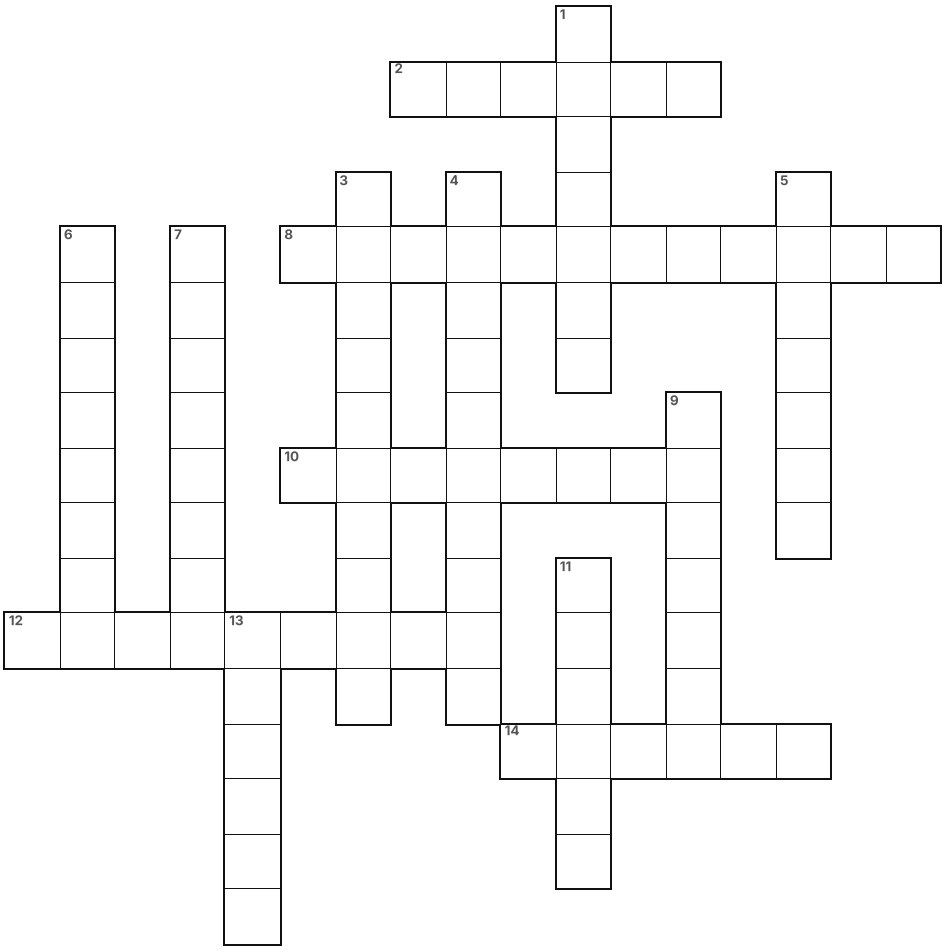
WEEKLY CROSSWORD • 14 WORDS FROM THIS WEEK

The week's crossword — 5–11 October 2026

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



ACROSS

2 to find or notice something using special equipment (6)

8 work to protect nature and wildlife (12)

10 a kind of neutron star with an extremely strong magnetic field (8)

12 a device used to make distant objects in space look closer (9)

14 anything that has mass, including unseen material in space (6)

DOWN

1 a protected area where nature is kept safe (7)

3 the total number of animals or people in one place (10)

4 a scientist who studies space, stars and galaxies (10)

5 very far away in space or time (7)

6 describing a species that enters and harms a local ecosystem (8)

7 a number that is close to the real amount, not exact (8)

9 a long period with little or no rain (7)

11 a very large group of stars, gas and dust in space (6)

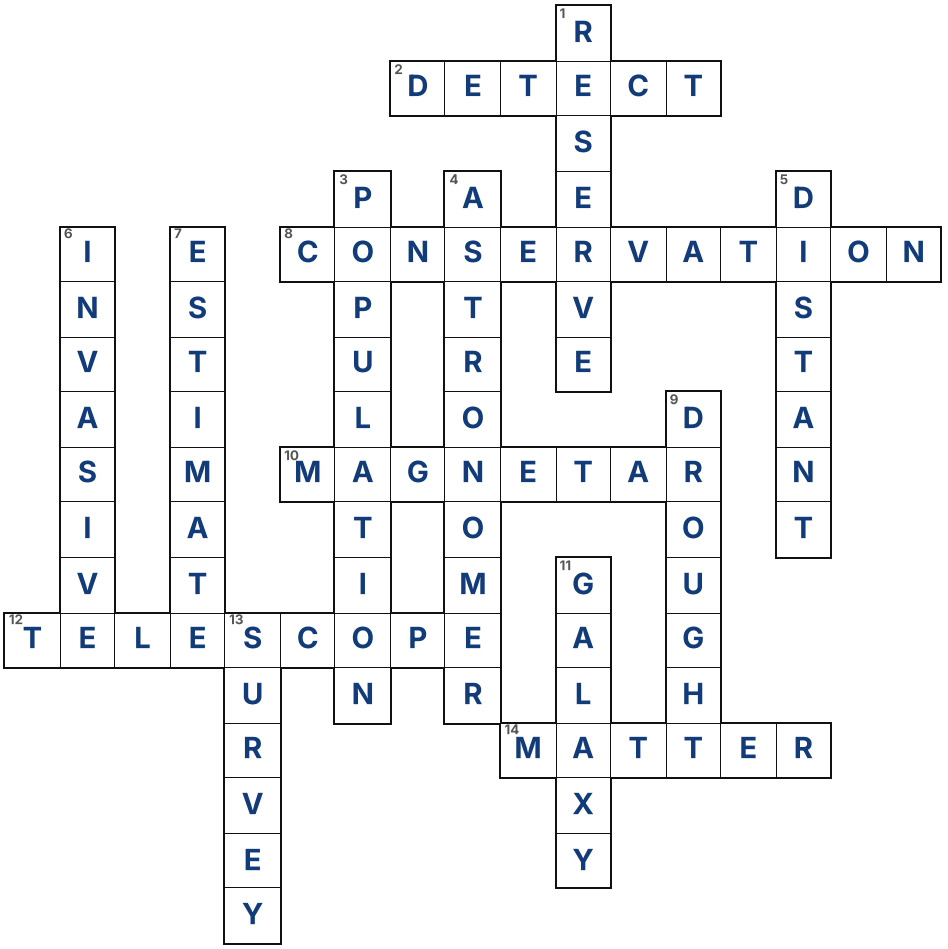
13 a study that collects information by counting or asking questions (6)

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ANSWER KEY

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ACROSS — ANSWERS

2 DETECT — to find or notice something using special equipment

8 CONSERVATION — work to protect nature and wildlife

10 MAGNETAR — a kind of neutron star with an extremely strong magnetic field

12 TELESCOPE — a device used to make distant objects in space look closer

14 MATTER — anything that has mass, including unseen material in space

DOWN — ANSWERS

1 RESERVE — a protected area where nature is kept safe

3 POPULATION — the total number of animals or people in one place

4 ASTRONOMER — a scientist who studies space, stars and galaxies

5 DISTANT — very far away in space or time

6 INVASIVE — describing a species that enters and harms a local ecosystem

7 ESTIMATE — a number that is close to the real amount, not exact

9 DROUGHT — a long period with little or no rain

11 GALAXY — a very large group of stars, gas and dust in space

13 SURVEY — a study that collects information by counting or asking questions

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.