Conservation Vocabulary

Use this vocabulary list to complete the
Conservation Crossword and the Sustainability Search.

Word	Definition
Conservation	The act of protecting and taking care of nature
Conservation Action	Acts we take to protect and save nature and wildlife
Habitat	The natural home or environment where an animal or plant lives
Basic Needs	The things that all living things need to survive, like food, water, shelter, and air
Invasive Species	Plants or animals that are not originally from an area and can cause harm to the local ecosystem
Habitat Loss	When the place where animals or plants live is destroyed or changed, making it hard for them to survive
Threatened	When an animal or plant is at risk of becoming endangered
Endangered	When an animal or plant is in danger of extinction
Extinct	When an animal or plant no longer exists anywhere in the world
IUCN Red List of Endangered Species	A list of animals, plants, and fungi that measure the extinction risk for species

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Sustainability Search

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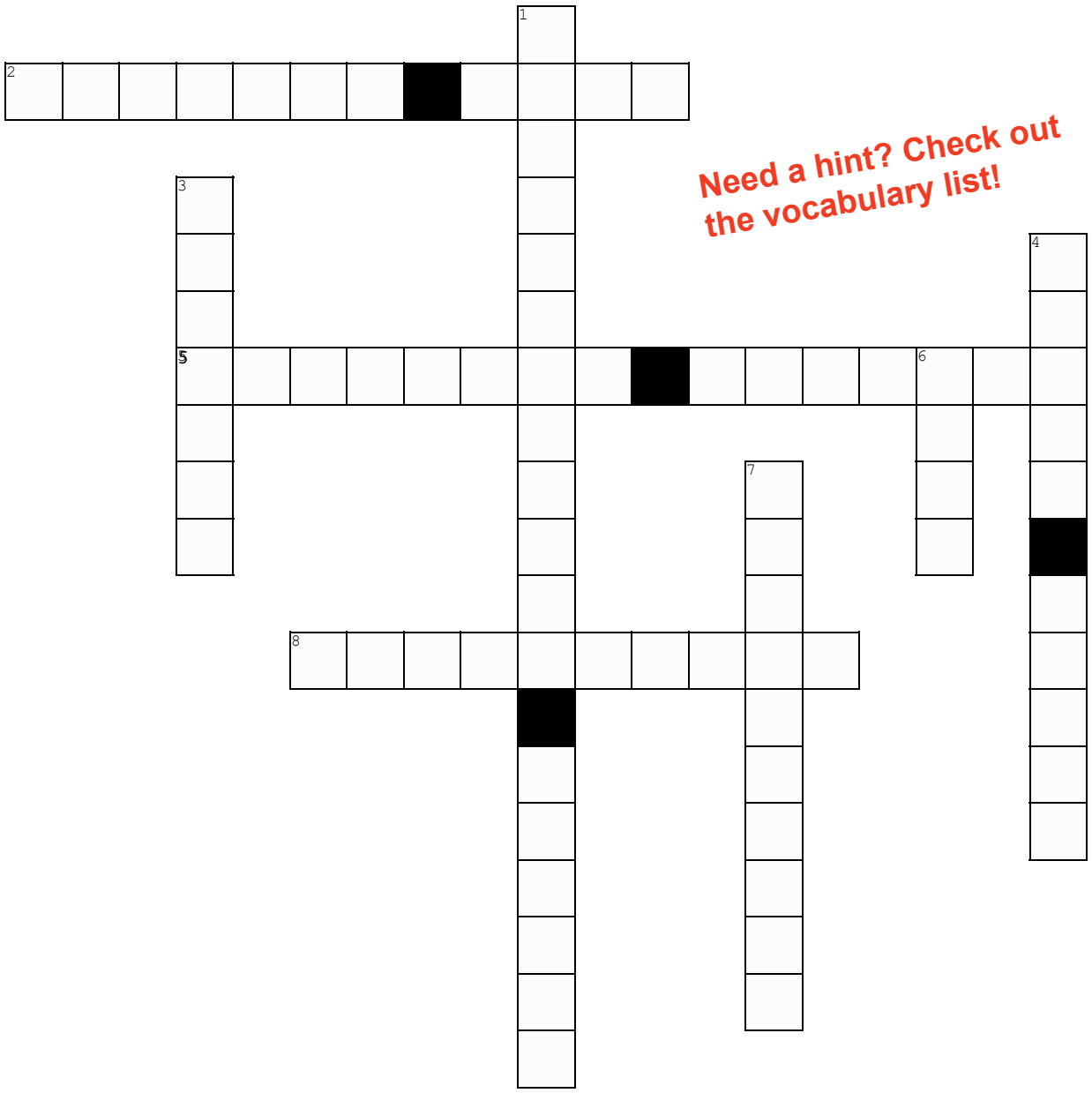

