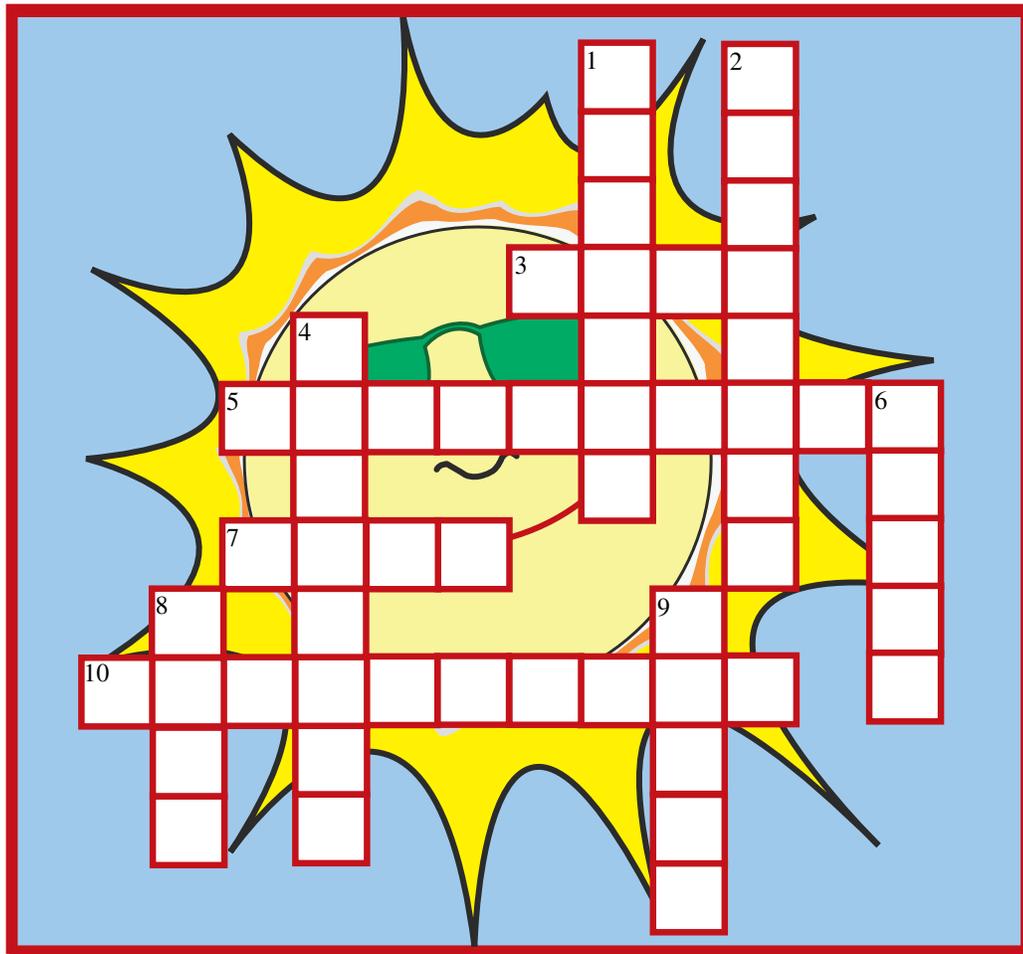


A Date With the Sun

Sun-dried dates are hot stuff! Read “In the Desert, a Date With the Sun!” at www.ars.usda.gov/is/kids/environment/story1/sundateframe.htm. Then try your luck at the crossword puzzle below. No Sweat!



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3. The biological unit that contains a complex set of directions coded in chemicals.
5. Part of the world where date trees originated.
7. Date trees love this.
10. Where most dates are grown in the United States.

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1. How dates taste when they lose some of their moisture.
2. ARS' date garden serves as what kind of place that stores biological resources for breeding new kinds of dates?
4. Process in dates helped by the sun.
6. A plant's ability to resist insects and diseases is an example of a _____ that is the result of special genes.
8. Tree that dates grow on.
9. ARS' date garden has more than how many kinds of date trees?

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