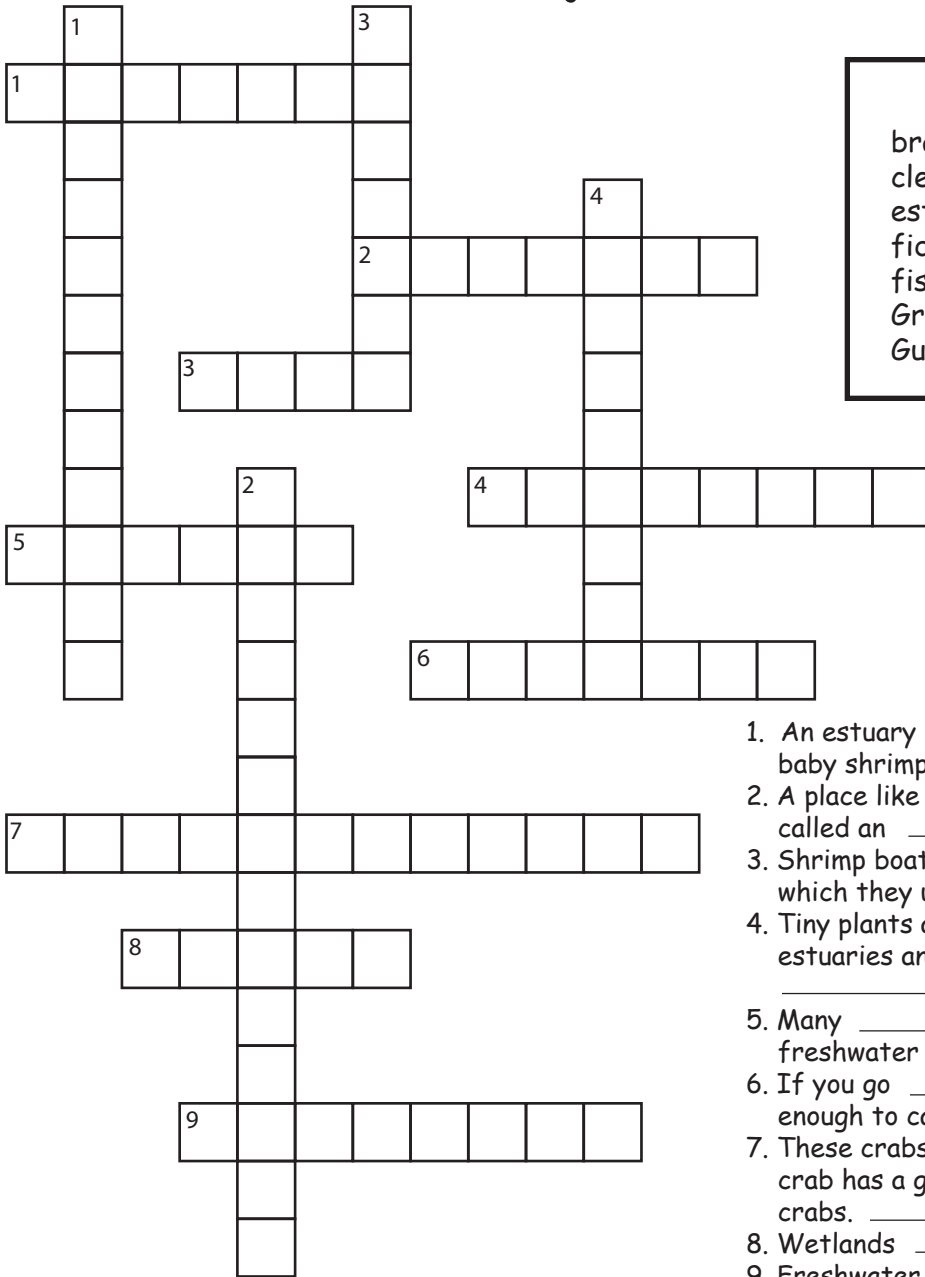


Estuary Crossword



Word Bank	
brackish	nets
clean	nursery
estuary	oysters
fiddler crabs	plankton
fishing	rivers
Great Blue Heron	salt marsh
Gulf of Mexico	

ACROSS:

- An estuary is called a _____ to the ocean because _____ baby shrimp, crabs and fish live there.
- A place like Mobile Bay, where rivers meet the sea, is called an _____.
- Shrimp boats have large _____ called trawls, _____ which they use to catch shrimp.
- Tiny plants and animals that live in the waters of _____ estuaries and are food for larger animals are called _____.
- Many _____ bring thousands of gallons of _____ freshwater into Mobile Bay each day.
- If you go _____ in the bay you might be lucky _____ enough to catch a flounder, red fish, or speckled trout.
- These crabs "fiddle around" in the salt marsh. The male _____ crab has a giant claw that he waves to attract female _____ crabs. _____.
- Wetlands _____ the water that runs into the bay.
- Freshwater and saltwater combine in the bay to make _____ water.

Down:

- Saltwater enters Mobile Bay from the _____.
- These "large" birds wade through the water and spear _____ fish with their long beaks. _____.
- These animals live in a "bed" and filter many gallons of _____ water through their bodies each day. _____.
- A type of grassy wetland that provides food and shelter _____ for animals of the estuary. _____.