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5. Non-native organisms that harm the local habitats
8. Very high risk of extinction

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3. The Dodo bird’s conservation status
4. Water, air, food, and shelter
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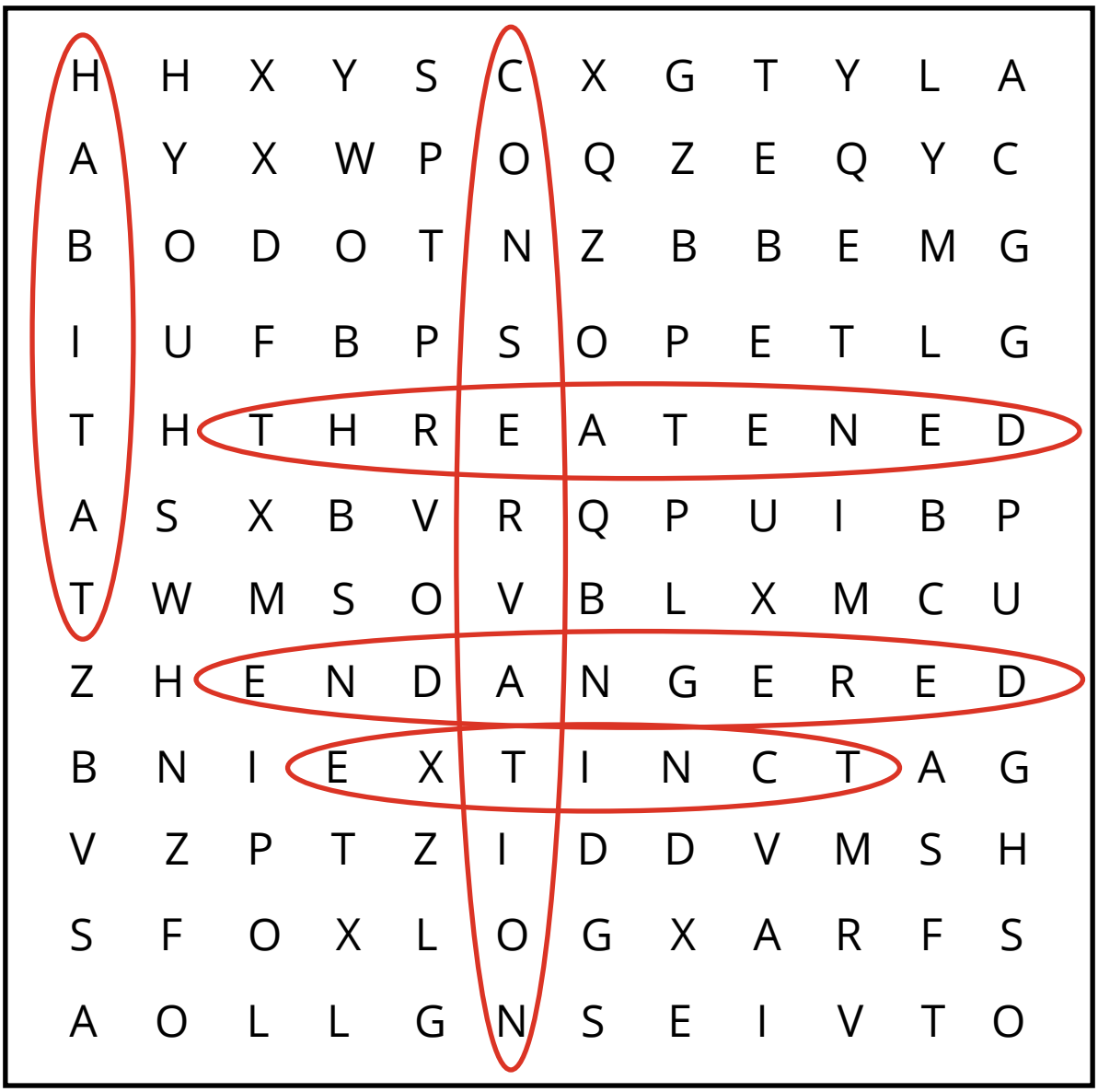

