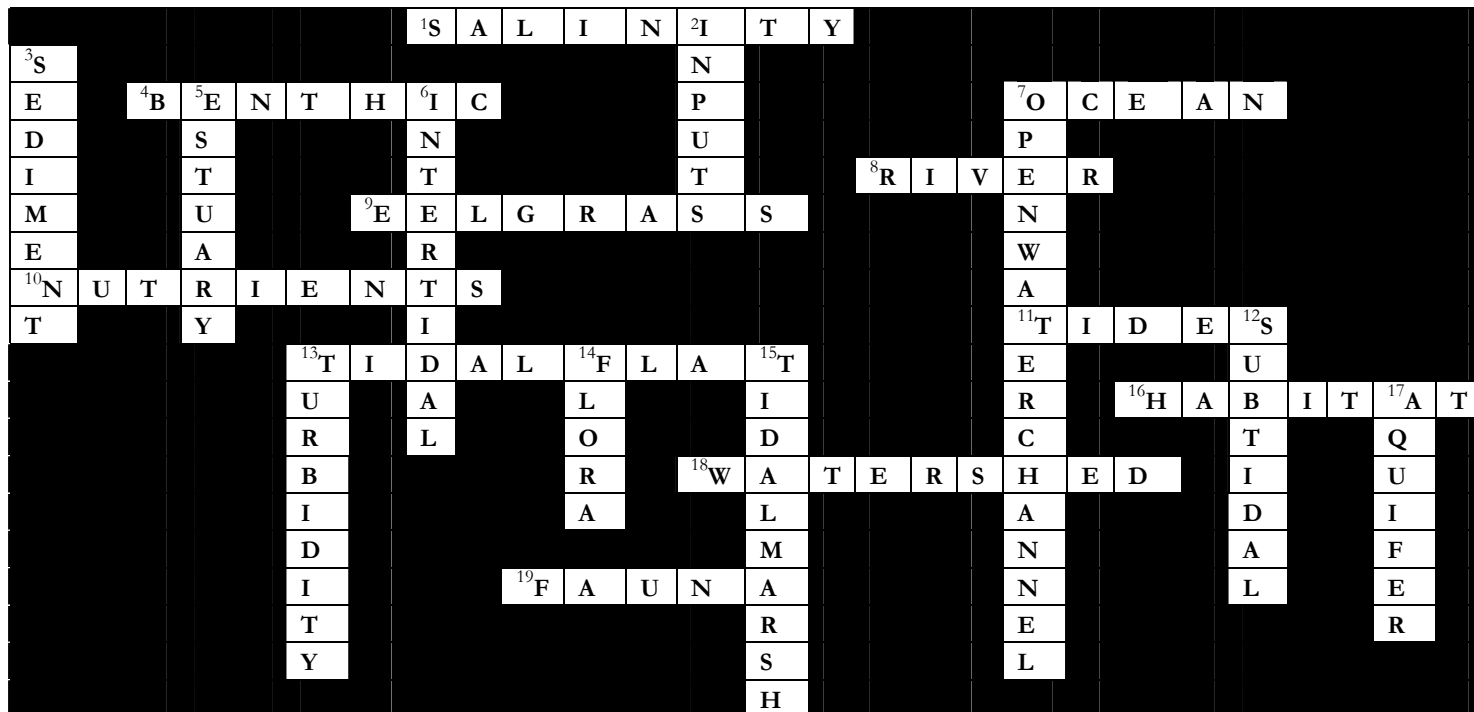


## Welcome to the Estuary – Crossword Puzzle



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<p>1. salinity - saltiness.</p> <p>4. benthic - bottom dwelling.</p> <p>7. ocean - covers three-fourths of the earth and floods the estuary at high tide.</p> <p>8. river - a large stream of water flowing throughout the year.</p> <p>9. eelgrass - a narrow bladed, aquatic plant that grows on the tidal flats and in the channels of the estuary.</p> <p>10. nutrients - nourishment in the estuary's waters.</p> <p>11. tides - the rising and falling of the earth's waters.</p> <p>13. tidal flat - lower in elevation than tidal marshes, these areas of the estuary are usually made up of mud or sand.</p> <p>16. habitat - a combination of living and non-living parts of the environment that support certain types of life.</p> <p>18. watershed – an area of land draining to a common creek, river, lake, or bay.</p> <p>19. fauna - another name for animals.</p>	<p>2. inputs - contributions of energy or materials.</p> <p>3. sediment - non-living particles that are suspended in the estuaries water.</p> <p>5. estuary - a semi-enclosed area at the mouth of a river where fresh and salt water mix.</p> <p>6. intertidal - between the tides.</p> <p>7. open water channel - area of water visible at lowest tides.</p> <p>12. sub-tidal - below the influence of the tides.</p> <p>13. turbidity - cloudiness of the estuary's waters.</p> <p>14. flora - another name for plants.</p> <p>15. tidal marsh - a wetland periodically covered with water by the tide and commonly covered with a growth of salt tolerant plants.</p> <p>17. aquifer - groundwater.</p>