

Lesson Plan

Killer Bugs Crossword

Book: *Giant Hornets*

Series: Bugs

Level: Pioneer

Objective

To have students demonstrate comprehension by completing a crossword puzzle that uses vocabulary words from a book about giant hornets.

Supplies

- *Giant Hornets* book
- Killer Bugs Crossword Puzzle (attached)
- Pencils

Before the Activity

Print a Killer Bugs Crossword Puzzle for each student.

Activity

Read *Giant Hornets* out loud to students. Then pass out the crossword puzzles. Explain that each clue refers to a vocabulary term from the book. Students should use the clues to fill in the crossword, writing one letter in each box. Keep a copy of the book on your desk so students can come look back through it if they get stuck.

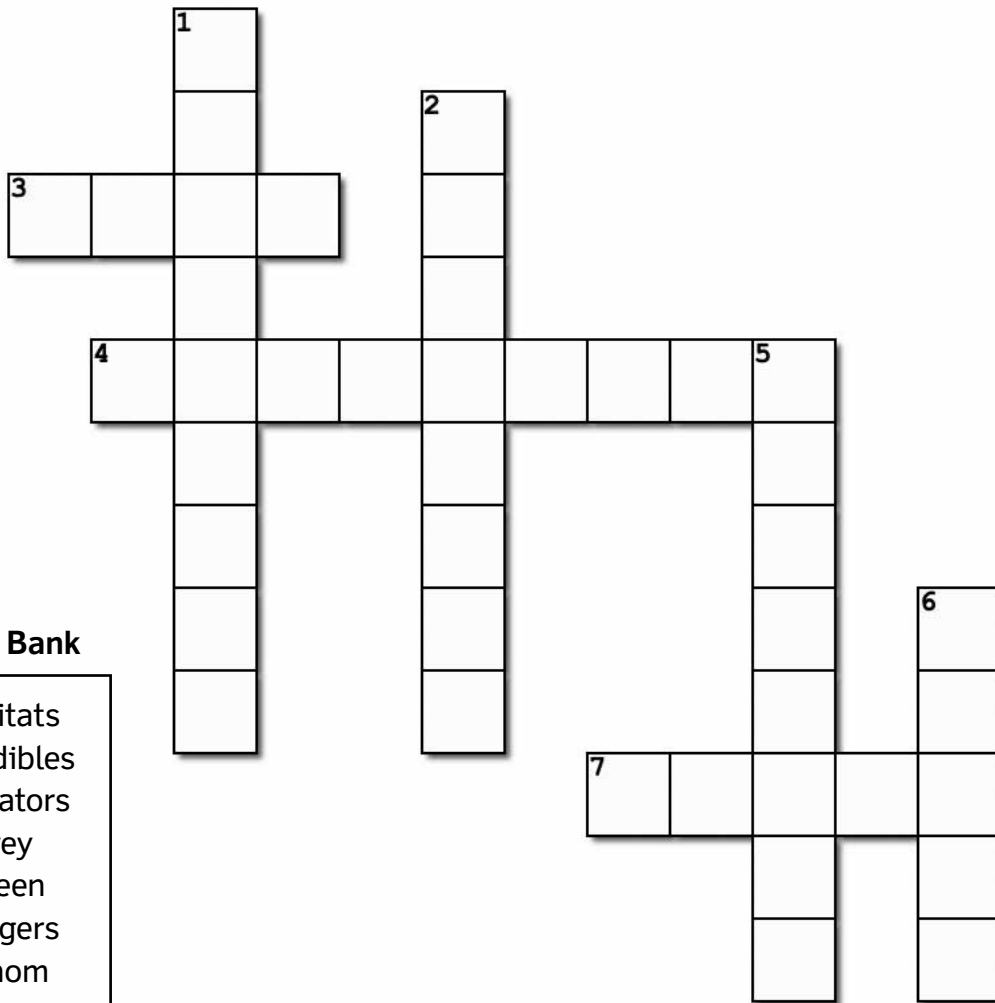
Evaluation

Collect the crosswords at the end of class. Use the attached answer key to give each student 1 point for each correct word, for a total of up to 7 points.

Standards

This lesson may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational text, grades 1 and 2 (RI 1.4, 2.4).

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Across:

- 3. Animals that are eaten by other animals.
- 4. Jaws that stick out from an insect's head.
- 7. A large female insect that lays eggs for a colony.

Down:

- 1. Animals that hunt other animals for food.
- 2. Places where animals live.
- 5. Sharp body parts that can poke other animals and put poison into them.
- 6. Poison that comes from an animal's sting or bite.

Killer Bugs Crossword Puzzle **ANSWER KEY**

Word Bank

- habitats
- mandibles
- predators
- prey
- queen
- stingers
- venom

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