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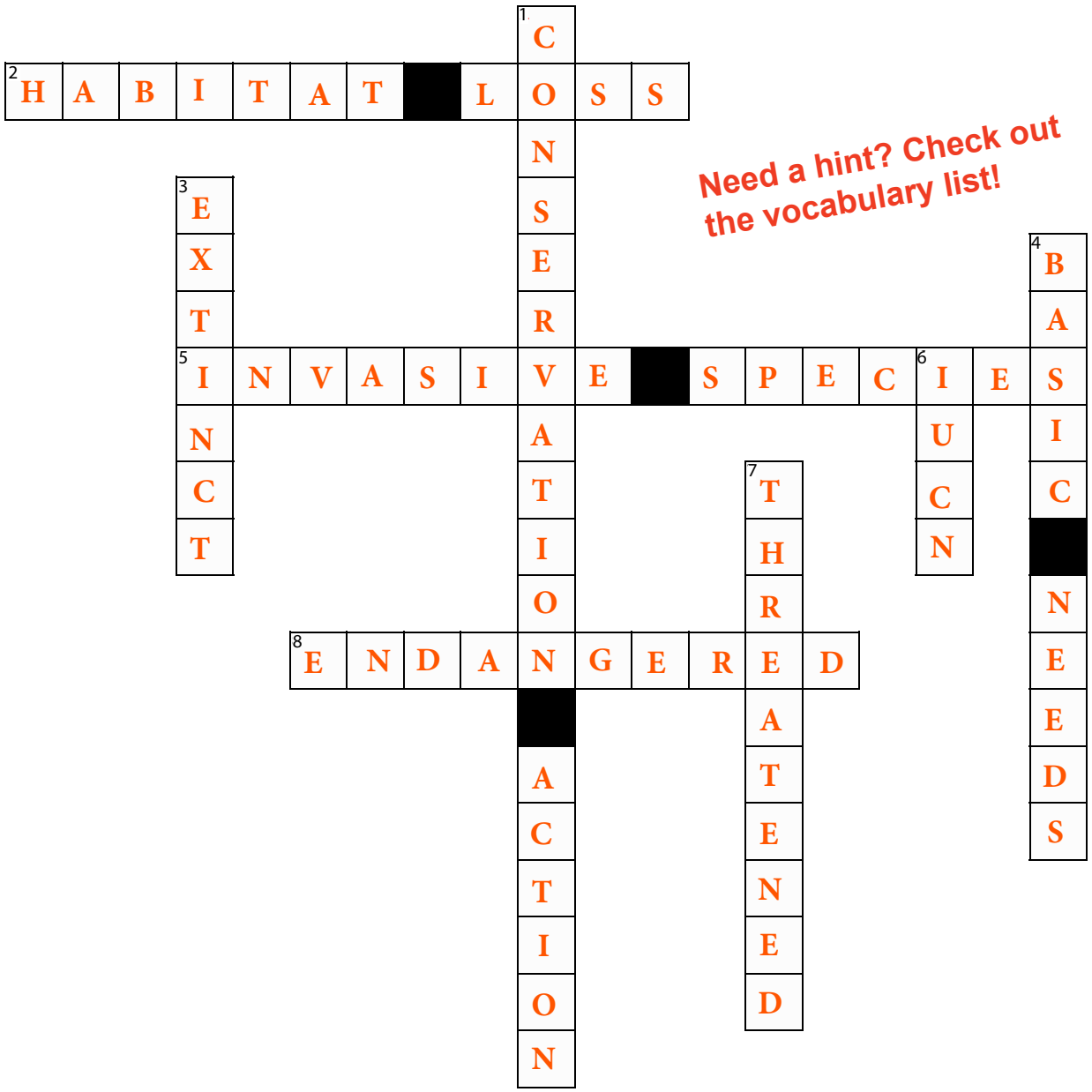

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