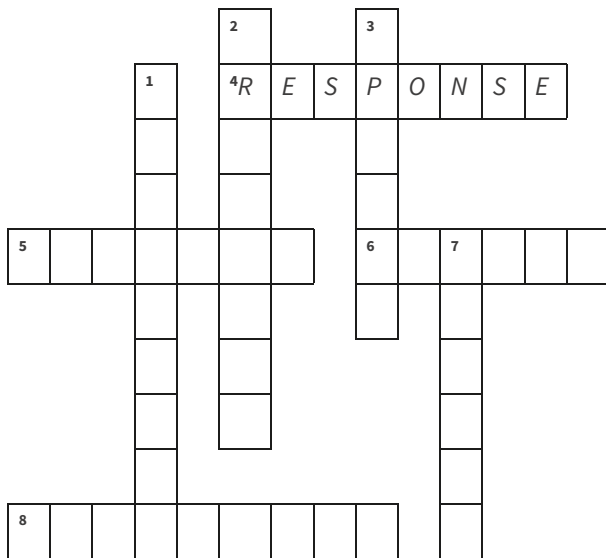


### 1 Use the clues to complete the crossword.



#### Across

- 4 a reaction to something that has been said or done
- 5 a brief remark
- 6 the possibility that something bad will happen
- 8 when you say that something or someone is bad

#### Down

- 1 something that someone says or writes officially
- 2 a suggestion for a plan
- 3 new information
- 7 a fact that lots of people talk about that may or may not be true

### 2 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

confession    confirmation    hints  
 predictions    rumours    ~~statement~~    update

Early this year, Frank Towers made a <sup>1</sup> statement that he would retire after this year's Wimbledon tennis championship. This provided the <sup>2</sup> ..... that the press had been looking for. He has been suffering from fitness problems recently and there were <sup>3</sup> ..... of retirement, with people making <sup>4</sup> ..... that he would stop at the end of last year. However, his emotional <sup>5</sup> ..... that the pain was too much was sad to watch. Now, however, the tennis player has had a successful operation and in a recent news <sup>6</sup> ..... he has made <sup>7</sup> ..... that his competing days might not be over.

### 3 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences. Write the reporting verb in the correct tense.

- 1 confirm / the first match / on Saturday / The / is / coach / that

*The coach confirmed that the first match is on Saturday.*

- 2 didn't remember / medicine / she / that / any / claim / taking / She

- 3 on the team / beg / let them / me / to / They / play

- 4 football / after school / to go / Mum / me / remind / to / training

- 5 top / afternoon / players / this / They reveal / ten / the

- 6 sports / My parents / enjoyed / me / always / encourage / to try / the / I

### 4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

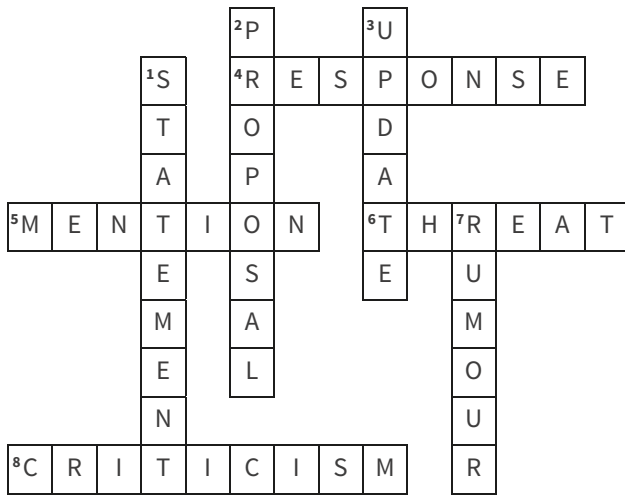
admit    ~~argue~~    declare  
 emphasise    propose    tell

- 1 We argued about the throwing technique and I still don't agree with him.
- 2 The teacher ..... me to come to the classroom at four o'clock.
- 3 The coach ..... the truth – that she hadn't watched the whole of my final match.
- 4 After 12 rounds of boxing, there was no clear winner so the referee ..... a draw.
- 5 The trainer ..... that Kate try skating with a different partner.
- 6 The teacher ..... the importance of stretching before and after exercise.

### 5 Choose the correct options.

- A: So, how did training go today?
- B: It was good. My coach finally <sup>1</sup> declared / *proposed* / *revealed* that my backhand has improved and I hit <sup>2</sup> *a record* / *an unlimited* / *a minimum* number of winning shots in the final game and beat him. He actually <sup>3</sup> *argued* / *encouraged* / *reminded* me to apply for the national competition.
- A: Wonderful! My <sup>4</sup> *criticism* / *prediction* / *mention* was right, you just needed to practise more.
- B: I know, I know.
- A: Did you just <sup>5</sup> *beg* / *reveal* / *admit* that I was right?
- B: Maybe! Anyway, my coach <sup>6</sup> *emphasised* / *begged* / *proposed* that I need to train six days a week.
- A: Well, that will increase your <sup>7</sup> *treatment* / *fitness* / *weakness*!
- B: I hope so. I'm feeling quite <sup>8</sup> *insensitive* / *mean* / *optimistic* anyway.

### 1



### 2

- 2 confirmation
- 3 rumours
- 4 predictions
- 5 confession
- 6 update
- 7 hints

### 3

- 2 She claimed that she didn't remember taking any medicine.
- 3 They begged me to let them play on the team.
- 4 Mum reminded me to go to football training after school.
- 5 They revealed the top ten players this afternoon.
- 6 My parents always encouraged me to try the sports I enjoyed.

### 4

- 2 told
- 3 admitted
- 4 declared
- 5 proposed
- 6 emphasised

### 5

- 2 a record
- 3 encouraged
- 4 prediction
- 5 admit
- 6 emphasized
- 7 fitness
- 8 optimistic