



# BRAIN QUEST PUZZLER



## QUESTIONS



What part of a cell controls all its activities?



"Strawberry shortcake is my favorite d-e-s-s-e-r-t or d-e-s-e-r-t?"



Estimate the sum of  $4,966 + 6,554$ .



Name Sherlock Holmes' friend and assistant.



To pay for services, what must the government collect from its citizens?



How are "northwest" and "southeast" abbreviated on a compass rose?



Which blood cells fight germs: red or white?



Find all the antonyms: "That new antiques shop buys and sells old toys."



What do mathematicians call lines that stay the same distance apart?



Is a "webisode" a stage in a frog's lifecycle or an episode of Internet television?

## ANSWERS



the nucleus



d-e-s-s-e-r-t (dessert)  
(Memory tip: "strawberry shortcake" has two s's.)



12,000 ( $5,000 + 7,000$ )



Dr. Watson



taxes



NW, SE



white (Red blood cells carry oxygen to parts of the body.)



new, old; buys, sells



parallel lines



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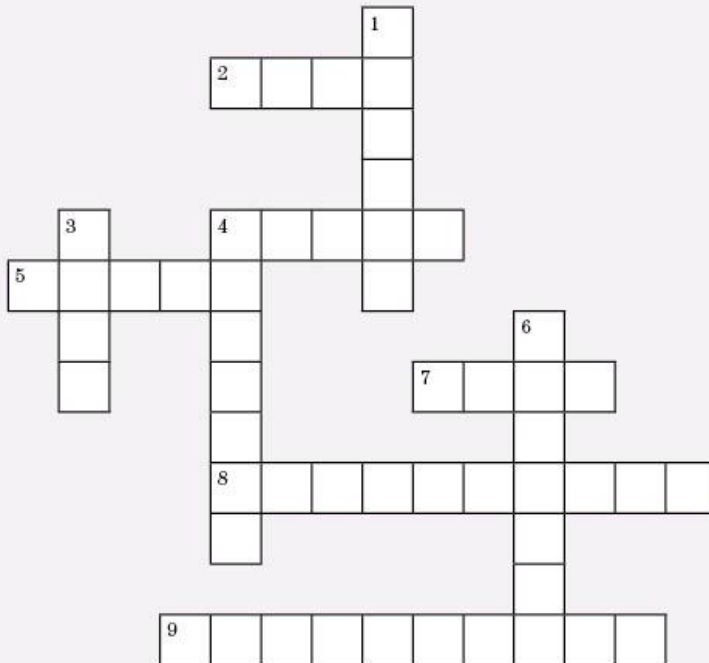


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7. The topic sentence states the \_\_\_\_\_ idea of the paragraph.
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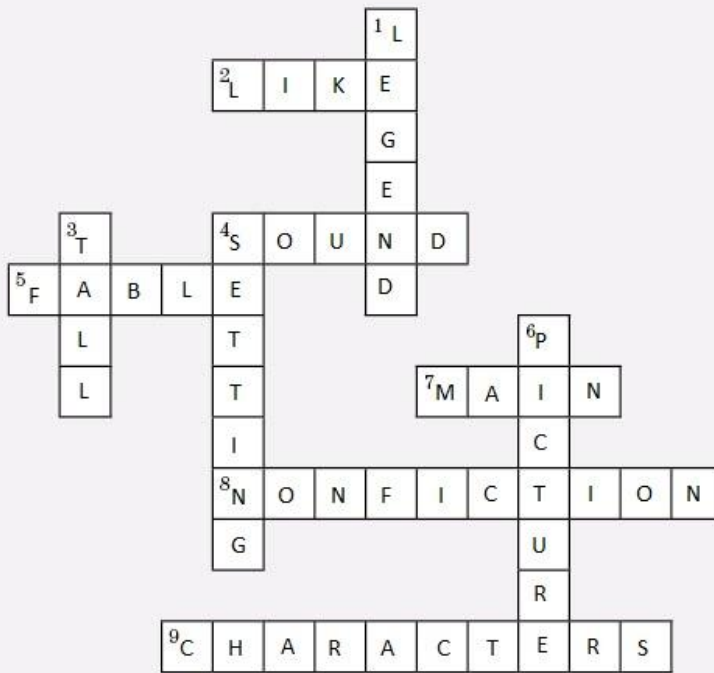


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