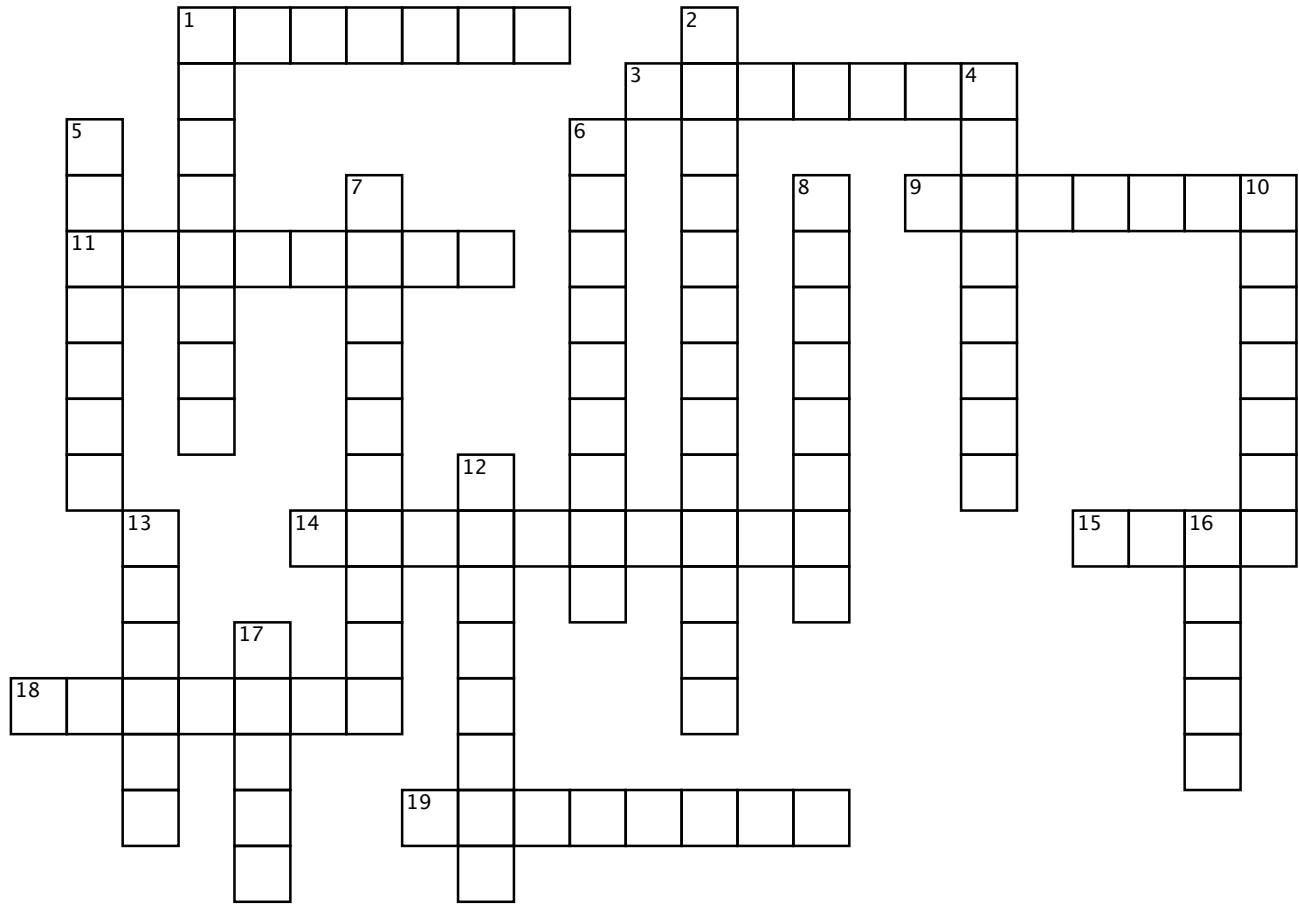


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**Across**

1. Hatefully or shockingly evil
3. When Stacy entered the house, the week-old garbage made her face twist into a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Dear John,
11. Only after Beth asked Roger why he was acting so \_\_\_\_\_ did we find out his dog died.
14. Skyscraper, mountain, cruise ship, jumbo jet
15. Joan is obsessed with comic books and has over a thousand.
18. Ken's \_\_\_\_\_ nature was especially comforting in times of hardship.
19. A long, strongly expressed speech or lecture

