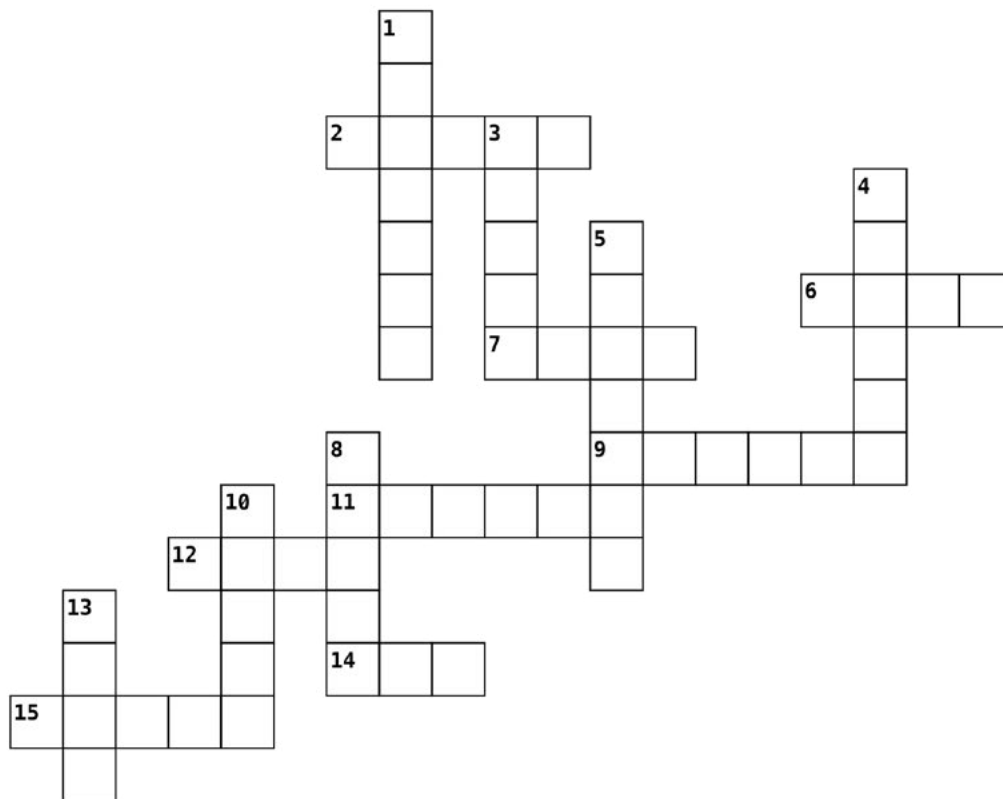


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## The Gridlock Grid Crossword Puzzle

Navigate through the maze of bureaucracy! Each correct answer brings you closer to understanding the stalemate. Remember, in The Puzzling Times™, every solution is just another question in disguise.



### Across

2. Parliamentary term for "let's forget this exists"
6. What everyone says they'll do, unless it's inconvenient
7. Approval noises often followed by regret
9. The opposite of progress in politics
11. A chamber known for its filibusters and fashionable inertia
12. Someone tasked with persuading adults to behave like a team
14. What you say when progress feels too dangerous
15. Where debates, grandstanding, and spontaneous applause occur

### Down

1. An event where people listen to soundbites, not substance
3. A place where laws go to die (or get rewritten by corporations)
4. The number of people required to pretend something's happening
5. The act of delaying decisions, often seen in legislative bodies
8. The only channel where nothing happens in high definition
10. A position of authority that mostly involves sitting
13. A proposed law awaiting approval or eternal limbo

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*STALLED -- THE ACT OF DELAYING DECISIONS, OFTEN SEEN IN LEGISLATIVE BODIES*  
*BILL -- A PROPOSED LAW AWAITING APPROVAL OR ETERNAL LIMBO*  
*LOGJAM -- THE OPPOSITE OF PROGRESS IN POLITICS*  
*VOTE -- WHAT EVERYONE SAYS THEY'LL DO, UNLESS IT'S INCONVENIENT*  
*LOBBY -- A PLACE WHERE LAWS GO TO DIE (OR GET REWRITTEN BY CORPORATIONS)*  
*CHAIR -- A POSITION OF AUTHORITY THAT MOSTLY INVOLVES SITTING*  
*QUORUM -- THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE REQUIRED TO PRETEND SOMETHING'S HAPPENING*  
*FLOOR -- WHERE DEBATES, GRANDSTANDING, AND SPONTANEOUS APPLAUSE OCCUR*  
*WHIP -- SOMEONE TASKED WITH PERSUADING ADULTS TO BEHAVE LIKE A TEAM*  
*NAY -- WHAT YOU SAY WHEN PROGRESS FEELS TOO DANGEROUS*  
*YEAS APPROVAL -- NOISES OFTEN FOLLOWED BY REGRET*  
*TABLE PARLIAMENTARY -- TERM FOR "LET'S FORGET THIS EXISTS"*  
*CSPAN -- THE ONLY CHANNEL WHERE NOTHING HAPPENS IN HIGH DEFINITION*  
*HEARING -- AN EVENT WHERE PEOPLE LISTEN TO SOUNDBITES, NOT SUBSTANCE*