

A Christmas Crossword

Amazing Fact

'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens was published in December 1843 and helped to reinvent Christmas as we know it today. The white Christmas in the story is inspired by the fact that the first eight Christmases of Dickens' life were snowy.

ACROSS

- 4 Santa Claus is also called this.
- 5 Eight of these pull Santa's sleigh.
- 6 Santa's entrance into your house.
- 8 Originally used to light up christmas trees.
- 9 Tree decorations, which are often spherical.
- 12 A type of pie eaten at Christmas time.
- 13 A hanging piece of ice, formed by dripping water.
- 14 Sometimes placed at the top of a tree.
- 15 Deck the halls with boughs of this.

DOWN

- 1 The month of Christmas.
- 2 Often exchanged on Christmas day.
- 3 A giant sock, which may be filled with presents.
- 5 Santa's most famous reindeer.
- 7 Santa's helper.
- 10 Open this type of calendar, one day at a time.
- 11 Santa's vehicle.

Challenge

How many other words can you make from: CHRISTMAS

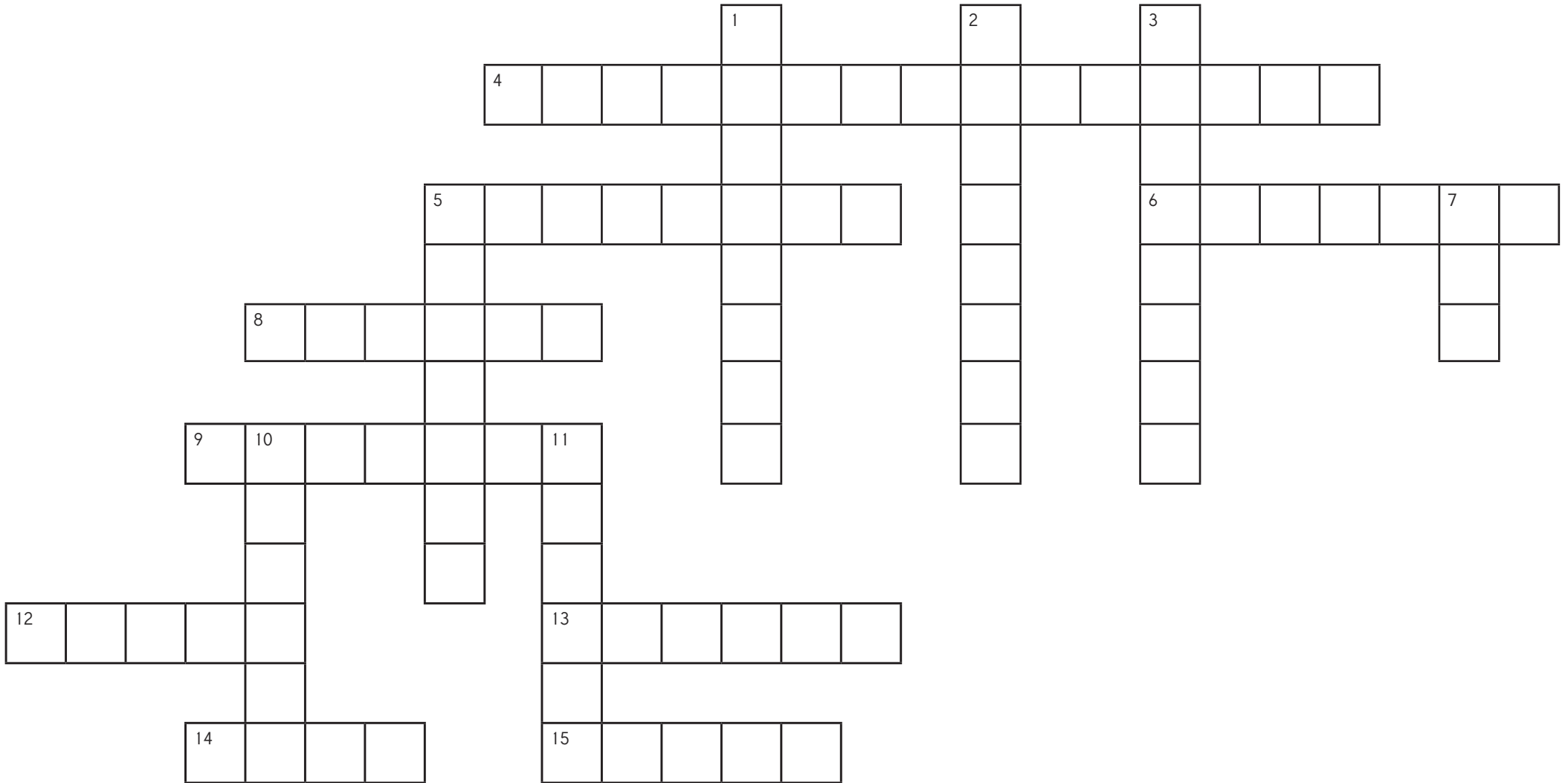
What is the longest word you can make?

You could also try to find out:

- what the storyline for the book is;
- what else popular culture has borrowed from the book;
- which other famous characters were invented by Dickens.



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A Christmas Crossword Answers

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