

Here is a news story from this week's *First News*. Read the story and then try the puzzle. To help you, we have underlined the answers to the crossword puzzle clues in the article itself – but you will need to match the correct word with each clue!



SPECIAL REPORT

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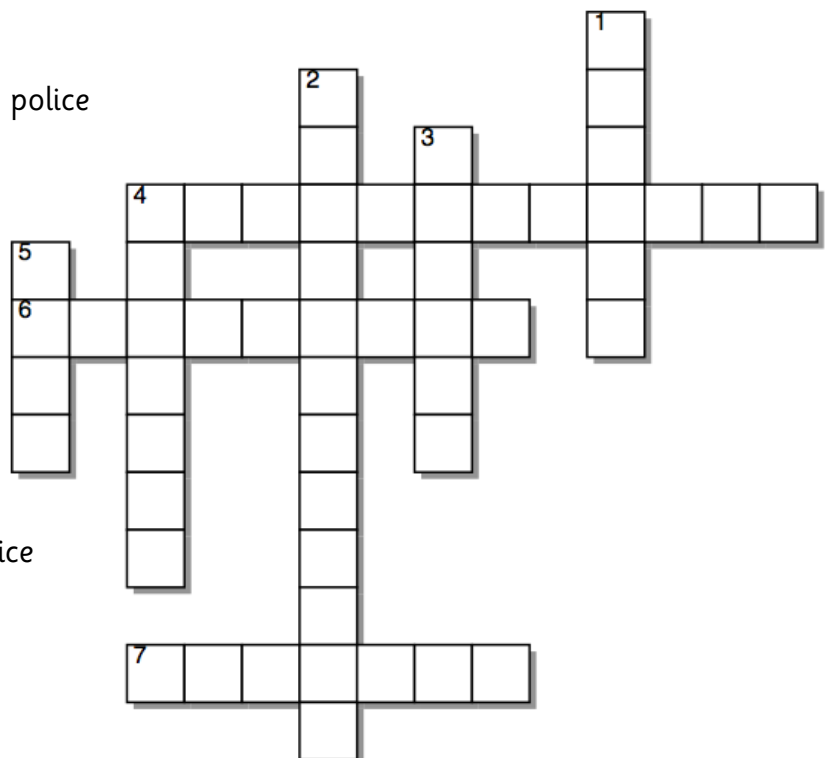
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