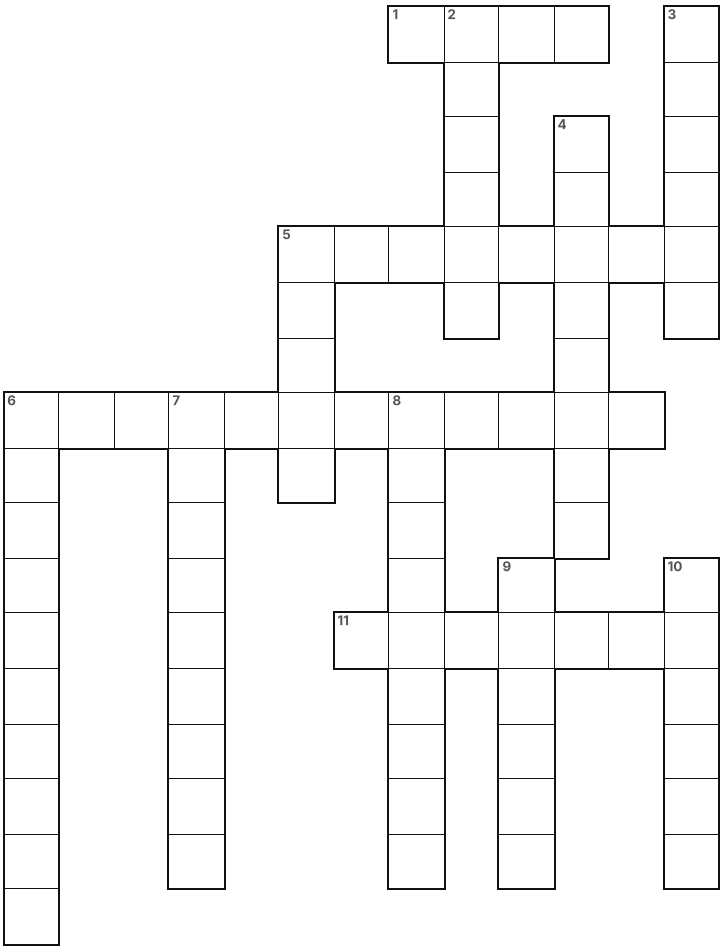
WEEKLY CROSSWORD • 13 WORDS FROM THIS WEEK

The week's crossword — 13–18 October 2026

Every answer is a word from this week's B1 lessons. The number in brackets is the length of the answer.



ACROSS

1 A legal or moral responsibility to do something (4)

5 programs and code that run on a computer or device (8)

6 When people split into opposing groups with stronger views (12)

11 a machine or part of a fridge that keeps food very cold and hard (7)

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2 to add the newest version of a program so it works and is secure (6)

3 a person who uses computers to get into systems without permission (6)

4 A website or app where people share and view content (8)

5 to make food go bad so it cannot be eaten safely (5)

6 an action taken to prevent possible harm or problems (10)

7 A strong, harmful need to keep doing something (9)

8 A set of rules a computer uses to choose or show content (9)

9 A planned change to improve a system or law (6)

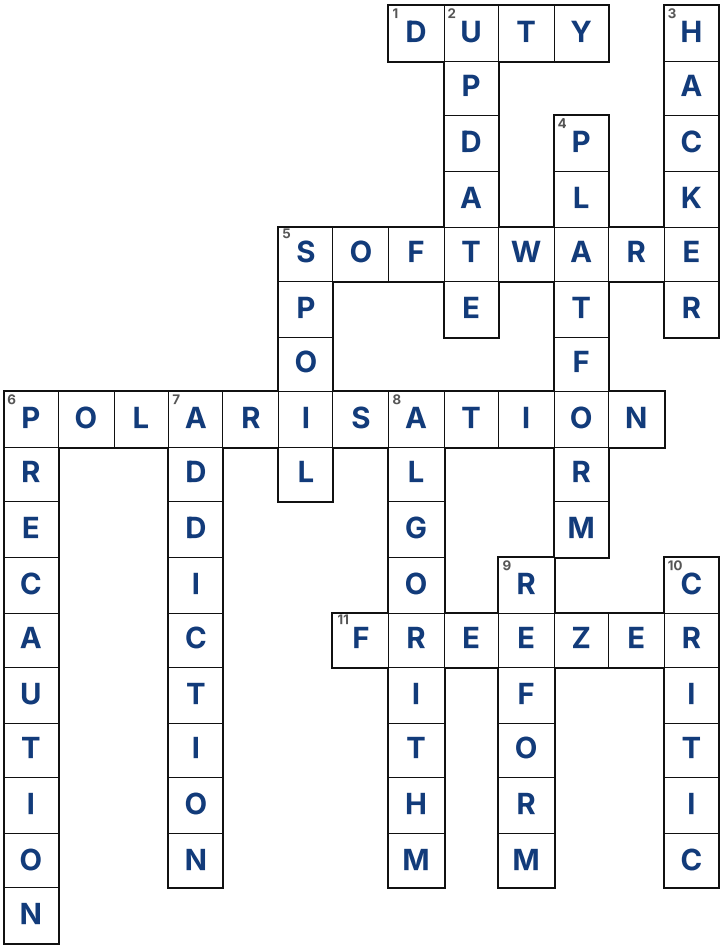
10 A person who disagrees with or speaks against something (6)

This week's lessons: Cyber attack heats French supermarket freezers · Australia plans an algorithm off switch

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ANSWER KEY

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ACROSS — ANSWERS

1 **DUTY** — A legal or moral responsibility to do something

5 **SOFTWARE** — programs and code that run on a computer or device

6 **POLARISATION** — When people split into opposing groups with stronger views

11 **FREEZER** — a machine or part of a fridge that keeps food very cold and hard

DOWN — ANSWERS

2 **UPDATE** — to add the newest version of a program so it works and is secure

3 **HACKER** — a person who uses computers to get into systems without permission

4 **PLATFORM** — A website or app where people share and view content

5 **SPOIL** — to make food go bad so it cannot be eaten safely

6 **PRECAUTION** — an action taken to prevent possible harm or problems

7 **ADDICTION** — A strong, harmful need to keep doing something

8 **ALGORITHM** — A set of rules a computer uses to choose or show content

9 **REFORM** — A planned change to improve a system or law

10 **CRITIC** — A person who disagrees with or speaks against something

Every word appeared in a lesson this week, so the crossword doubles as a check on what stayed. If a clue defeats the class, send them back to the lesson it came from rather than giving the answer.