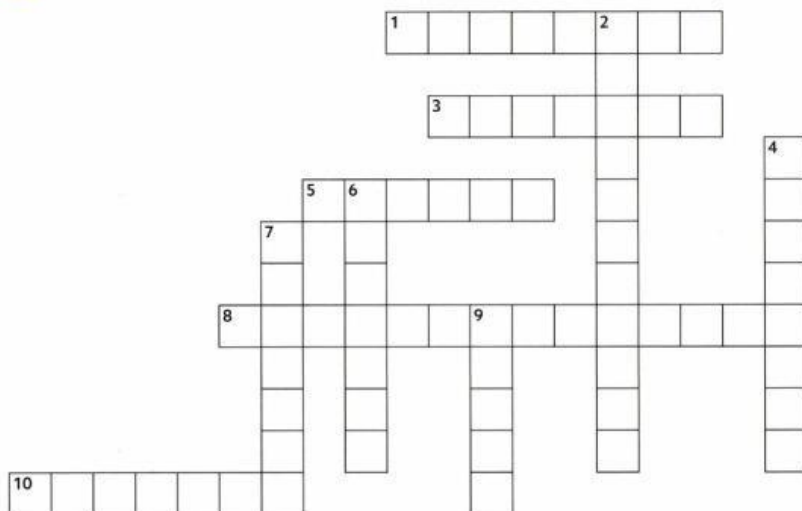


# VOCABULARY

## words with similar meanings

1 Use the clues to complete the crossword.



### Across

- 1 a mistaken belief in something (8)
- 3 a deceptive or false belief (7)
- 5 aspirations, ambitions or hopes (6)
- 8 something which you can see or hear, but which is not really there (14)
- 10 a pleasant situation that you imagine, but which is unlikely to happen (7)

### Down

- 2 the ability to have creative ideas (11)
- 4 something that is not what it seems to be or looks like (8)
- 6 a truthful or accurate way of showing things (7)
- 7 the real world as opposed to an imaginary one (7)
- 9 a picture in your mind of what something looks like (5)

2 Complete the sentences with a preposition.

## Be a stand-up comedian! 😊

- 1 Be creative. Vary your act because people aren't taken ..... by the same joke time after time.
- 2 Be brave. Step out of your comfort zone and put ..... a different voice.
- 3 Be convincing. You should make ..... that this is the first time you have ever told this joke.
- 4 Be inventive. Make it ..... as you go along, nobody will know!
- 5 Be a chameleon. Take ..... a different role at each performance.
- 6 Be assertive. If you are confident then people will take you ..... a professional.

3 Complete the text with these words / phrases.

delusion fallacy get into character  
give us the impression go to great lengths  
put on a brave face semblance  
through and through

## The benefits of clowning

Clowns are clumsy, they fall over and

1 ..... to entertain us. They also 2 ..... that clowning is easy, and you may be surprised to know that there is an art of clowning. I always thought that clowns were just for kid's parties, but that's a 3 ..... They are much more.

Clowns accept failure and success in equal measures; they are not perfect and we love them for it. Anyone who thinks that clowning is easy is suffering from a serious 4 ..... It is anything but easy. I recently did a course in clowning and I found out the hard way!

I took me a while to 5 ..... and I had to shed any 6 ..... of scepticism which I had about clowning. The course was a thrilling experience and I learnt so much about myself. It taught me that I don't always have to 7 ..... and that I can be vulnerable. I also helped me to know myself 8 ..... in a way I never did before.

