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## KEY TERMS

These are key terms from this week's rap. Each word or phrase connects to the week's news in a significant way. Complete the chart below by describing how each term relates to the news.

Term	How it Relates to the Week's News
Hillary Clinton	<i>Example: Hilary Clinton announced she would be running for president.</i>
Marco Rubio	
eighth grade student	
teachers in Atlanta	
Boko Haram	
California	
liquid metal	

# GENERAL VOCABULARY

Some words from the lyrics are used to describe a specific news story, but you can also use them in lots of other places and contexts. Learning these words and their meanings will help you expand your vocabulary.

Guess what the meaning of the word is based on how it's used in the rap, and then compare it with the actual definition. When you're done, use each of the words in a sentence that doesn't have anything to do with The Week in Rap.

Word	In Lyrics	Guess Meaning	Actual Meaning
<b>penalty</b>	<i>They did, and he might pay the penalty, 'Cause hacking into computers is a felony</i>		
<b>displaced</b>	<i>Now, the group has displaced more than a million</i>		
<b>shape-shifter</b>	<i>Heard of Terminator and the shape-shifter? A liquid metal robot</i>		
<b>bloom</b>	<i>We're feeling fresh like a cherry blossom in bloom</i>		

Word	Sentence
<b>penalty</b>	
<b>displaced</b>	
<b>shape-shifter</b>	
<b>bloom</b>	

# Q&A

Read the info boxes from this week's Week in Rap and answer the questions. To read more about each story, follow the link to the newspaper article in the info box on flocabulary.com.

**H**illary Clinton has been involved in politics for a long time. She was the First Lady when Bill Clinton was president from 1993 to 2001. In 2001, she was elected to the US Senate to represent New York. Then she ran for president in 2008, but President Obama beat her as the Democratic candidate. Clinton served as the Secretary of State for the Obama administration in 2009. Now, Clinton has announced that she's running for president in 2016. So far, there aren't many other Democratic politicians running against her. Experts say her campaign will focus on reducing income inequality and helping the middle class. Polls say 81% of Democrats would consider voting for her.

**Why do you think someone would want the job of President?**

**M**arco Rubio is a Senator from Florida. This week, he announced that he is running for the Republican presidential nomination in 2016. Rubio is 43 years old, and he's Cuban-American. Right now, most Republican voters are older, with fewer black and Latino voters. Republicans hope Rubio's age and heritage will help him get votes from young voters and Hispanic voters. Rubio's campaign will focus on the idea of the American dream.

**What is the American dream?**

# Q&A

**A** cybercrime is a crime that is committed using the internet or a computer network. In Florida, an eighth grade boy named Domanik Green was arrested and charged with a felony for committing a cybercrime. Only very serious crimes are called felonies. After discovering that the passwords for teachers' computers at his school were their last names, Green logged into his teacher's computer. He changed the wallpaper on the computer screen as a prank. But, the police didn't think it was funny. The computer had test questions on it, and Green could have accessed them. Green said he didn't view the questions though, and he was released on the same day.

**Do you think Domanik Green deserves felony charges? Why?**

**S**ometimes students cheat because they want better grades. But in this case, teachers cheated because they wanted their students to get better grades. Some of the tests you take are used by the government to measure how well your school is doing. Schools that do well can be rewarded with more money for the school itself and more money for teachers and school officials. In Atlanta, nine school officials were sent to jail after being convicted of cheating on standardized tests. The teachers changed students' answers on the tests to get higher scores. Three of the nine school officials received 20-year sentences, and some officials were ordered to return the bonuses they received because of the dishonest test scores.

**Do you think schools should get more money based on test scores? Why?**

# Q&A

**B**oko Haram is an Islamic militant group active in Nigeria. Similar to ISIS, they want to create an Islamic state. In fact, earlier this month the group pledged its allegiance to ISIS. Since Boko Haram has been active, they have displaced 1.5 million people. About half of these people are children. “Displaced” means that those people have been forced to leave their homes and towns.

A year ago, Boko Haram kidnapped over 200 schoolgirls from Chibok, a town in Nigeria. Today, officials still can’t find them. About 50 girls managed to escape. But people think the remaining 200 girls were forced into marriage or killed.

**Based on what you know about ISIS, in what ways do you think Boko Haram is similar to them?**

**A** drought occurs when an area doesn’t get enough rain for a long time. California has been experiencing a drought for four years, and it doesn’t seem like it’s stopping any time soon. By studying things like the rings of tree trunks (called “growth rings”), scientists can learn about the area’s weather history. In the past, California occasionally suffered megadroughts, or droughts that lasted more than two decades. During the past 1,200 years, California had two megadroughts that lasted up to 200 years. Experts don’t think the current drought is a megadrought, but they worry that climate change could make the current drought last longer, even if California receives rainfall.

