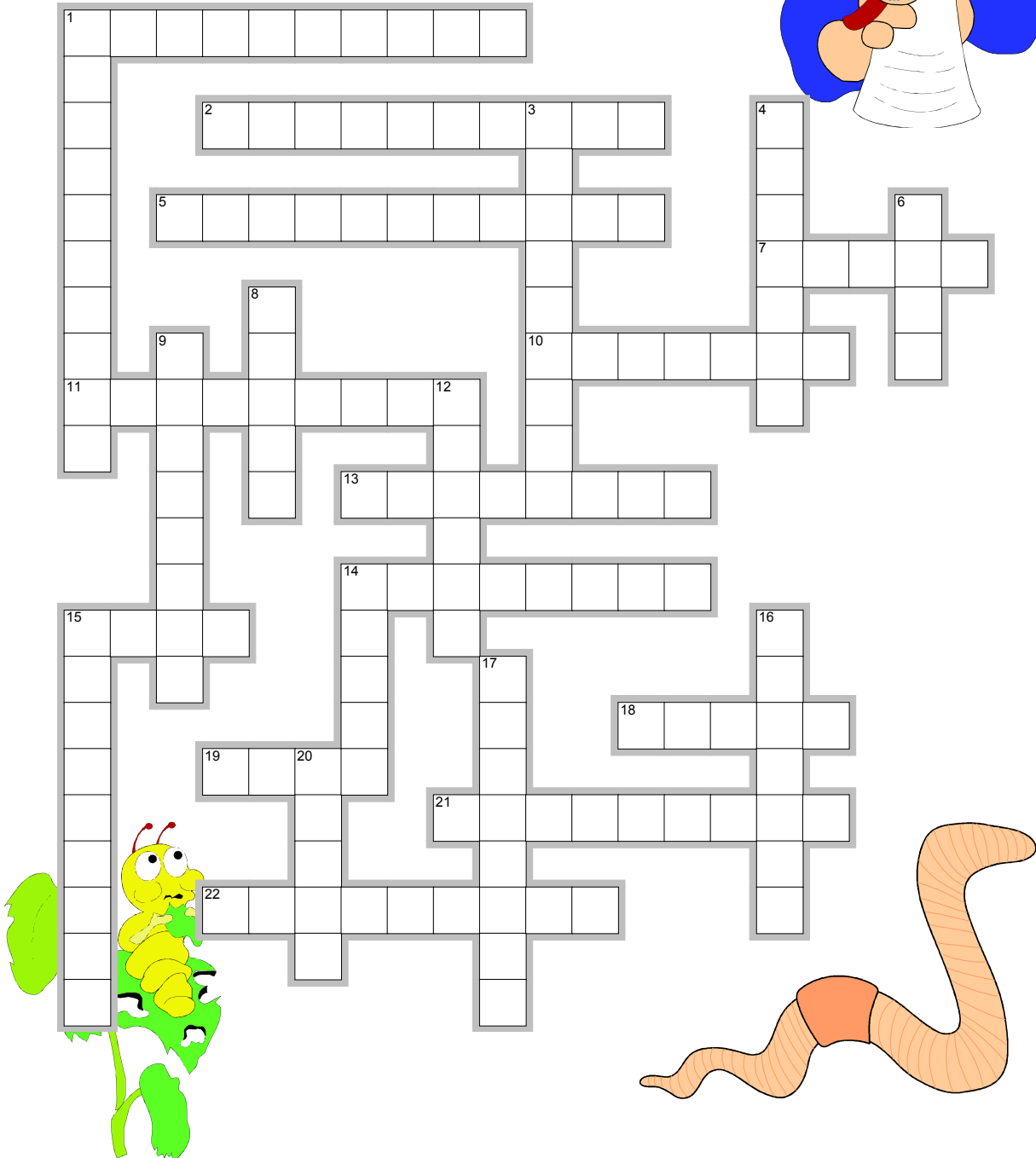
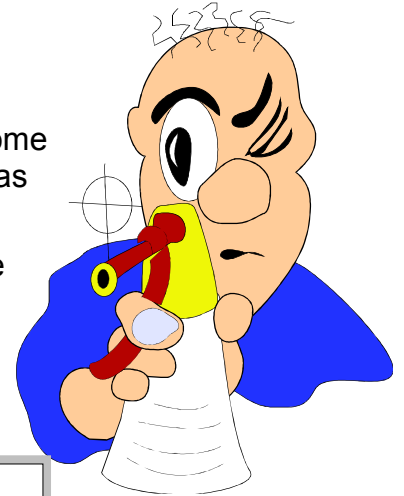


The Grimacing Gardener

Every gardener finds himself or herself in a pickle, a jam, or even some hot water from time to time. If you've ever found yourself grimacing as a gardener, you'll have little trouble with this crossword... Or not?

Check your knowledge of all sorts of gardening plights and pestilence as you complete this puzzle.

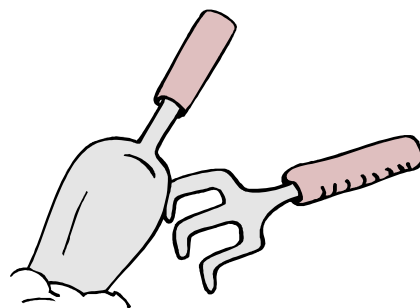


Across

1. Overuse can lead to runoff that damages surface waters
2. Small pits on tubers indicate this disease (2 wds.)
5. Noisy unwanted reptile
7. Too much or too little of this is a common problem.
10. Plant with edible, tart stalks but poisonous leaves
11. Overuse of this class of weedkiller can injure plants
13. Fungus that infects corn plants
14. Shield-shaped insect that gives off an unpleasant odor when crushed (2 wds.)
15. Insect-eating underground dwellers
18. Used to suppress weeds, but too much can cause rot
19. This type of soil drains slowly and can cause root damage
21. Showy springtime problem
22. Rash-causing weed (2 wds.)

Down

1. Disease that causes scorched-looking new leaves
3. A thick type of unwanted grass
4. Type of caterpillar that cuts off seedlings just above the ground
6. Animal that grazes, leaving damaged woody plants, roses, fruits and vegetables
8. Prickly plant or shrub
9. Winged annoyance, especially around fresh fruit (2 wds.)
12. Ugly nocturnal insect that feeds on tender new growth
14. Type of soil that often does not retain water or nutrients
15. Umbrella-shaped fungi
16. Nocturnal animal that loves sweet corn and strawberries
17. Non-native plant type that spreads on its own
20. Prolific insect that sucks the sap from stems and leaves



The Grimacing Gardener - Answers

