

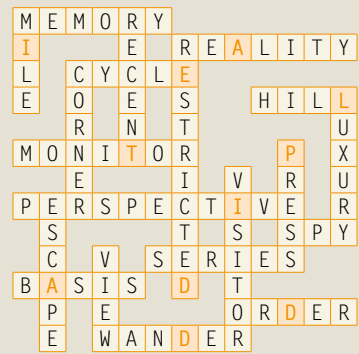
# Dealing with unwelcome guests

The words in this puzzle are taken from this issue's *American Life*.  
You may find it helpful to refer to the text on page 26.

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Solution to puzzle 13/18:

**dilapidated**

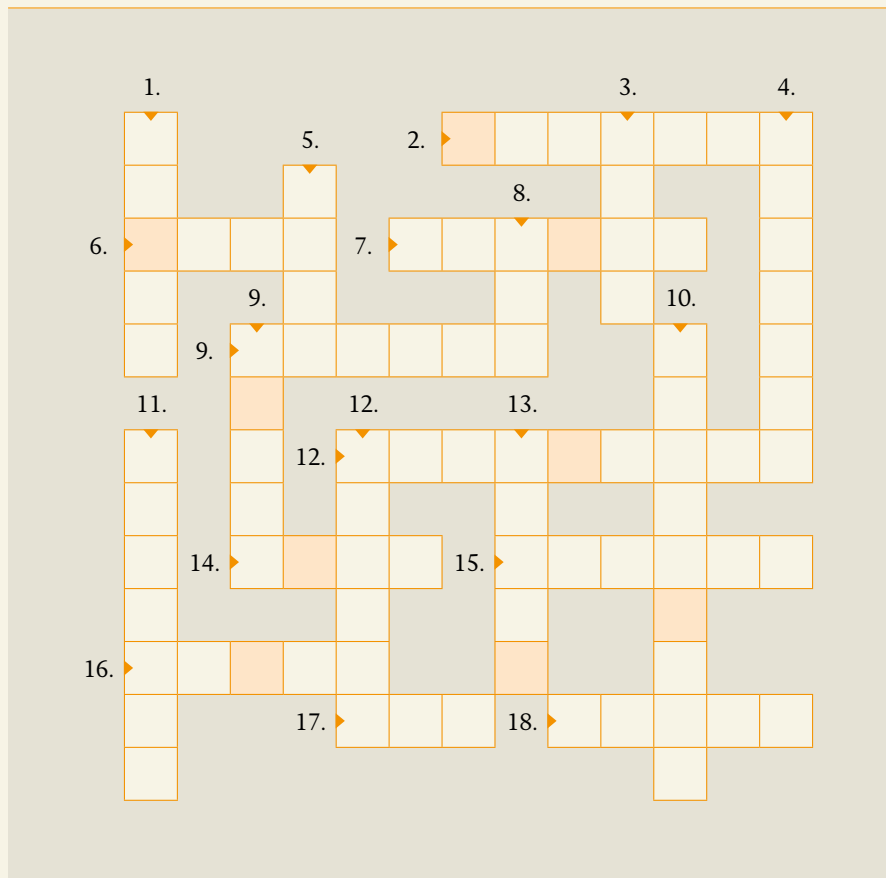


## Across

2. A light, strong material that is produced by a chemical process.
6. A sweet fizzy drink.
7. A building or part of a building where vehicles are kept.
9. Not sensible.
12. The rate at which something happens.
14. "How much ..... do you pay for this place?"
15. To make, design or think of a new thing.
16. Without any other people.
17. "He looked at them over the ..... of his glass."
18. "Let me just ..... the text for errors, and then we can send it out."

## Down

1. To go to see a person for a period of time.
3. "Headaches may be a ..... of stress."
4. Food that is firm and makes a noise when you bite it.
5. Food used to catch an animal.
8. A long, straight piece of wood or metal.
9. To spread a soft substance over a surface.
10. "He didn't seem in the least ..... for her safety."
11. Immediate.
12. "The old woman wagged her ..... at the naughty boys."
13. Making very little noise.



## Competition

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