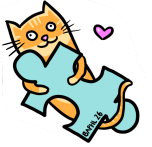
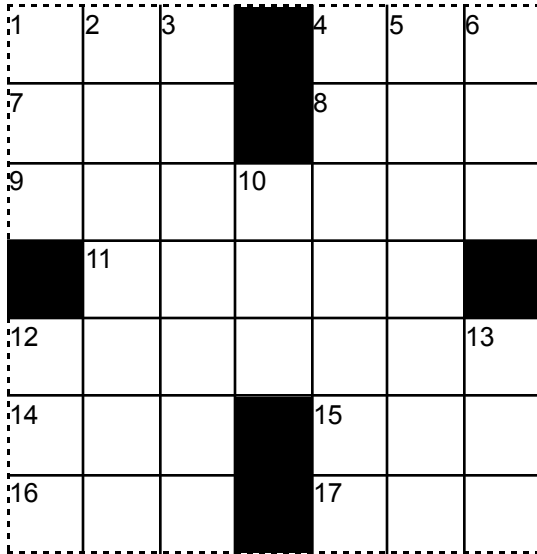




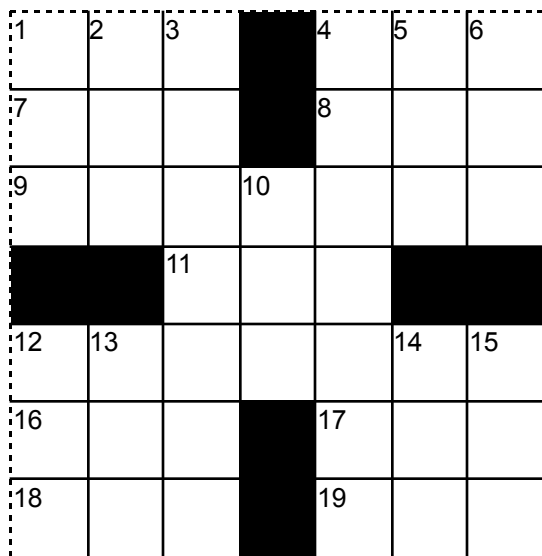
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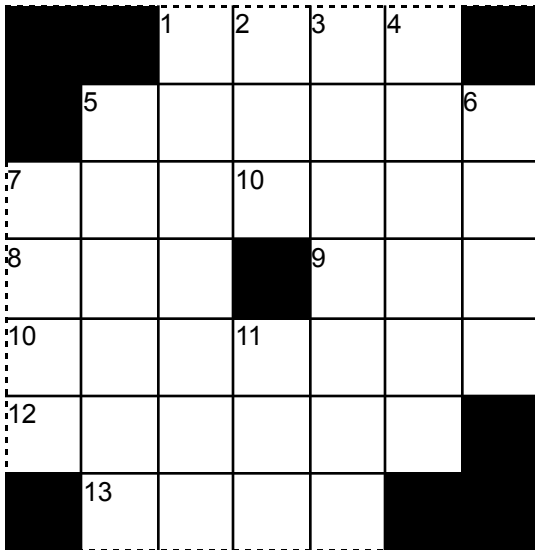
The forest felines love to climb, but it's up to you to stack the trunks—shifting the layers as needed—so that they can ascend. Using the overlapping leaves (perhaps looking through the foliage at the sunlight), what does it take to get from bottom to top?



Across	Down
1. Consumed	1. Jerk
4. High times	2. Trio in Texas Hold 'em (or a dance everyone is encouraged to do in the asdf movies)
7. Sheepish	3. They can be batted
8. Easy as ____	4. Shares online, maybe
9. Tiny start of a plant	5. General store in Stardew Valley
11. Elevator stop (<i>A ways to go!</i>)	6. It typically precedes a spike
12. Memorization tool	10. "What's up, ____?"
14. Fish eggs	12. Partner of to
15. Traffic cops, briefly?	13. Brown who wrote "The Da Vinci Code"
16. Brief follower of special or photo	
17. 1040 fig.	



Across	Down
1. Seasonal ailment	1. Opposite of friend
4. Texter's agreement	2. Fishy bagel topper
7. Alley-____	3. Tense
8. Zoo ____ Mama (Diary of a Wimpy Kid catchphrase)	4. "Meow" or [Scratch]
9. Like some stiff mattresses	5. Fermented milk drink
11. Cozy evening stop	6. Dream stage of sleep
12. Cancels out	10. It has messenger and small interfering varieties
16. "____ humbug"	12. Jazz group, for short?
17. Union statement?	13. Floppy part of a beagle
18. Museum of Bad ____ (Boston's own!)	14. College email ender
19. Character in "Sister Act"	15. "____ of a gun!"

