by this river, I get a feeling of \_\_\_\_\_, like I visited this place in many different past lives.
9. Don't go near her- she's a \_\_\_\_\_. Breaking men's hearts is her hobby.

## Exercise 3.

Fill in the crossword below. Some expressions require spaces (for example, *nom\_de\_plume*).

Answers are on the third page.



Across

Down

1. person whose main life goal is pleasure
2. pen name (false name used by writers)
3. formal invitation with request for response from recipient
4. person who serves wine in a restaurant
5. cruel, manipulative woman
6. threesome
7. feeling that you have seen something before without knowing when or where
8. extremely high-quality clothing made to fit a specific person
9. meeting planned for a particular place + time; time and place of meeting

Answers

Across: 1. Bon vivant 2. RSVP 6. Ménage a trois 8. Haute couture

Down: 2. Nom de plume 4. Sommelier 5 femme fatale 7. Déjà vu 9. Rendezvous