

ESLDO

*SYNONYMS,
PARAPHRASING, AND
SUMMARIES*

SYNONYMS EXERCISES

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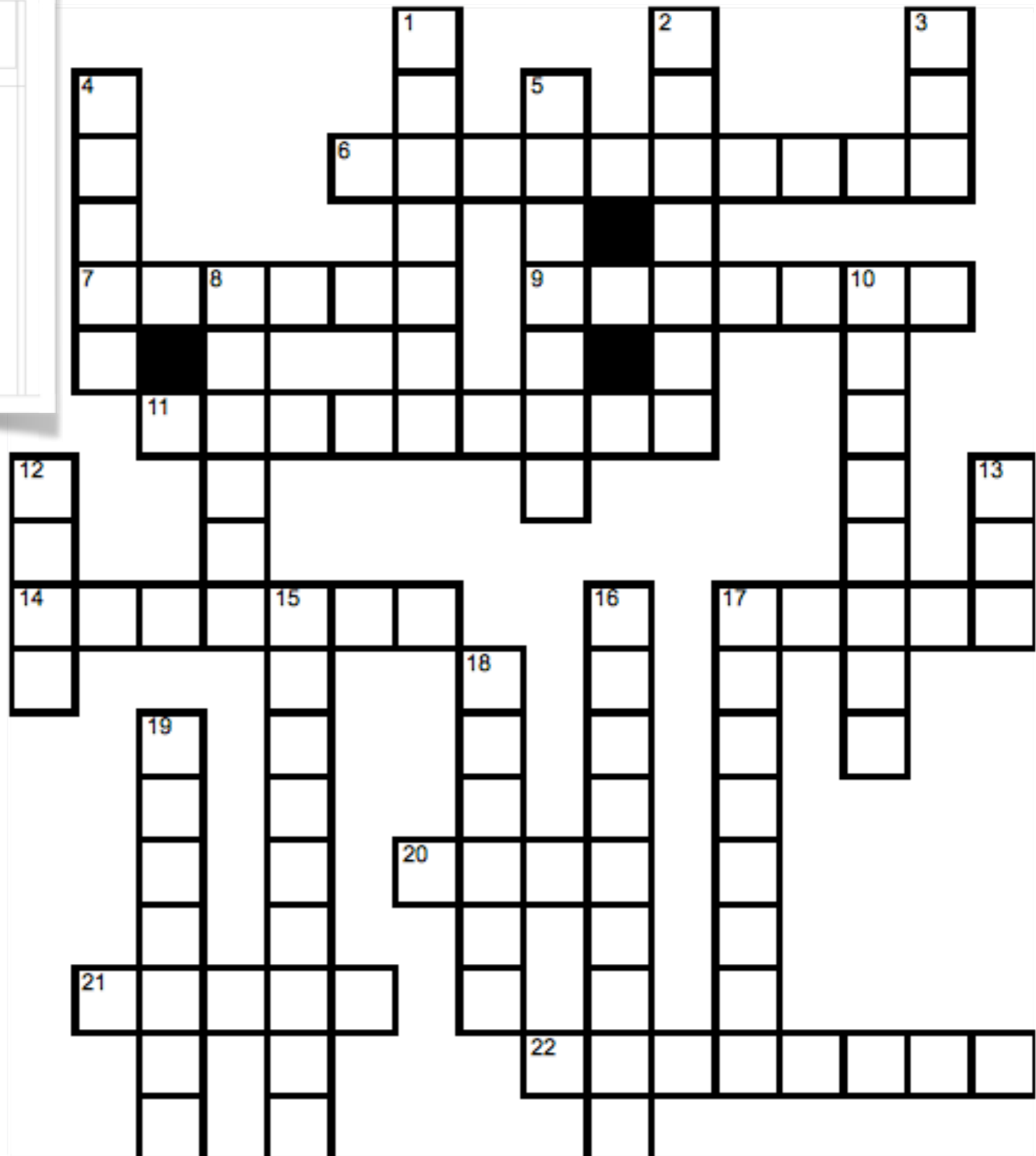
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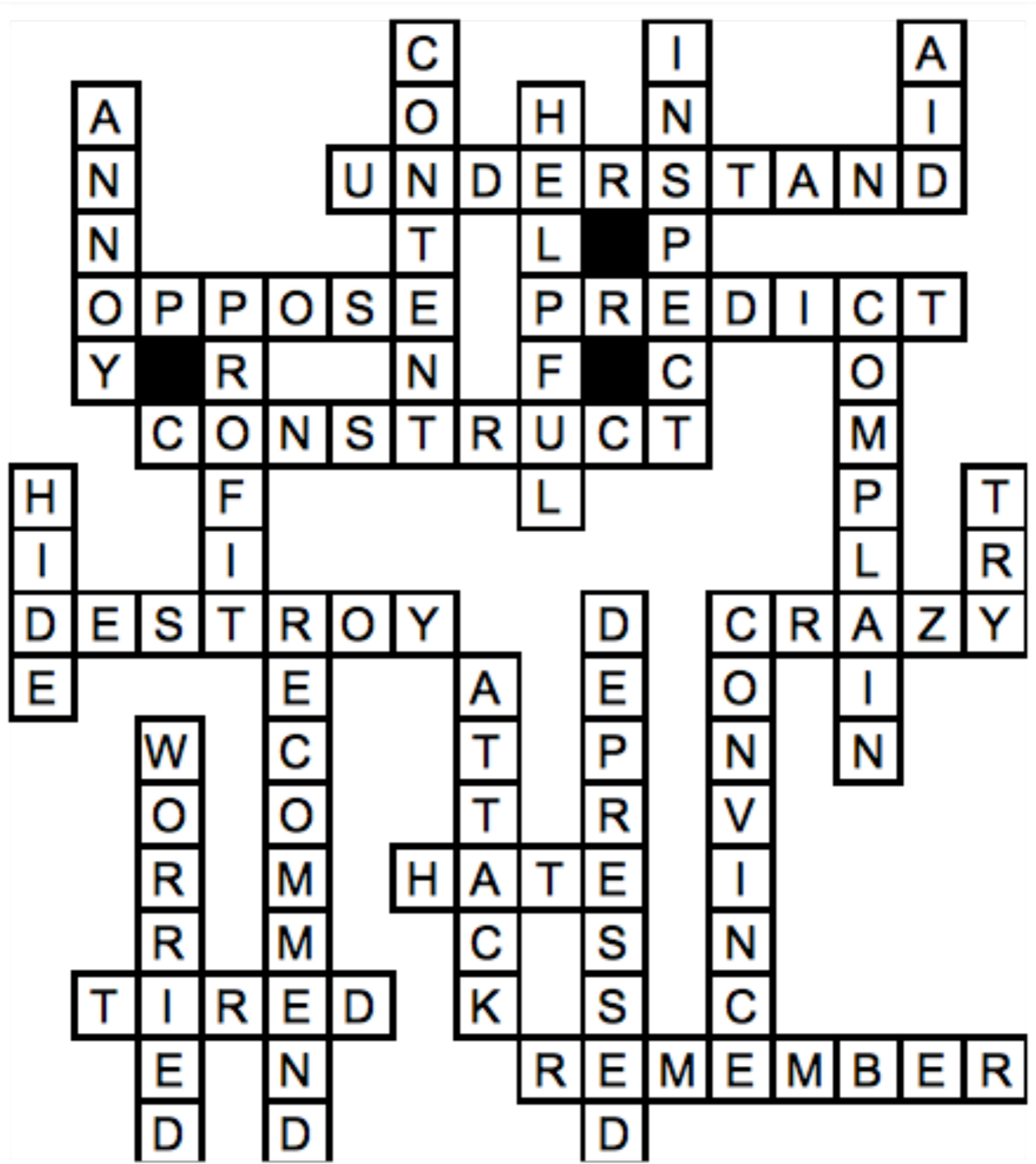
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NAME: _____ **ESLDO PARAPHRASING EXERCISE**

