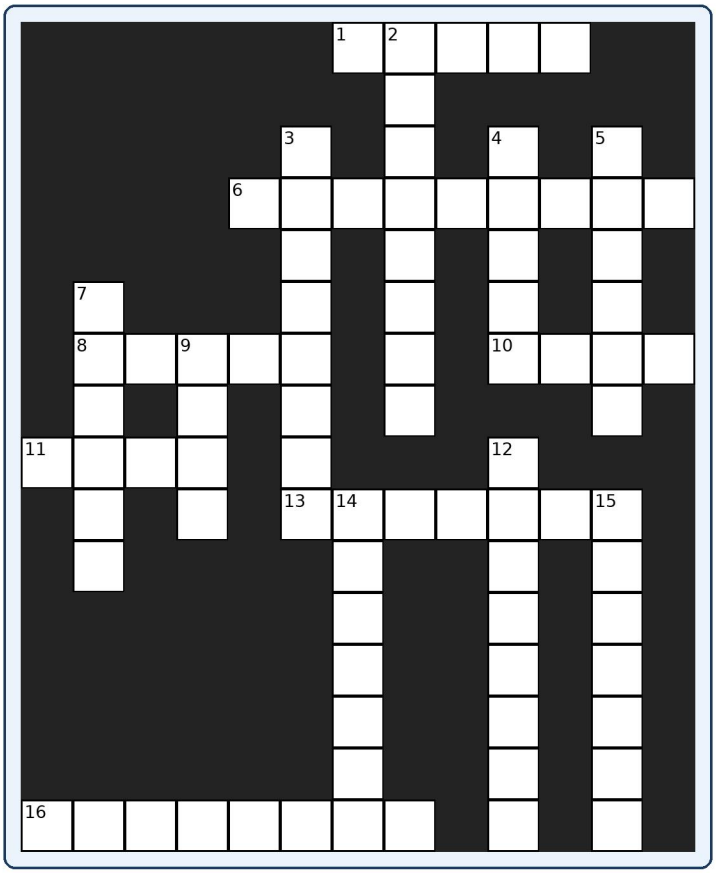



# Spring Rain

Adult Crossword • Spring Rain • Medium



## Across

1. The month known for its showers (5)
6. They tap on the window during a spring shower (9)
8. Woolly babies frisking in the spring pasture (5)
10. A robin builds one in the spring branches (4)
11. Tight little beginnings of leaves and flowers on the branches (4)
13. Tiny new shoots pushing up through the soil (7)
16. When the whole sky is gray with cloud (8)

## Down

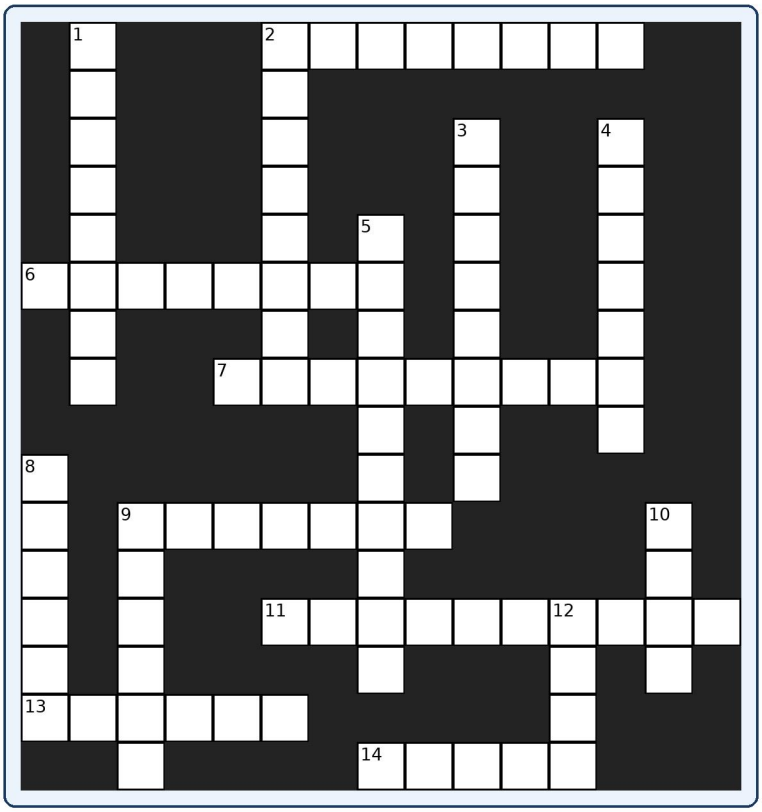
2. Putting seeds in the ground for the garden (8)
3. Rubber boots worn for wet spring days (8)
4. The fresh color of new spring grass (5)
5. What a boot does stepping in a puddle (6)
7. Gray sky-cover that brings the rain (6)
9. Fine, light rain that hangs in the air (4)
12. A fluffy baby duck following its mother (8)
14. Shallow pools left on the lane after rain (7)
15. Passing spring rains that come and go (7)

