



# Merriam-Webster Meets Media Literacy: A Crossword Challenge

Dive into our crossword, where Merriam-Webster definitions serve as clues. Answers highlight terms from our Media Literacy guide, blending fun with learning.\*

Examine clues for media literacy terms. Find the corresponding grid number. Fill "Across" from left to right and "Down" from top to bottom.

Crack the Code with Our Comprehensive Guidebook: [britannicaeducation.com/medialit](http://britannicaeducation.com/medialit)

The crossword puzzle grid consists of 17 numbered starting points for clues:

- 1: Across, 15 squares
- 2: Across, 15 squares
- 3: Down, 10 squares
- 4: Down, 5 squares
- 5: Across, 12 squares
- 6: Down, 10 squares
- 7: Across, 5 squares
- 8: Across, 5 squares
- 9: Across, 10 squares
- 10: Across, 5 squares
- 11: Down, 5 squares
- 12: Across, 5 squares
- 13: Across, 5 squares
- 14: Across, 10 squares
- 15: Across, 5 squares
- 16: Down, 5 squares
- 17: Across, 10 squares

## ACROSS

- 1 Fact-based information presented to mislead, manipulate, or harm
- 2 Essential to information literacy: responsible use of information
- 5 A method to solve problems by linking unexpected ideas
- 7 Knowledge gained from investigation or study
- 9 A subfield of AI, it lets computers learn tasks without direct programming
- 10 Communication methods aimed to reach or influence people broadly
- 12 An altered and convincingly manipulated image or recording
- 13 Origin of information or a primary reference
- 14 False information spread to sway opinion or hide the truth
- 15 Rapidly popularized, primarily via social media
- 17 AI tech that creates new content like text or images

## DOWN

- 1 Skill to access, assess, and use information correctly
- 3 Computers mimicking intelligent human actions
- 4 Publicly shared online data
- 6 Exposure only to confirming beliefs and opinions
- 8 Checking information's factual accuracy
- 10 Misleading or wrong information
- 11 Used to program generative AI
- 12 Digital information for transmission or processing
- 16 An inclination of temperament, outlook, or prejudice



\* Most definitions are sourced from Merriam-Webster, while select entries come from the National Association for Media Literacy in Education, First Draft News, and Harvard Business Review.