**What are some ways California residents can save water?**

# Q&A

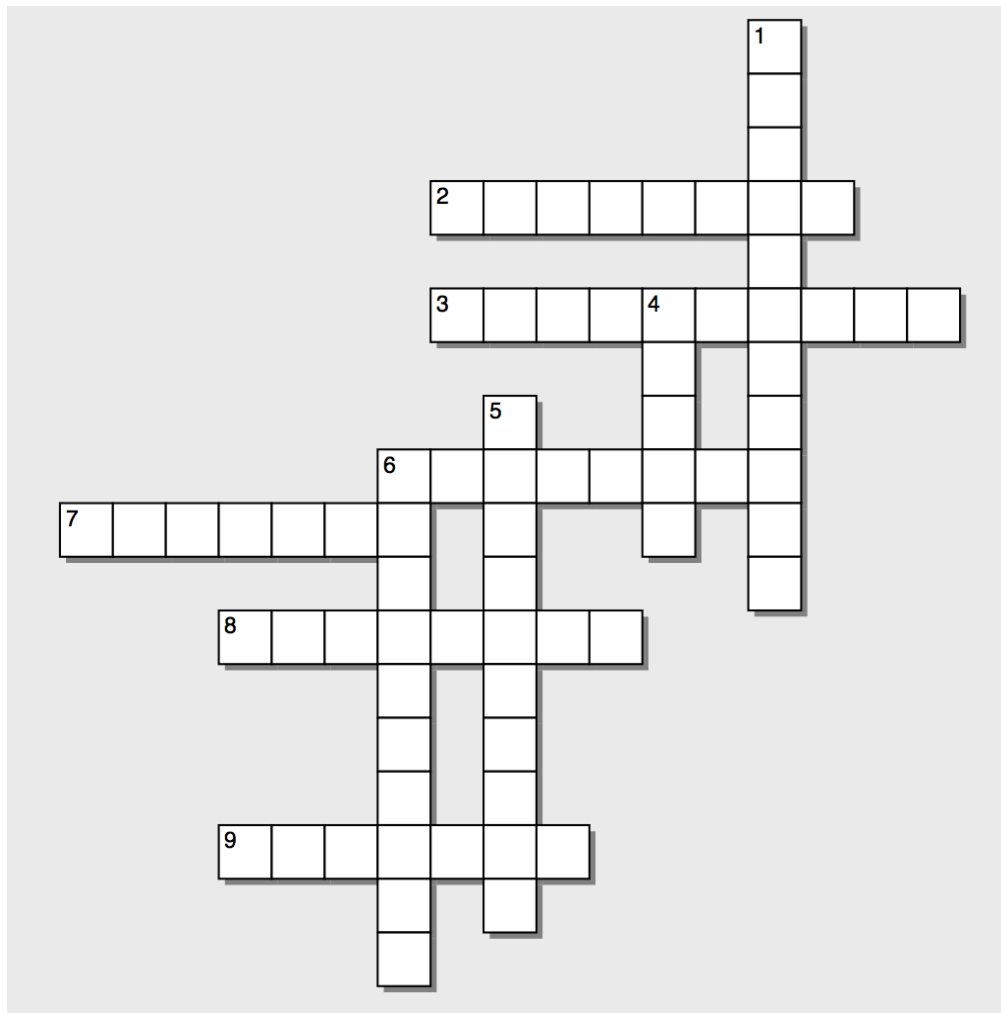
**M**ost metals turn into liquid at a high temperature. But some metals, like mercury and gallium, turn into liquid at much lower temperatures. Scientists in China discovered that putting liquid gallium in contact with aluminum caused a reaction that gave the metal electricity, or a source of power. This electricity causes the liquid gallium to change shape and move on its own. Scientists think they can use technology to create micro-robots that can deliver medicine when they are injected into the bloodstream. Basically these scientists are trying to create tiny, liquid-metal robots!

**Why do you think scientists want to create a way to deliver medicine using liquid metal robots?**

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## Crossword Puzzle

Complete this crossword with information from today's Week in Rap.



### Across

- 2) What dream will Marco Rubio's presidential campaign focus on?
- 3) A crime that is committed using the internet or a computer network.
- 6) Why were nine teachers from Atlanta jailed?
- 7) Boko Haram has displaced more than 1 million people in this country.
- 8) Scientists hope that liquid metal can deliver this in the blood stream.
- 9) He was president, and she's running in 2016.

### Down

- 1) A drought that lasts for more than 20 years.
- 4) A Republican presidential candidate repping Florida.
- 5) Shape-shifting metal was featured in this action thriller.
- 6) This state has been in a drought for four years.