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The man started to think about why he wasn't successful.

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The leader started the attack/invasion very late in the evening.

(5) The report will be about the decline in sales.

The statement will focus on the drop in market performance/ customer purchases.

(6) They started to *construct* the house yesterday.

They began to build the dwelling/residence a day ago.

(7) The employees don't like the boss because he is too strict.

The workers detest/despise/disapprove of the manager since he is excessively/exceedingly harsh/rigid/iron-fisted.

Watch videos of water hydrological cycle and Mexico City
Read text pages 107-8, find main points

ADVANCED READING POWER - Read 106 - 107

find main points

do summaries on music, Darwin, and agriculture

write summaries of Mexico paragraphs

Summary Mexico City #1

Mexico City has a big water problem, so many citizens get very little water. A major problem is bad plumbing equipment which wastes water. Also, there is increasing need for water, and large beverage companies are using lots of water.

#2

Long ago Mexico City had lots of water, but the water was removed to create the city. Then water was taken from underground and from rivers. Recently, water has been taken from long distances, which is difficult to deliver.

#3

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According to Rita Gilbert in the article "Living with Art," music videos are fairly recent, and there are various kinds. All of them contain songs and moving pictures. A number of them show a story or idea, but others only show artists' performances.

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In "Discovery," Everett, Reid and Fara state that Darwin began a long journey to South America in 1831. After seeing incredible nature in Brazil, he uncovered ancient creatures in Patagonia. In the Galapagos they saw some very unique species, and these discoveries contributed to Darwin's ideas about evolution.

3. Beginning in the Middle East at least 10,000 years ago, some peoples began to purposely sow the seeds of their food plants. It was a practice that allowed them to produce adequate amounts of food in the areas near their settlements rather than pursuing game and living as nomads. At the same time, they gradually tamed and domesticated wild animals for their food, hides and labor. An agricultural lifestyle led to the first towns and cities, the development of tools, baskets and pots, which led to the development of commerce and new crafts and skills. Agriculture played a significant role in developing the control over our existence that distinguishes humans from other species. (*Biology!*, Postlethwait, Hopson, and Veres)

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According to Postlethwait, Hopson and Veres in "Biology!" people developed farming long ago and then didn't have to travel for sustenance. They began to use animals for different things and to live in larger communities. This resulted in finance, new products, and the ability to rule nature.