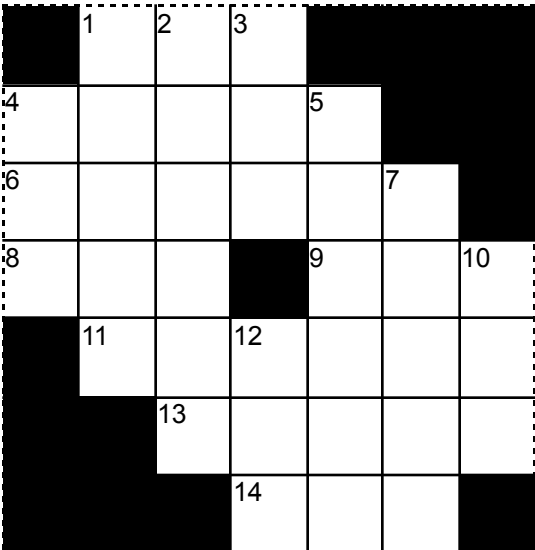


Across

- 1. Famous Astaire or Rogers
- 5. Ukrainian peninsula whose largest city is Sevastopol
- 7. Rinsed clean with water
- 8. High card
- 9. Aunt, in Acapulco
- 10. Above all else, in gaming terms
- 12. Acts like a superfan, maybe
- 13. Air pollution portmanteau

Down

- 1. One of five guaranteed by the First Amendment
- 2. Purge
- 3. Using character animations to celebrate after a Fortnite W, maybe
- 4. Stands up to
- 5. Major money makers
- 6. Distant
- 7. Shows excitement, as a dog's tail
- 11. Also

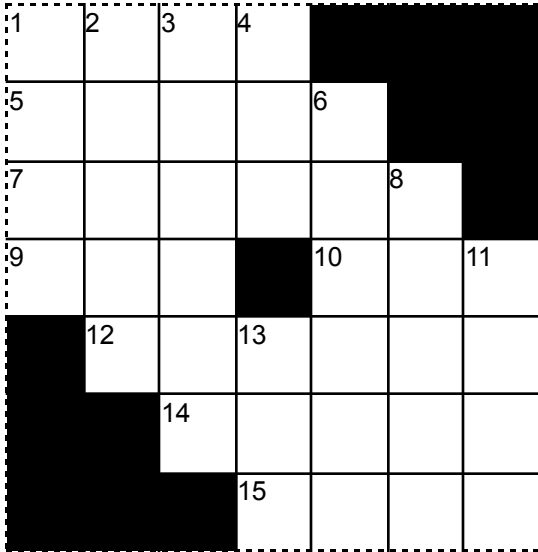


Across

- 1. Keanu Reeves's role in "The Matrix"
- 4. Groundbreaking Miami Marlins GM (first woman in any Big Four league!)
- 6. Part of an Indiana Jones or Blues Brothers outfit
- 8. Something between clans, perhaps
- 9. Traffic cops, briefly?
- 11. Begins to burn, as Adele does to the rain
- 13. Cheeky or fresh
- 14. Long-standing XW source

Down

- 1. Physics Nobel Laureate Bohr
- 2. Punctuation overused by LLMs (that I will still use anyway—sue me)
- 3. Musician Yoko
- 4. Fast food chain selling "finger-lickin' good" buckets
- 5. Like meadows or some knolls
- 7. Near the start
- 10. Tina of "30 Rock"
- 12. Light brown

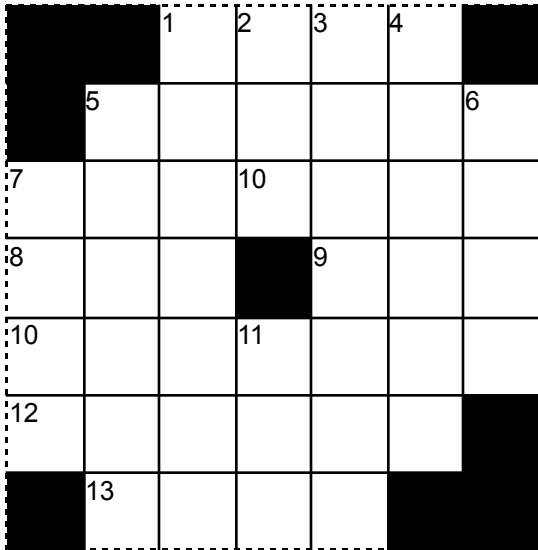


Across

- 1. Haves and have ____
- 5. Portrayer of Andy in "The Office"
- 7. Squid Game or Queen of Tears, for example
- 9. Chant heard at a fútbol game
- 10. No ____, ands, or buts
- 12. You can't do it in a crowded building
- 14. Frightening note at the top of an assignment
- 15. Texter's note of appreciation

Down

- 1. Japanese word for cat
- 2. Abnormally
- 3. Long-range shots in basketball
- 4. 1965 Alabama civil rights march location
- 6. :)
- 8. Endorses or empowers
- 11. Appear
- 13. "____ It Be"



Across

- 1. Friends
- 5. It can throw shade (Check out the view!)
- 7. Harambe, e.g., (never forget)
- 8. Lawyers' grp.
- 9. "Iron Man" Ripken of baseball
- 10. Olivia Rodrigo, to BTS and Nirvana, for example
- 12. Earmarks
- 13. "____ of the D'Ubervilles"

Down

- 1. "The Good Samaritan" or "The Prodigal Son"
- 2. Alex and ____ (jewelry company)
- 3. Memes with text over feline pictures, such as "I can has cheezburger?"
- 4. Food fight sounds
- 5. Metal used in blue pigments
- 6. Harvard's rival
- 7. Met's ball?
- 11. St. ____ Fire

