

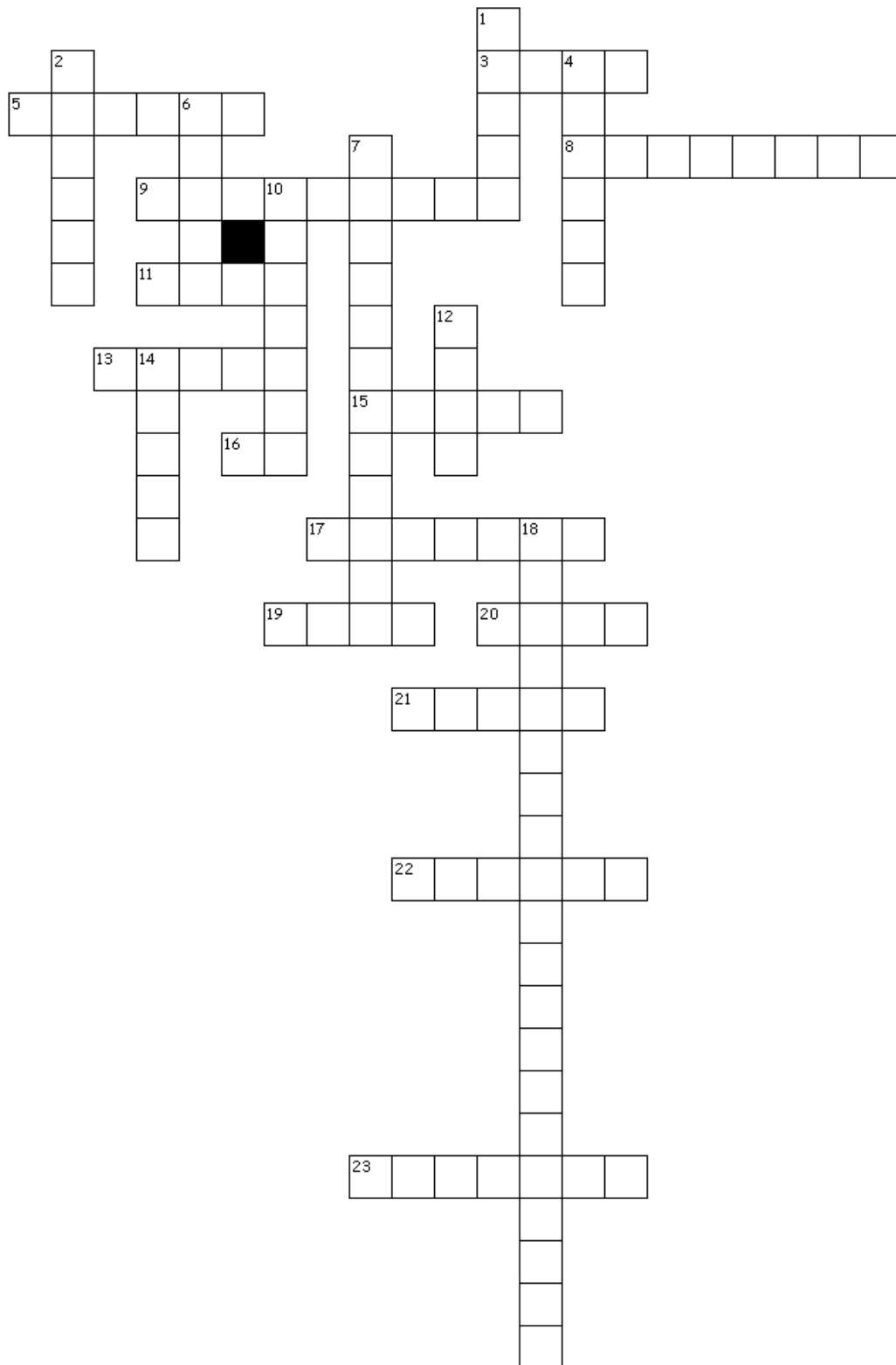


TOMODACHI The Edge of the World

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Crossword

- 1 Attempt to complete the crossword before turning to the glossary for help. Most of the answers are Japanese terms used in the novel.



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- 5 General in samurai army
- 8 A weapon – long pole with single curved blade
- 9 Japanese for friend
- 11 Strong sense of debt to be paid/obligation
- 13 Water sprite
- 15 Unemployed samurai
- 16 Life force
- 17 Spy, or on occasion, assassin
- 19 The name given to the leader of the brigands (also means tiger)
- 20 Alcoholic drink
- 21 Ghost
- 22 Ultimate commander of Japanese warrior class
- 23 Kenji was held _____ by his neighbour

Down

- 1 Spirit, imp or demons of Japanese folklore
- 2 Member of Japanese aristocracy
- 4 Wrote *The Art Of War*
- 6 Hip length kimono style jacket
- 7 Person who writes with artistry
- 10 Paper sculpture enjoyed by Lord Nakatomi
- 12 Name sometimes used for Japan's Aborigines
- 14 A Buddha revered in feudal Japan
- 18 Name of Lord Nakatomi's castle

Cultural indicators

- 2 This novel relies on cultural indicators to make the plot believable. On the table below, note evidence from the novel which indicates time, setting and cultural mores (rules and expectations).

Indicators of time	Indicators of place	Indicators of culture (eg: language, clothes, traditions, folktales)	Indicators of cultural mores (rules, religion, values and rituals)

Why are cultural indicators important elements in fiction?

- 3 Rewrite the plot of *Tomodachi* by setting the novel in a non-Asian context. How does the new setting affect the plot?

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- Taisho
- Naginata
- Tomodachi
- Giri
- Kappa
- Ronin
- Ki
- Shinobi
- Tora
- Sake
- Obake
- Shogun
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- Yokai
- Daimyo
- Sun Tzu
- Haori
- Calligrapher
- Origami
- Ainu
- Amida
- Black Dragonfly Castle