

Word List: -ness

-ness the state, quality, or condition of something

Vocabulary

Definitions

boldness (n)	state of being daring, brave, or courageous
cleverness (n)	state of being smart, bright, or imaginative
dampness (n)	state of being a bit wet or moist
fondness (n)	state of affection; liking something or someone
foolishness (n)	state of being silly; lacking good sense or judgment
sadness (n)	state of unhappiness; feeling sorrow; not in a state of well-being
sickness (n)	state of illness
wilderness (n)	an area with the quality of the untamed world; a large tract of land covered by dense forests



Vocabulary Sort: -ness

Cut apart the words and definitions. Match each word to its definition. Check your answers by referring to the word list.

foolish ness	clever ness	wildern ess	damp ness
sick ness	bold ness	fond ness	sad ness
state of being smart, bright, or imaginative		state of being daring, brave, or courageous	
state of being silly; lacking good sense or judgment		an area with the quality of the untamed world; a large tract of land covered by dense forests	
state of illness		state of unhappiness; feeling sorrow; not in a state of well-being	
state of affection; liking something or someone		state of being a bit wet or moist	

Application and Practice: -ness

Sentence Fill-ins

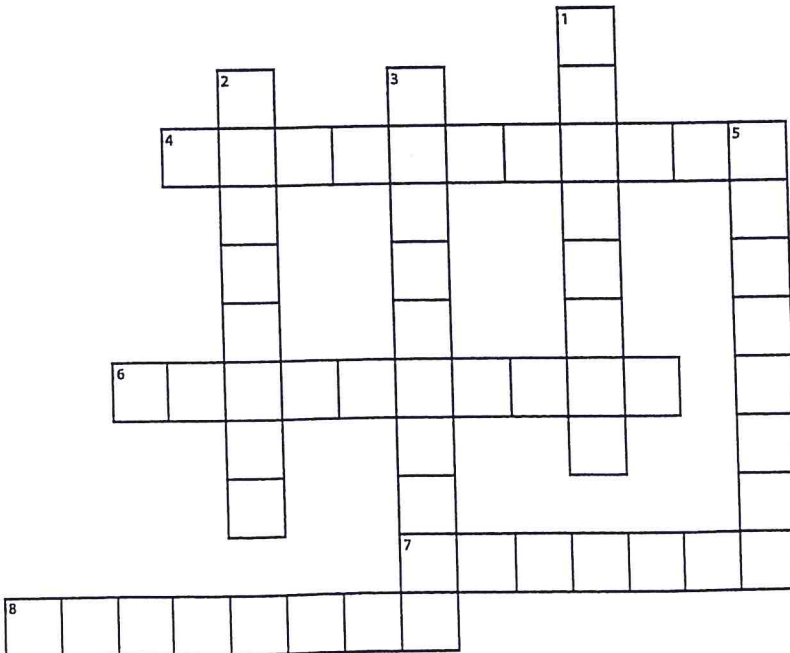
Complete each sentence with the correct word. Use each word only once.

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| fondness | sickness | wilderness | foolishness |
| sadness | boldness | dampness | cleverness |

- 1 Troop 24 was headed to the _____ for their annual camping trip.
- 2 She has a _____ for sweets, but her dentist said that it's damaging her teeth.
- 3 Myles told his son that the _____ needed to stop before he got hurt.
- 4 The _____ in the air signaled that rain was coming soon.
- 5 The fox's _____ was revealed through his smart ideas.
- 6 The _____ of color choices for her bedroom walls was shocking!
- 7 Tia felt a sense of _____ when she found out her friend was moving away.
- 8 Dr. Vu said that the _____ would spread to his classmates if Tim went to school.

Crossword Puzzle

Write the word that matches each clue to complete the puzzle.



Across

4. an unwise decision; silliness
6. creatively smart
7. unhappiness
8. state of being moist

Down

1. in favor of; in a state of liking something
2. bravery; daring
3. untamed outdoors covered in dense forests
5. illness