



Learn the Language

4-H uses terms that may be unfamiliar or used differently than what you've experienced in other places. Some of those words are explained here, but there may be some more terms you hear that aren't listed. Don't be afraid to ask your club leader if you're not sure what something means. The number next to each **bolded** word corresponds to the answer in the crossword puzzle on the opposite page.

4-H words you might hear in your **Club**

A 4-H **club**¹¹ is made up of youth **members**³ and caring adult volunteers who meet regularly. Clubs typically conduct business, serve the community, and have fun! Clubs can also be school-based, afterschool or have a project area focus. A **Cloverbud**¹¹ is a 4-H member in grades K-2. All clubs have at least one adult club **leader**¹⁰ who works with youth leaders to guide the group. 4-H clubs often do **community service**² projects to make a difference in their community. Some clubs also have their members track project progress throughout the year (and their 4-H career) through a **record book**¹. Clubs may also encourage members to give a **demonstration**⁶, where they teach a project-based skill to other members.



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4-H words you might hear across your **County**

County 4-H programs offer opportunities for youth such as project days, camps, and more. For many 4-H members, one of the highlights of the year is showcasing their hard work at a local **fair**¹⁷. At the fair, members enter their project as an **exhibit**⁸. Many counties also have a **Leaders Organization**¹⁶ made up of adult volunteers and youth leaders. This group provides education, raises funds, and promotes 4-H throughout the county. The organization is usually known as a Leaders Federation, Leaders Association, or Leaders Council.

4-H words you might hear across **Wisconsin**

In 1914, the Smith-Lever Act established a partnership between the USDA and land-grant institutions. In 1890, it expanded to include historically black colleges and universities, and in 1994 added tribal colleges. This partnership is known as Cooperative **Extension**⁷. In Wisconsin, Extension is a division of UW-Madison and is home to the Wisconsin 4-H program. UW-Madison employs a county **4-H educator**⁴ who leads and coordinates the county's 4-H program. Wisconsin 4-H uses the web platform, **4-H Online**,⁹ to keep in touch with 4-H members. On this website, members can also enroll in an **educational experience**,¹⁹ which is an educational travel opportunity organized by the state 4-H office.



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4-H words you might hear across the **country**

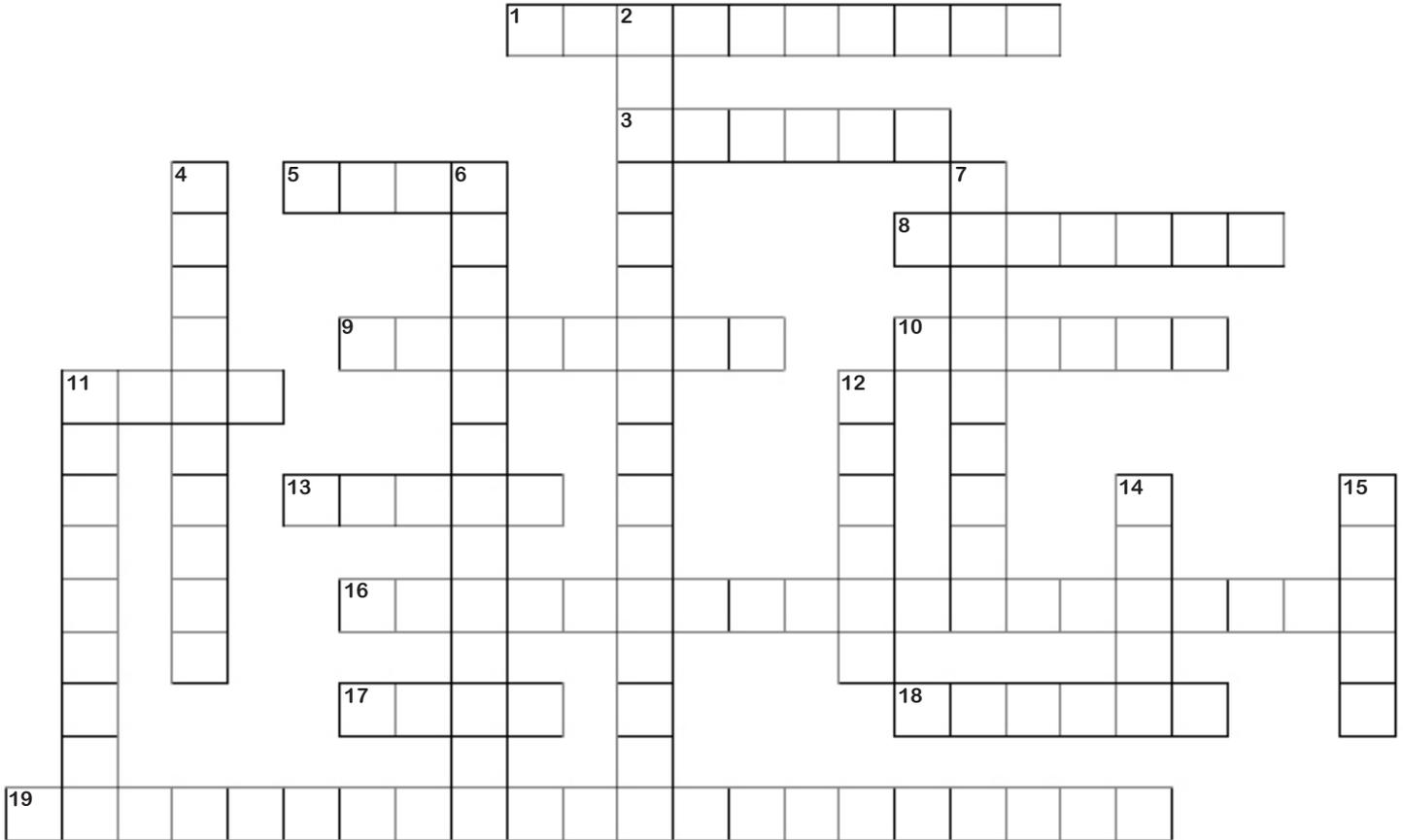
The 4 H's are **Head**⁵, **Heart**¹⁴, **Hands**¹⁵, and **Health**¹⁸. These are all part of the 4-H **Pledge**,¹² which is usually recited at the beginning of meetings. The 4-H **Motto**¹³, adopted nationally, is "To Make the Best Better."





Common Word Crossword

4-H has a lot of words that might not get used in other places. See if you can fill in the word that matches each definition!



ACROSS

1. Where you keep track of all your 4-H project work in a year (2 words)
3. Any young person signed up for 4-H
5. I pledge my _____ to clearer thinking
9. Website where adults sign youth up for 4-H (2 words)
10. Adult volunteer who helps youth in 4-H
11. Group of 4-H members who meet regularly to conduct business, learn about projects, do community service, and have fun
13. The 4-H _____: To Make the Best Better
16. Leadership group made of volunteers and youth leaders from around the county (2 words)
17. Event where 4-H youth may exhibit their projects
18. I pledge my _____ to better living
19. Travel opportunity that explores other places with Wisconsin 4-H members (2 words)

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2. Project or event done by 4-H members to help make the community a better place (2 words)
4. Person who leads and coordinates the county-level program
6. Presentation by a 4-H member where they teach a project-based skill to other club members
7. System that is home to the 4-H program, established by the Smith-Lever Act (2 words)
11. 4-H member in grades K-2
12. Commitment or promise; most clubs recite this to start each meeting
14. I pledge my _____ to greater loyalty
15. I pledge my _____ to larger service

Stuck on a clue? That's ok! You can find the answers on the opposite page!