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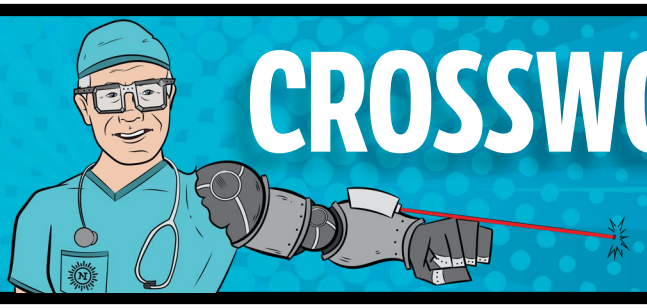
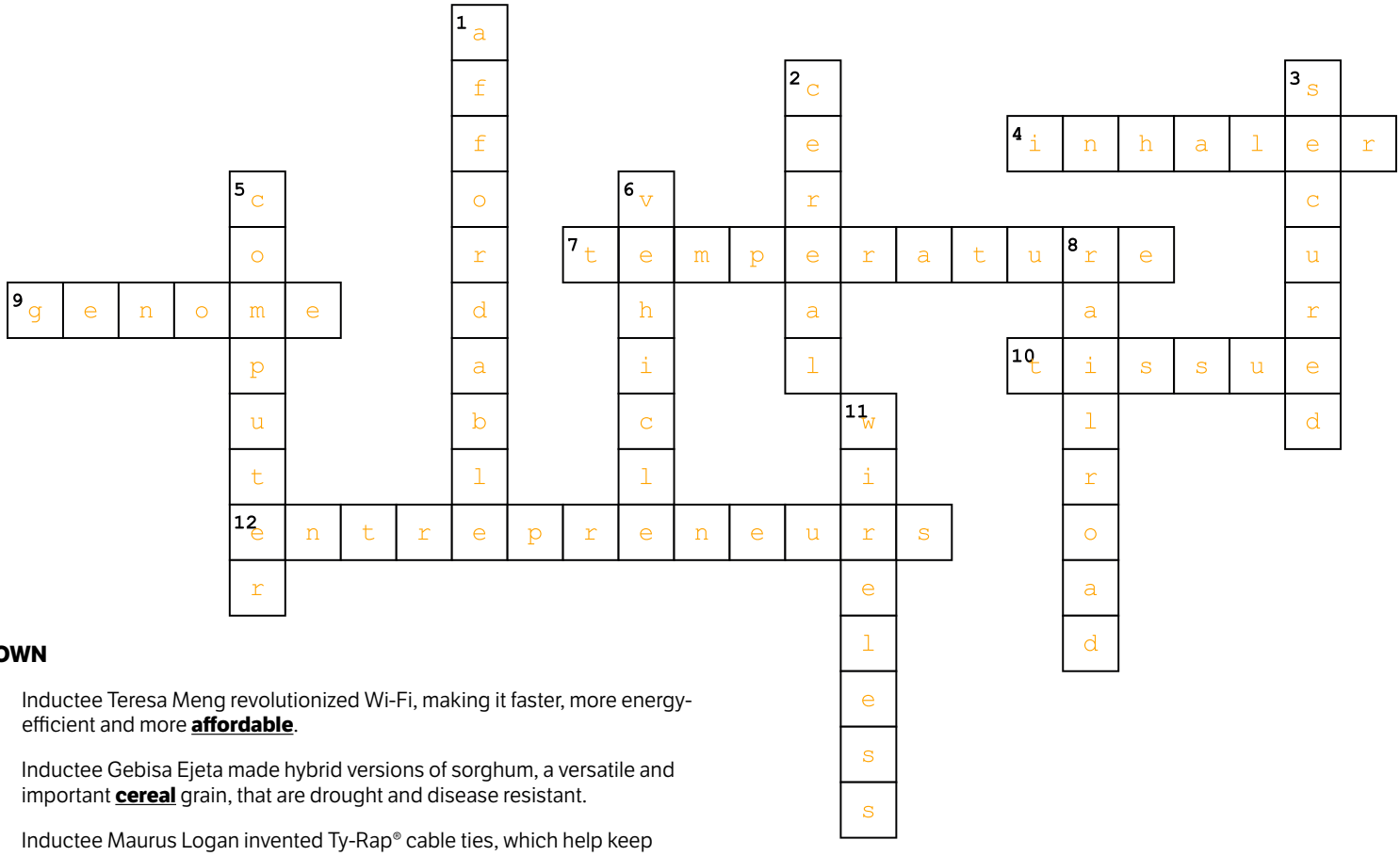


Need a quick break from brainstorming or building your next great invention? Try this fun activity and learn about the 2026 class of National Inventors Hall of Fame® Inductees – awesome inventors who have changed the world!

Hint: Visit invent.org/inductees to learn more about these amazing innovators.



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1. Inductee Teresa Meng revolutionized Wi-Fi, making it faster, more energy-efficient and more **affordable**.
2. Inductee Gebisa Ejeta made hybrid versions of sorghum, a versatile and important **cereal** grain, that are drought and disease resistant.
3. Inductee Maurus Logan invented Ty-Rap® cable ties, which help keep objects **secured** together.
5. Inductee Frank S. Greene Jr.'s invention significantly reduced both waste and **computer** chip production costs.
6. Inductee Donald Alstadt invented Chemlok®, which is used in almost every **vehicle** in the world.
8. Inductee Olive Dennis used her expertise and experience to develop many innovations for **railroad** passenger cars.
11. Inductee Henry Samueli is the co-founder of Broadcom Inc., a global leader in wired and **wireless** communications.

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4. Inductees George Maison, Irving Porush and Charles Thiel invented the pressurized metered dose **inhaler**, which quickly delivers medicine to our lungs to help us breathe.
7. Inductee Reuben Trane made it easier for people to keep their homes and businesses at a comfortable **temperature** with heating and air conditioning.
9. Inductee Feng Zhang developed CRISPR-Cas9 systems for use as a **genome** editing tool in human cells.
10. Inductees Louis Argenta and Michael Morykwas co-invented Vacuum Assisted Closure (V.A.C.), which helps wounds close and encourages the growth of new **tissue**.
12. Inductee Sara Blakely created SPANX® shapewear and is an inspiring role model for future **entrepreneurs**.

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