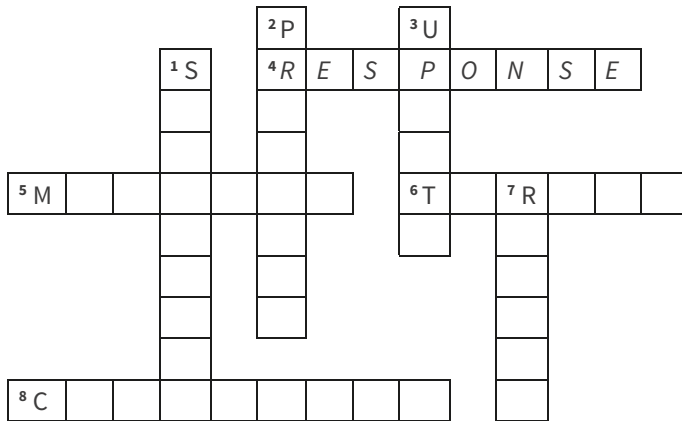


1 Use the clues to complete the crossword. You have the first letter.



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 Choose the correct options.

Early this year, Frank Towers made a ¹*(statement)*/ *criticism* that he would retire after this year's Wimbledon tennis championship. This provided the ²*mention* / *confirmation* that the press had been looking for. He has been suffering from fitness problems recently and there were ³*responses* / *rumours* of retirement, with people making ⁴*predictions* / *threats* that he would stop at the end of last year. However, his emotional ⁵*hint* / *confession* 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 ⁶*update* / *response* he has made ⁷*hints* / *criticisms* that his competing days might not be over.

3 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

- 1 confirmed / 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 / claimed / taking / She
- 3 on the team / begged / let them / me / to / They / play

- 4 football / after school / to go / Mum / me / reminded / to / training
- 5 top / afternoon / players / this / They revealed / ten / the
- 6 sports / My parents / enjoyed / me / always / encouraged / to try / the / I

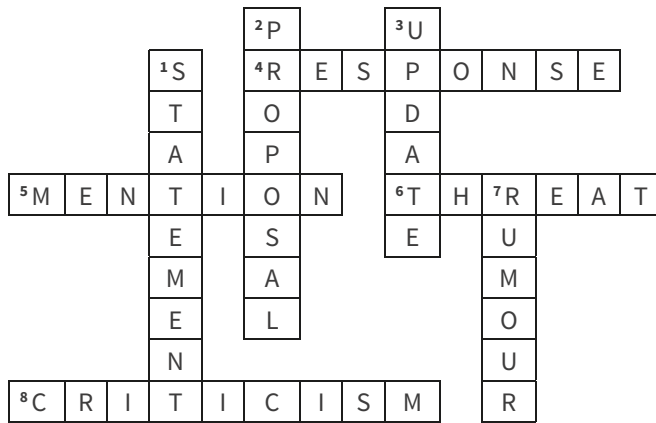
4 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- 1 We *declared* / *(argued)* about the throwing technique and I still don't agree with him.
- 2 The teacher *admitted* / *told* me to come to the classroom at four o'clock.
- 3 The coach *reminded* / *admitted* 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 *declared* / *encouraged* a draw.
- 5 The trainer *declared* / *proposed* that Kate try skating with a different partner.
- 6 The teacher *emphasised* / *proposed* 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 ¹*(declared)* / *proposed* that my backhand has improved and I hit ²*a record* / *a minimum* number of winning shots in the final game and beat him. He actually ³*argued* / *encouraged* me to apply for the national competition.
- A: Wonderful! My ⁴*criticism* / *prediction* was right, you just needed to practise more.
- B: I know, I know.
- A: Did you just ⁵*admit* / *reveal* that I was right?
- B: Maybe! Anyway, my coach ⁶*emphasised* / *begged* that I need to train six days a week.
- A: Well, that will increase your ⁷*treatment* / *fitness*!
- B: I hope so. I'm feeling quite ⁸*insensitive* / *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 argued
- 3 told
- 4 admitted
- 5 declared
- 6 confirmed
- 7 proposed
- 8 emphasised

5

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