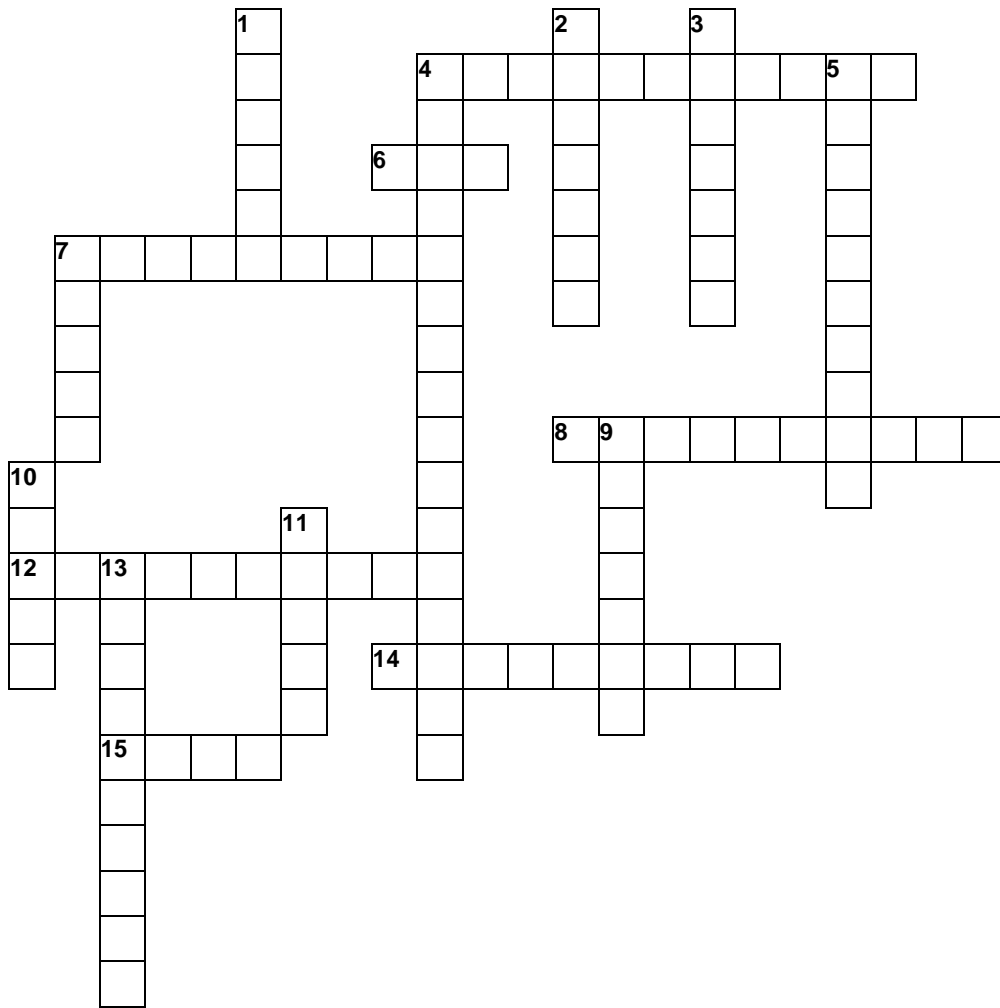


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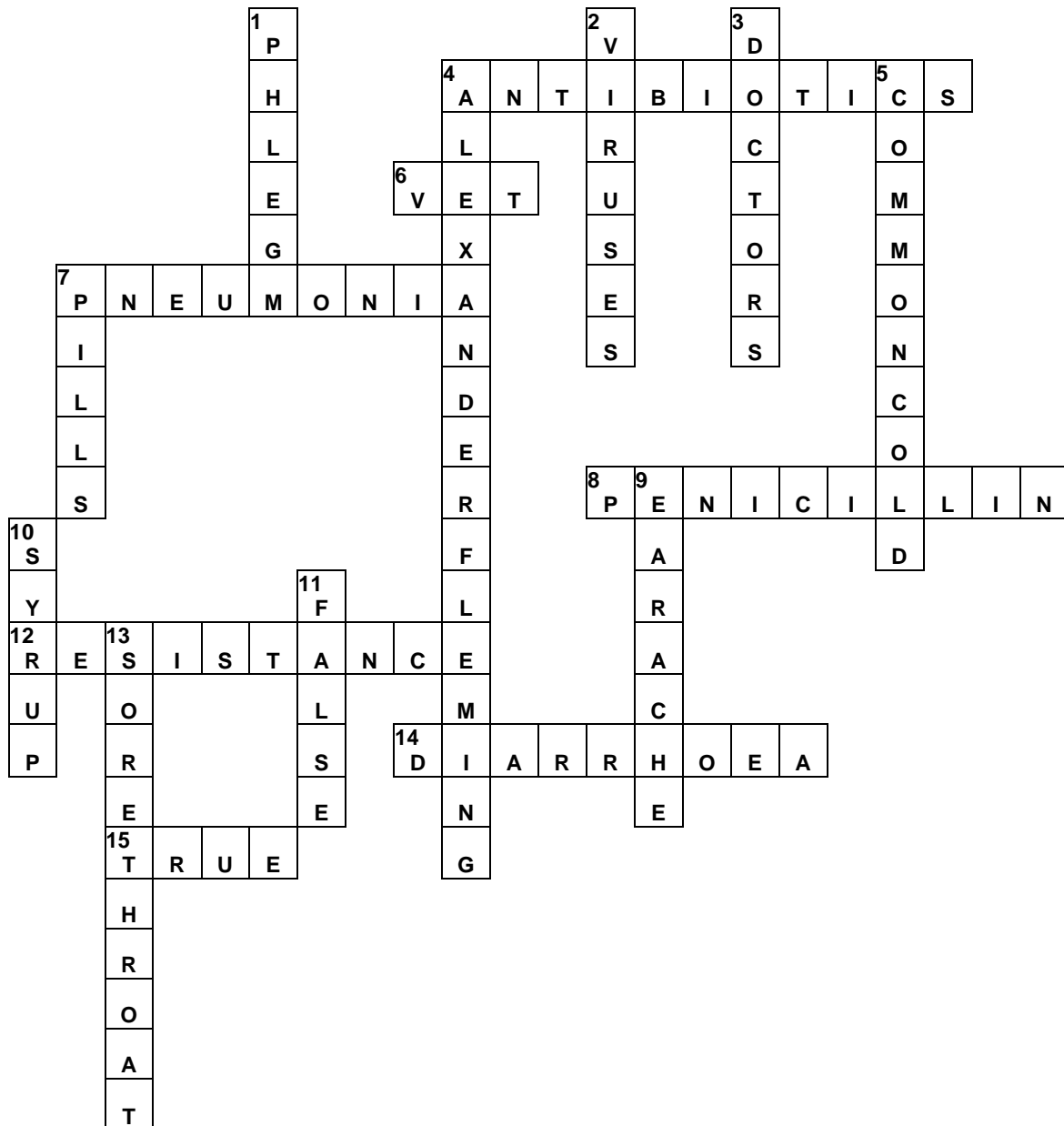
4. Urinary tract infections are often treated with this type of drug (11)
6. Someone who treats sick animals (3)
7. A common respiratory infection treated with antibiotics (9)
8. A type of antibiotic (10)
12. What does taking antibiotics when you don't need them help bacteria to develop? (10)
14. A side effect of some antibiotics (9)
15. You should always take antibiotics as directed, true or false? (4)

Answers on the back – no peeking!

Down

1. A normal symptom of the common cold (6)
2. Ear ache is normally caused by? (7)
3. Professionals who normally prescribe antibiotics for humans (7)
4. Discoverer of penicillin (9, 7)
5. Respiratory infection that doesn't need to be treated with antibiotics (6, 4)
7. The form that antibiotics are normally prescribed in for adults? (5)
9. Otitis media is the medical name for which common childhood infection? (3, 4)
10. Form of antibiotics often given to children (5)
11. If you develop phlegm at the end of a cold you should consult your GP, true or false? (5)
13. A common unpleasant condition normally caused by a virus (4, 6)

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Antibiotics are important medicines that are used to treat infections caused by bacteria. Bacteria can adapt and find ways to resist the effects of an antibiotic – becoming ‘antibiotic resistant’ – meaning that the antibiotic no longer kills the bacteria. The more often we use an antibiotic the more likely that the bacteria will become resistant to it.

Your doctor will only prescribe antibiotics when you need them, to treat infections caused by bacteria. Antibiotics may be life saving for some bacterial infections, such as meningitis. By using antibiotics in the right way, you and your doctor are helping to fight antibiotic resistance, and antibiotics are more likely to work when you do need them.

Antibiotics don’t work against infections caused by viruses, such as colds and flus. These common viral infections often get better without antibiotics. Ask your pharmacist about how you can treat your symptoms and pain using over the counter medicine.

If your doctor gives you antibiotics ensure you use them as prescribed and never save them for later or share them with others. We can only slow down the development of antibiotic resistance by using antibiotics less often and in the right way.