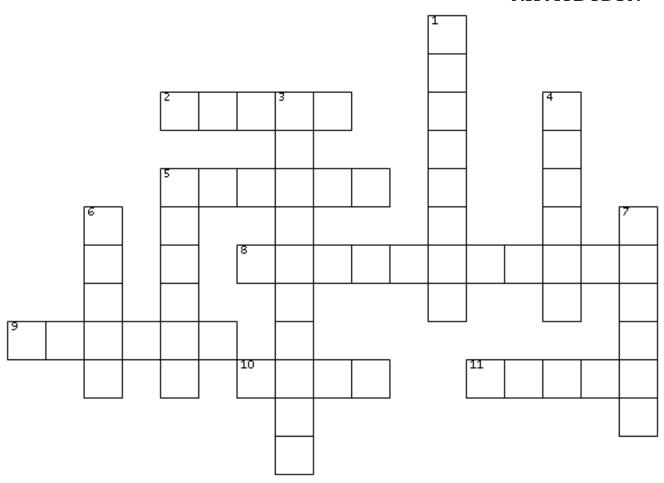
Pollination Puzzle





ACROSS

- **2.** the modified leaves of a flower, often colorful. (Clue: what we pluck from a flower when saying "they love me; they love me not")
- **5.** the sticky part of a flower's pistil that receives pollen before transporting it to the ovule via the style.
- **8.** the transfer of pollen from the stamen (male) to the stigma (female). (Clue: this is the topic of this program!)
- **9.** a powdery substance containing reproductive cells produced by the stamen of a flower, without which, angiosperms could not reproduce. (Clue: when anemophilous plants (wind pollinated) release this, many of us often experience itchy throats, runny noses and weepy eyes).
- **10.** a plant structure that contains the embryonic cells of a plant and its initial food supply within a protective outer layer. (Clue: acorns and corn kernels are examples of these.)
- 11. located at the base of the stigma, this contains the female reproductive cell of a plant which later develops into a seed after fertilization. (Clue: rhymes, sort of, with the word module).

DOWN

- 1. the slender stalk of a flower's stamen that supports the pollen producing anther. (Clue: the same name as the threadlike thermoplastic we use in 3D printing; it rhymes a bit with peppermint...)
- **3.** a plant that uses flowers to reproduce. (Clue: this word comes from Greek meaning "hidden seed" and has the name "Angie" in it)
- **4.** The stigma, style, and ovule all make up this single word name for the female reproductive organs of an angiosperm. (clue: it rhymes with the word thistle)
- **5.** The male reproductive organs of a flower made up of both the filament and anther. (Clue: the word "men" is found in this answer which helps us remember)
- **6.** the long, slender stalk of the pistil that connects the stigma and the ovary (Clue: this same word can refer to a person's fashion sense)
- 7. the part of a flower's stamen that contains the pollen and is located on the tips of the filaments. (Clue: change one letter and you've got the name of the bony structures atop a buck but not a doe!)

Grades 6-8

