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The Temple Part 2

by Mabel G



I woke up quickly, finding myself tied to a chair. I felt woozy. My backpack was gone. There was no escape. So I thought. I tried to scream, but then found there was tape on my mouth. What could I do? Suddenly I remembered something.

When I was little, I read a book that explained how to escape if tied up. 'If you have tape across your mouth, lick it,' it said. I began licking the tape.

It was sticky and rough at first, but after a while, it softened. 'Twist your wrists, then lift your fingers towards the ceiling. Find the centre of the knot, grab on to the closest piece of rope and pull it as hard as you can. Repeat the strategy until the knot is untied.' I followed the instructions and was relieved to find that it was just a triple knot. Careless, I thought. Wait a second! The man who tied the knot would only have tied it with care if he was getting the gold for HIMSELF! Which means that they were working for someone! I had to get that gold off them!

I ran to the door. Locked. Luckily, there was always a solution. I ran my fingers through my hair and pulled out a bobby pin. I had to do this quickly! I shoved the pin inside the padlock, twisting and turning it. Click. Yes!

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I ran outside and into what looked like a loading dock for boats. How old is this place? I thought. Maybe they renovated it. Suddenly, I snapped back to reality. I had to find the gold! But where did the crooks go?

"Ready to go, boss!", the man shouted. He slammed the door of the boat and it started moving. I waited a few minutes to make sure that no one could see me, then poked my head up from the sack.

That was when I saw it. A boat, about the size of a ferry, floated up the river towards the dock, and in the driver's seat was the big-muscled man who had put me to sleep! I had to hide! I looked around frantically, trying to find a place to hide. Suddenly, I laid eyes on an empty sack in the corner of the room. I ran towards it, then grabbed it, climbing inside. Just in time! The moment I had settled, I heard clumping footsteps going into the room. The man that had just come in started picking up the sacks. They must have been heavy because he was panting as he heaved them onto the boat. I waited nervously, fidgeting with the bobby pin I still had in my hands. After a long time, I felt my sack moving slowly across the room. "Rrragh, this one's heavy!" I heard the man saying as he dragged me towards the ferry.

Just then, I felt myself being lifted into the air, then dumped onto the ship. I winced and stifled a cry of pain. Ouch!

I was in a dark room full of the sacks I had found in the temple. I guessed they were full of gold and jewels. I could see a door at the far end of the room that led to the captain's cabin. I gulped, wondering who was in there and what they would do to me if they found out I was here. Suddenly, I heard a faint roar from below deck. What was that? I decided to find out.

I noticed a trapdoor in the middle of the room. So, that's how to get down there, I thought. I walked over to the trapdoor, opened it and climbed down the ladder. When I got to the bottom, I turned around and gasped.



Instead of a tiny little space full of boxes as I expected, I found a huge room with twisting corridors leading in every direction. This wasn't a boat, this was a SUBMARINE!

The roaring started up again. It was coming from a passage leading south. I began running down the passage. I wondered what could be making that sound. Maybe a tiger, I thought. The roaring was getting louder and louder every second. It felt so exciting, but scary at the same time. Suddenly, the roaring stopped. That's strange, I thought. I wonder if...

BUMP. I looked up. There, right in front of my eyes, was an animal so unlike anything I had seen before. It had a huge, muscled body with long legs. The creature, I thought. This was the reason I had come here and now, I was standing face-to-face with this huge monster. Help me!

To be continued...

Brain Bending Riddles To Mess With Your Mind

By Leo

If you are looking for something funny or if you think you are a riddle master, these questions are for you.



- How do they put the "Keep Off the Grass" sign on the grass?
- Where does your lap go when you stand up?
- What was the best thing before sliced bread?
- So, what's the speed of dark?
- Why do your lips come together when you say apart but they go apart when you say together?
- Why are they called buildings when they're already built?
- Why do your feet smell but your

nose runs?

- Why do they call Greenland, Greenland when it's all ice, and Iceland, Iceland when it's all green?
- Why do the signs that say 'slow children' have a picture of a running child?
- Where in the nursery rhyme does it say Humpty Dumpty is an egg?
- How can there be self-help groups?
- Where do forest rangers go to 'get away from it all'?
- When dog food is new and improved, who tests it?
- Why is 'abbreviated' such a long word?
- If nothing ever sticks to Teflon, how do they make Teflon stick to the pan?
- How do you know honesty is the best policy unless you have tried some others?
- If a book about failures doesn't sell, is it a success?
- Why do they call it 'chili' if it's hot?
- Why do they call it life insurance?
- Why do people say out loud that they are speechless?
- How do you know if you've run out of invisible ink?
- Why are you expected to slow down in a speed zone?
- Why can't we tickle ourselves?

Puppies

By Abbie J



Puppies are adorable little pets but puppies do not stay little forever. They will turn into dogs after about 10 months.

Some can be fluffy and some can be silky. There are a lot of different sized dogs They are:

- miniature
- toy
- medium
- natural

There are a lot of different breeds (types) for example, pug, staffy, terrier, silky terrier, German shepherd. Many puppies are two breeds in one, such as cavoodles and labradoodles.

I have a puppy and her name is Coco. She is a cavoodle. Her mum is a Cavalier King Charles spaniel and

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her dad is a poodle. She is soft and fluffy. Coco is black and white and she is a toy size.



Dogs are the best!



This is landfill, a plastic paradise and it is really bad for the environment.

If you like to murder innocent animals, then keep littering but if you care about animals and their environment then PLEASE STOP LITTERING NOW!

Stop Littering Now!

By Hamish and Kassem

Like this?



Well, too bad because you are killing it!

10,000,000 birds die each year and 1,000,000 (that is 10% or 10 out of every 100) of them die from plastic.

