

Here are some icy news stories from *First News*. Read the stories from pages 4, 8 and 23 of the newspaper, 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!



## WINTER NEWS

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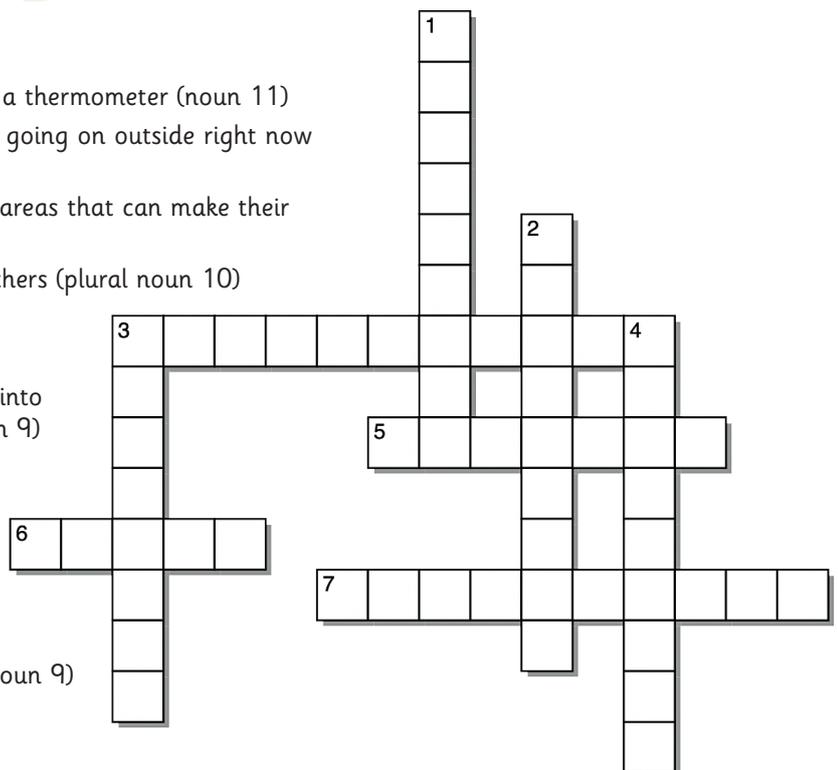
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#### ACROSS

- 3) How hot or cold it is, which can be measured using a thermometer (noun 11)
- 5) Sunshine, rain, snow, wind and storms, and what is going on outside right now (noun 7)
- 6) America has 50 of these, including Texas. They are areas that can make their own rules (noun 5)
- 7) People who spend some of their free time helping others (plural noun 10)

#### DOWN

- 1) This is made when water in the atmosphere freezes into crystals, and these tiny ice crystals form together (noun 9)
- 2) Structures from which one or more jets of water are pumped into the air (plural noun 9)
- 3) Storms in which powerful circling winds form a column, which reaches from a cloud down toward the ground (plural noun 8)
- 4) A situation in which a risk to health, life, property or environment is about to happen, eg, snow storms (noun 9)



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