Answer key: Across — 1 APRIL, 6 RAINDROPS, 8 LAMBS, 10 NEST, 11 BUDS, 13 SPROUTS, 16 OVERCAST
Down — 2 PLANTING, 3 GALOSHES, 4 GREEN, 5 SPLASH, 7 CLOUDS, 9 MIST, 12 DUCKLING, 14 PUDDLES, 15 SHOWERS




# The Playground

Adult Crossword • The Playground • Medium



## Across

2. Frame that holds the swings side by side (8)

6. Big red ball game, like baseball with your feet (8)

7. Little pretend home with a roof, sized for kids (9)

9. Shallow box of sand for digging and castles (7)

11. Overhead ladder you cross hand over hand (10)

13. Riding board that needs a partner your own size (6)

14. Round targets for shooting baskets (5)

## Down

1. Going up the bars, the wall or the rope (8)

2. Bigger, gentler cousin of baseball (8)

3. Skipping game counted out in rhymes (8)

4. One who scrambles up the gym bars (7)

5. The whole fun-filled place this puzzle is about (10)

8. They go back and forth, higher and higher (6)

9. Kick-the-ball game played on the grass field (6)

10. Old black ring hanging from the big tree (4)

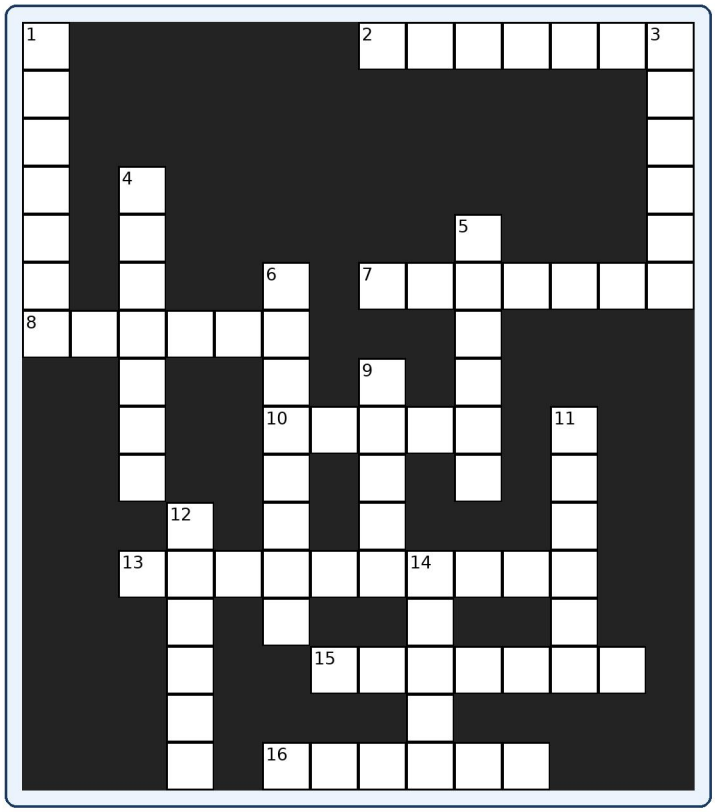
12. What little gymnasts hang upside down from (4)

Answer key: Across — 2 SWINGSET, 6 KICKBALL, 7 PLAYHOUSE, 9 SANDBOX, 11 MONKEYBARS, 13 SEESAW, 14 HOOPS
Down — 1 CLIMBING, 2 SOFTBALL, 3 JUMPROPE, 4 CLIMBER, 5 PLAYGROUND, 8 SWINGS, 9 SOCCER, 10 TIRE, 12 BARS




# At the Races

Adult Crossword • At the Races • Medium



## Across

2. Eighth-of-a-mile stretch of the track (7)
7. Where the jockey's boot rests (7)
8. Seat strapped on for the rider (6)
10. Straps the rider holds to guide the horse (5)
13. Covered seats where the crowd watches (10)
15. Rows of stalls where the racers live (7)
16. Rider in bright silks on race day (6)

## Down

1. Straps and fittings worn by a trotter (7)
3. Fastest gait of a running horse (6)
4. Where the horses are saddled before the race (7)
5. The line every rider strains to cross first (6)
6. One-year-old horse, not yet racing (8)
9. Bright shirt and cap that mark the owner's stable (5)
11. Headgear with the bit and reins (6)
12. Shiny cup handed to the winning owner (6)
14. Oval where the races are run (5)

Answer key: Across — 2 FURLONG, 7 STIRRUP, 8 SADDLE, 10 REINS, 13 GRANDSTAND, 15 STABLES, 16 JOCKEY
Down — 1 HARNESS, 3 GALLOP, 4 PADDOCK, 5 FINISH, 6 YEARLING, 9 SILKS, 11 BRIDLE, 12 TROPHY, 14 TRACK