

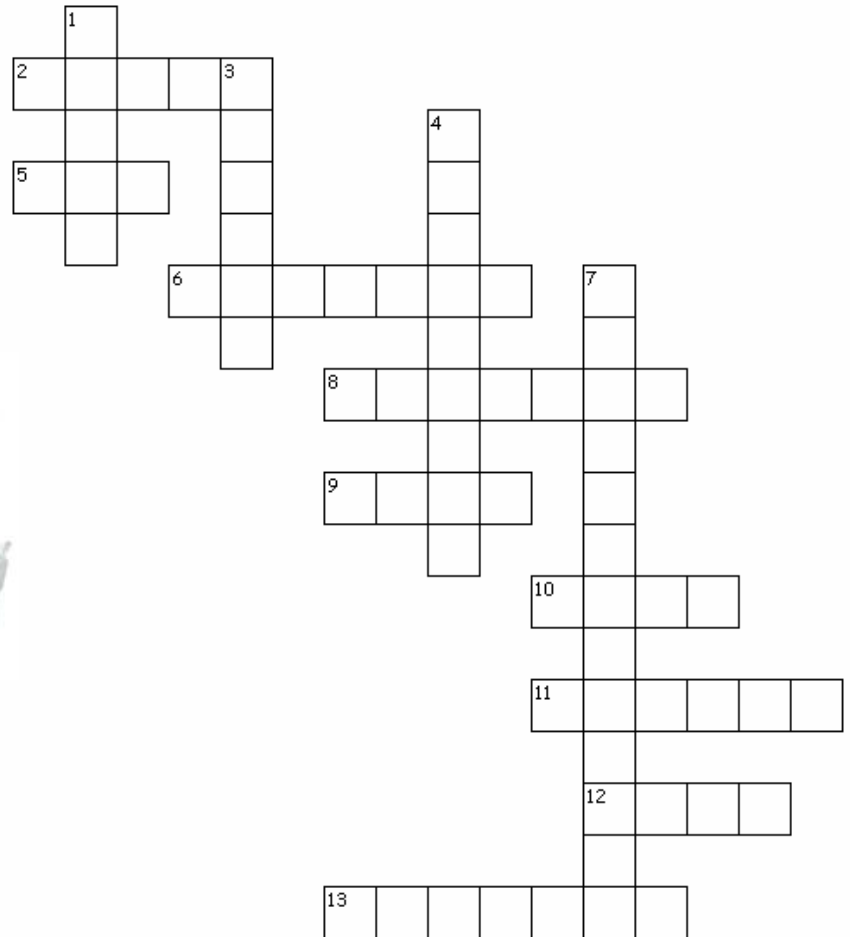
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I. Vocabulary

Find the opposites.



Across

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5. dry

6. empty

8. fit

9. warm

10. rich

11. sunny

12. King-sized bed

13. relaxed

Down

1. enthusiastic

3. satiated

4. happy

7. comfortable

II. Questions

Answer these questions before writing your text.

- What's your name ?
- Where were you born ?
- What country did you emigrate from ?
- What year did you come to the United States ?
- Why did you come to the U.S.A. ?
- Did any members of your family come to the U.S.A. before you? Who, when, and why did they come here ?
- What was your trip to the U.S.A. like ?
- What was your first impression of the U.S.A. ?
- What immigration procedures did you have to go through at Ellis Island ?
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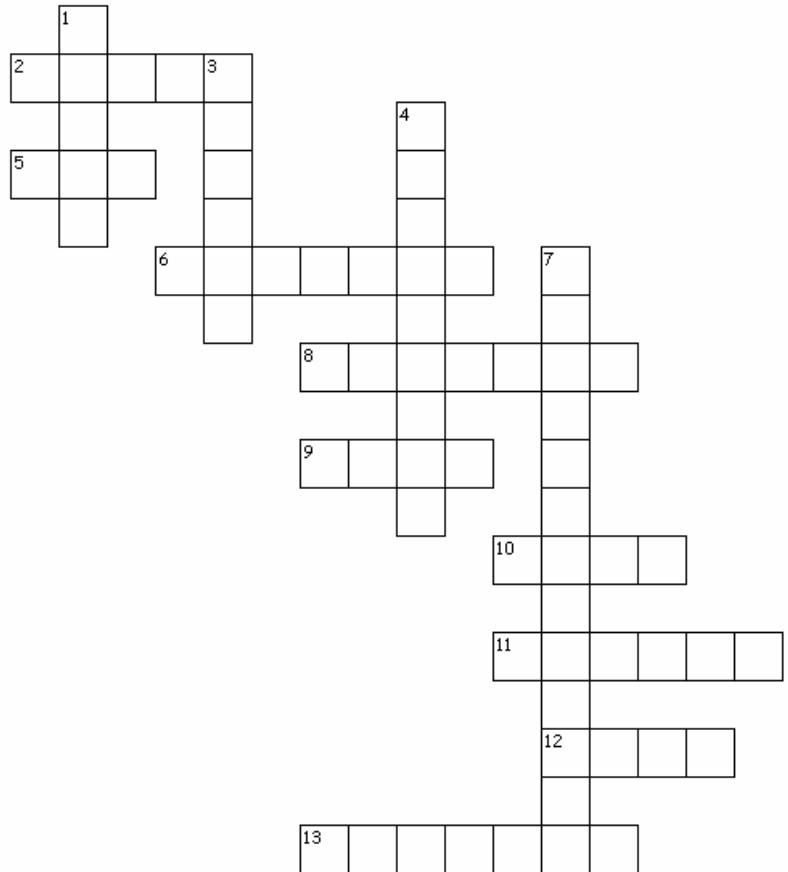
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9. warm **cold**

