

Here are stories from page 11 of *First News*. Read the stories, and then try the puzzle. To help you, we have underlined the answers to the crossword puzzle clues in the stories – but you will need to match the correct word with each clue!



## ANIMAL NEWS

### OFF THE MENU

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### SHARK SECRETS



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### PENGUIN RESCUE

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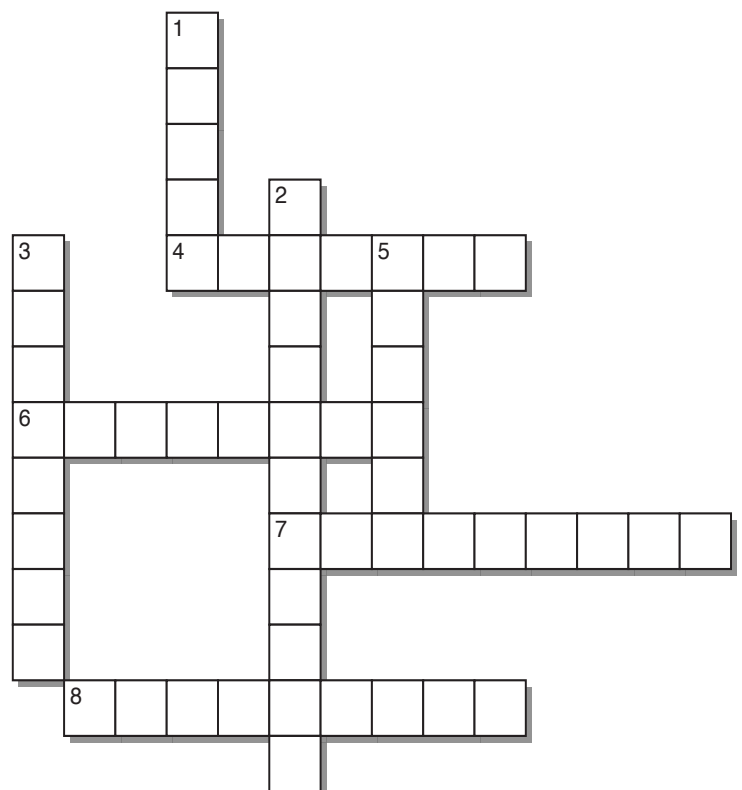
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#### ACROSS

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- 6) Something, such as a pill or liquid, used to make you feel better if you are sick (noun 8)
- 7) Against the law (adverb 9)
- 8) Animals, such as sharks, that prey on (hunt down and kill) their food (plural noun 9)

#### DOWN

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- 2) Beliefs or methods that have existed for a very long time (adjective 11)
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