## **Central Nervous System Crossword Puzzle**

#### Across

- 1. The largest part of the brain, responsible for voluntary actions and higher-order functions.
- 2. The protective membranes that surround the brain and spinal cord.
- 3. The part of the brainstem that controls vital functions like breathing and heart rate.
- 4. Gaps in the myelin sheath along an axon, crucial for saltatory conduction.
- 5. The division of the nervous system that includes the brain and spinal cord.

#### Down

- 1. The primary communication pathway between the brain and the rest of the body.
- 2. Specialized cells that transmit electrical and chemical signals.
- 3. The "little brain" responsible for balance and coordination.
- 4. The insulating layer around some axons that speeds up nerve impulses.
- 5. A bundle of nerve fibers in the central nervous system.

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Answer Key (Don't peek until you've tried!)

## Across

- 1. CEREBRUM
- 2. MENINGES
- 3. MEDULLA OBLONGATA
- 4. NODES OF RANVIER
- 5. CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM

### Down

- 1. SPINAL CORD
- 2. NEURONS
- 3. CEREBELLUM
- 4. MYELIN
- 5. TRACT

Let me know if you'd like another puzzle!