2. King-sized bed **bunk**

5. dry **wet**

10. rich **poor**

13. relaxed **worried**

6. empty **crowded**

11. sunny **stormy**

8. fit **seasick**

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My name is Patrick O'Malley and I'm 20 years old. I'm Irish and I was born near Dublin. I decided to leave Ireland because my family is very poor and we don't have enough to eat. I wanted to escape from social and religious turmoil.

My father came to the USA last year because he wanted to find a job and have a better life. My mother, my brothers and sisters will join us as soon as we have enough money to pay for their fares.

I travelled to America by boat. I sailed across the Atlantic from Cork to New York on SS Sunlight. The crossing took 2 weeks. The trip was terrible. It was very cold, it rained a lot and I was seasick and wet. The ship was crowded and my bunk was so small and uncomfortable I couldn't sleep.

When we entered New York Harbour there was a big rumble on the ship. The first thing I saw was the Statue of Liberty welcoming us to the USA. I was so impressed and happy I cried.

At Ellis Island, the immigrations officers asked me a lot of questions about my family and I pass a medical examination too. Doctors didn't put a chalk mark on my shirt and I felt relieved. Then I changed my money and I was allowed to leave.

In Ireland, I was a peasant and I worked on my parents' farm. I'm hard-working and fit and I'm ready to work 12 hours a day 7 days a week. That's why I'm going to apply for a job in the steel industry.

3^e Immigration - Writing - Homework

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1. Remets les phrases dans l'ordre pour reconstituer ce témoignage.

- a.** From the ship that was taking you to "the Land of the Free", all you would see for days and days would be the Ocean.
- b.** There, Americans would greet you and give you a medical examination, ask questions and look at your legal documents.
- c.** Imagine what it was like to be an immigrant on a trip to America in the early 1900's.
- d.** Your ship would dock at Ellis Island, the first stop for all immigrants.
- e.** If you passed all the examinations, you would begin your new life in the USA.
- f.** You and other excited people would spot land I, the New York Harbour and see the Statue of Liberty on Liberty Island.



a	b	c	d	e	f

2. Retrouve l'identité de ces personnes célèbres qui ont immigré aux Etats-Unis.

a. He was born in Russia but he immigrated to the U.S.A with his family at the age of five. When his father, a Jewish cantor, died, he helped his family by selling newspapers and street singing. Although he never learned to read or write music, he became America's top lyricist writing over 1,500 songs including "God Bless America" and "White Christmas".

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b. He was a talented actor and film director. He created the character "the little tramp" with his cane, bowler hat, baggy pants and enormous shoes. He was born in poverty in London but he was knighted in 1975. He immigrated to the U.S.A. as an adult. His most famous films are "The Kid", "The Gold Rush", "The Great Dictator" and "Modern Times".

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d. He was born in 1847 in Edinburgh, Scotland. In 1870, he immigrated with his parents to Canada. He then moved to Boston, Massachusetts, in 1871 and opened a school for the deaf there. He invented the telephone in 1876. This great scientist died in 1922.

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