**Down**

1. Joe expressed \_\_\_\_\_ after finding out his anger was misplaced.
2. Pompous or high-flown in speech
4. Clearly and openly stated
5. Antonym for *easy*, *unchallenging*
6. Yes, sir! Anything you say, sir!
7. Arousing fear or awe
8. Don's obvious \_\_\_\_\_ toward Peggy made it difficult to be in a room with them.
10. What I meant by that was...
12. Synonym for *agricultural*
13. Synonym for *nuisance*, *pest*
16. While the professor's dronings seemed \_\_\_\_\_, they were actually quite insightful.
17. As much as I \_\_\_\_\_ the opera, I go because my wife likes it.

# Answer Key

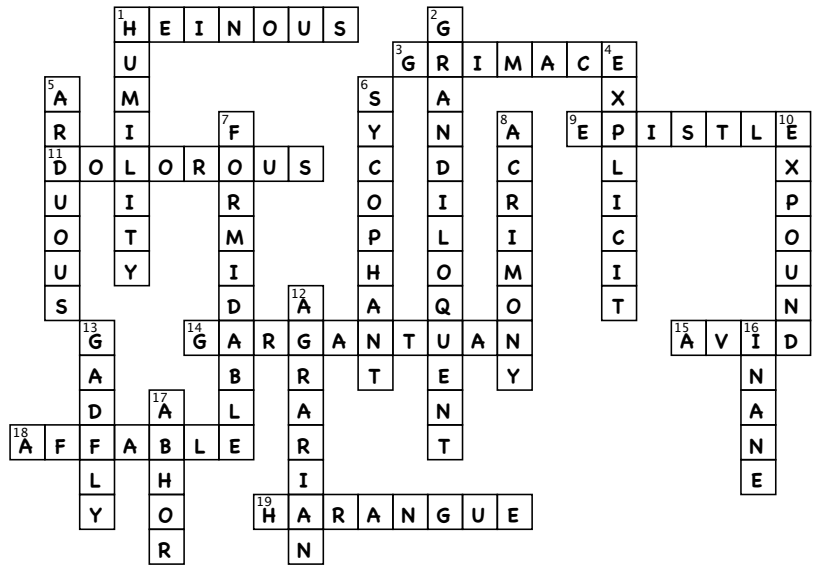
## Across

- Hatefully or shockingly evil [HEINOUS]
- When Stacy entered the house, the week-old garbage made her face twist into a(n) \_\_\_\_\_. [GRIMACE]
- Dear John, [EPISTLE]
- Only after Beth asked Roger why he was acting so \_\_\_\_\_ did we find out his dog died. [DOLOROUS]
- Skyscraper, mountain, cruise ship, jumbo jet [GARGANTUAN]
- Joan is obsessed with comic books and has over a thousand. [AVID]
- Ken's \_\_\_\_\_ nature was especially comforting in times of hardship. [AFFABLE]
- A long, strongly expressed speech or lecture [HARANGUE]

## Down

- Joe expressed \_\_\_\_\_ after finding out his anger was misplaced. [HUMILITY]
- Pompous or high-flown in speech [GRANDILOQUENT]
- Clearly and openly stated [EXPLICIT]
- Antonym for *easy*, *unchallenging* [ARDUOUS]
- Yes, sir! Anything you say, sir! [SYCOPHANT]
- Arousing fear or awe [FORMIDABLE]
- Don's obvious \_\_\_\_\_ toward Peggy made it difficult to be in a room with them. [ACRIMONY]
- What I meant by that was... [EXPOUND]
- Synonym for *agricultural* [AGRARIAN]
- Synonym for *nuisance*, *pest* [GADFLY]
- While the professor's dronings seemed \_\_\_\_\_, they were actually quite insightful. [INANE]
- As much as I \_\_\_\_\_ the opera, I go because my wife likes it. [ABHOR]

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