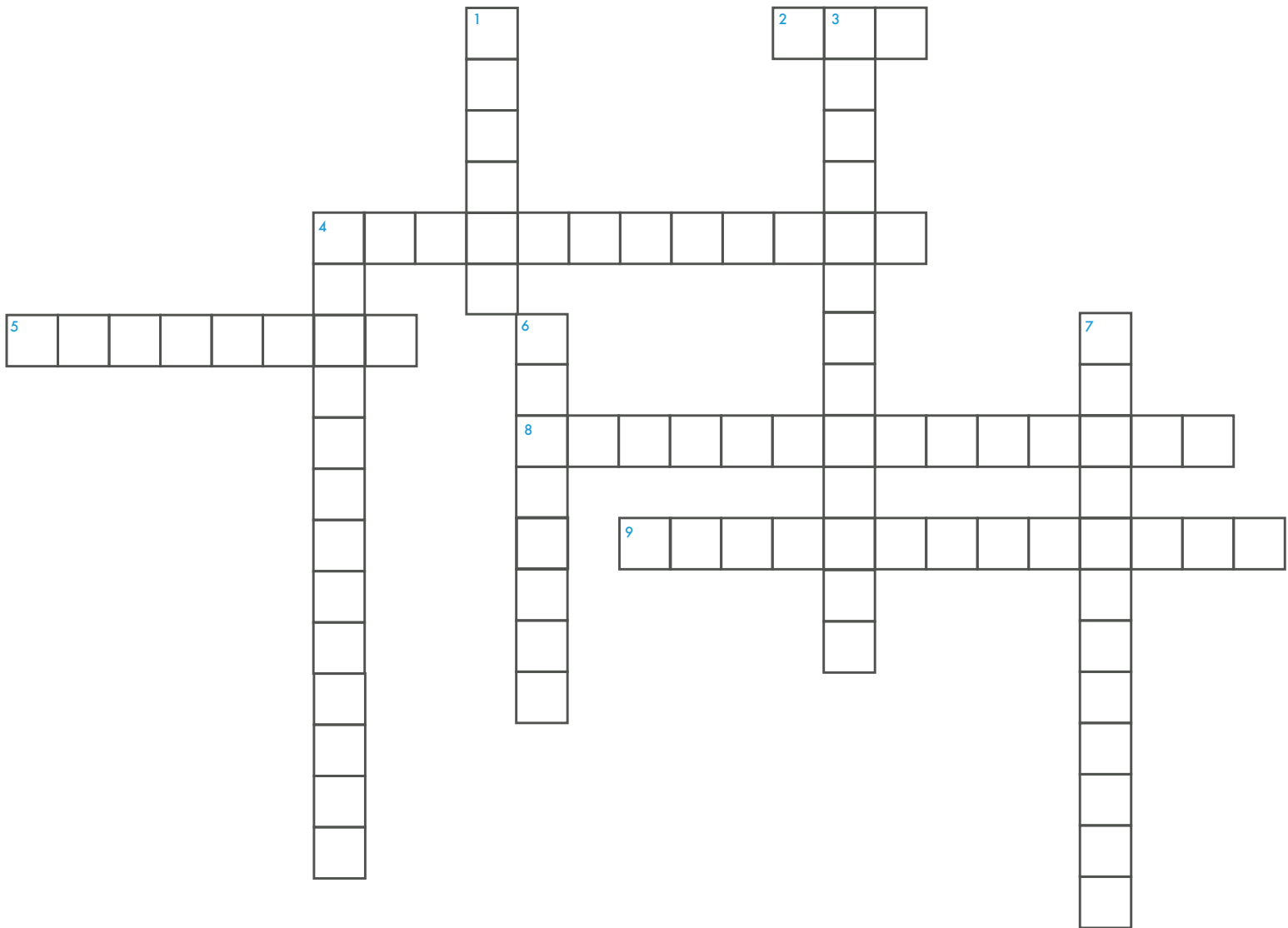


FRAUDS, SCAMS AND IDENTITY THEFT

Crossword Puzzle



Across

2. A short number code used to verify your identity for secure access to accounts, devices, or financial transactions.
4. When scammers ask for money directly, such as pretending to collect donations for a fake charity.
5. When someone tries to trick you into giving private information through email or text.
8. Unique numbers that identify your bank account.
9. When scammers sell something fake, something you'll never receive, or something worthless.

Down

1. When someone breaks into your account without permission, usually by stealing your password, PIN, or personal information.
3. Attackers steal your personal information (like credit card numbers or your Social Security Number) and pretend to be you.
4. Scammers use your login information to make unauthorized transactions, drain your bank account, or apply for loans in your name.
6. When you are redirected to a fake website that asks you to enter private data.
7. A record of your credit history, created using information from banks, stores, utility companies, and collections agencies.