Do Unicorns Exist?

By Daniela

Do you think that unicorns exist? This is an article about a unicorn but not just any unicorn, it is about a prehistoric creature that became extinct about a few thousand years ago.

If you believe unicorns exist, you are right! They did exist but a really long time ago. It was called the Siberian unicorn but it did not look like the beautiful white horse with a horn that you imagine.

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It actually looked like a giant rhinoceros with a giant horn on its head and looked very dirty and some might say, ugly.



The length of an adult Siberian unicorn was about 5 to 6 metres. Their diet consisted of plant bulbs, edible roots and tubers and they weighed about 5 tonnes.

Elasmotherium or the giant rhino inhabited Eurasia and went extinct 39,000 years ago. There were three species called E. Caucasicum, E. Chaprovicum and E. Sibiricum.

I interviewed three people about their opinions on whether unicorns existed or not.

Interviewee 1, aged 8: "I think no."

Interviewee 2, aged 10: "Yes because they eat plants and are hiding. Even though we have no proof of magic existing, there could still be magical unicorns in the universe."

Interviewee 3, aged 8: "They don't exist."

You have to believe in unicorns! Even though they do not exist right now, they might have in the past as I have already explained in this article.

Endangered Animals

By Joanna

Endangered animals are any species at risk of extinction because of a sudden rapid decrease in its population or a loss of its critical habitat.



A lot of animals are endangered,

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especially the sea otter, snow leopard, koala, Tasmanian devil, and Asian elephant.

It is sad that animals are endangered but the thing is, people love animals, especially me. So here are five ways we can help save endangered animals:

1. Educate your family about endangered species in your area.
2. Recycle and buy sustainable products.
3. Grow native plants.
4. Reduce your water consumption.
5. Reduce your personal footprint.

We need to help soon so they do not die out.

Are you going to help endangered animals?

Tee Ball

By Hervey

Tee ball is a game with four bases called first base, second base, third base and home base and these bases are placed on the field in the shape of a square. In tee ball, baseball and softball the square is mistakenly called a diamond.

Firstly, to start the game you need to decide which team is batting and which team is fielding. The umpire throws a bat in the air, and a member from each team tries to catch it. Where ever the player's hand lands on the bat, the two players then take turns to grip the bat with their hand above the other player's hand until there is no more hand space. The last player with their hand on the bat gets to choose whether they want their team to field or bat to start the game.

The batting team has a batter on the field and the other team has fielding positions. There are nine players that are on the field. One player is at first base ready to catch the ball that is hit off the tee. If they catch the ball, they have two options: they can put their foot on the base before the batter makes it to the base and if the batter tries to run to second base they throw the ball to the second

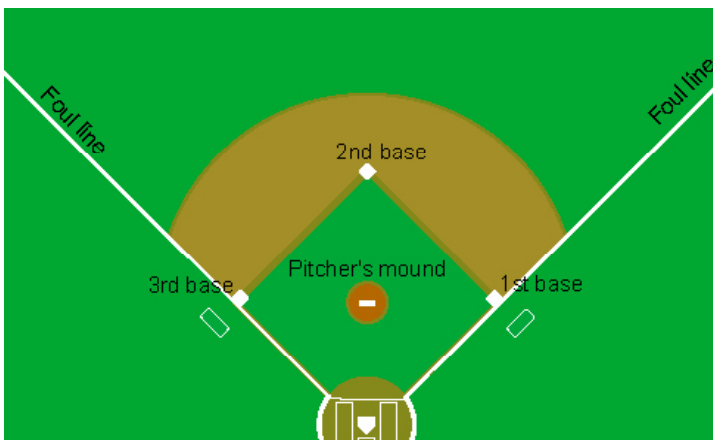


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base fielder. The other option is to tip the ball on the batter if they are forced to run.

There is a player on home base where the batter begins the game. That player has to do the same thing as first base, second base and third base but at the home base the catcher has



to wear a lot of protective gear.

Fielding positions

Catcher

This role is not like the catcher in baseball. It is a bit easier, because the ball is hit off a tee and the pitcher does not pitch the ball.

First base

The first base person has to act quickly because the batter always wants to at least get to first base.

Second base

Second base person always has their foot on the base ready to get the ball in the mitt. They often have to lean in to catch the ball.

Third base

The third base person always has to be ready because they are the person just before home base so they try to get most of the home base runners out.

Pitcher

The pitcher is the person who stands in the middle of the diamond, in front of the batter and they are the player who is most likely to field the ball to throw to home base.

When it is a team's turn to bat, they take turns to hit the ball off the tee and then run to first base without getting out.

Last, but not least, the last batter tries to hit the ball far enough away from the fielders so that all the batters on the field have a chance to run all the way around the diamond back to home base to score a 'run' without getting out. It is really hard to do but fast players can do it.

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Riddles

By Lily H

1. What is full of holes but still contains water?
2. What answer can you never say yes to?
3. What becomes white when dirty?
4. What can you bend, break and change but not hold?
5. I speak without a mouth and hear without ears. I have no body but come alive with the wind. What am I?
6. I have cities but no houses. I have mountains but no trees. I have water but no fish. What am I?
7. You see a boat filled with people. You look away. It has not sunk but when you look again there is not a single person on the boat. Why?
8. A woman shoots her husband, then holds her husband underwater for five minutes then hangs him. He is still alive. How?
9. How is 7 and 11 even?
10. How far can a fox run into the woods?
11. Mr Blue lives in the blue house, Miss Yellow lives in the yellow house and Mr Green lives in the green house who lives in the white



house?

12. What is so fragile that when you speak it breaks?
13. You draw a line without touching it. How do you make it longer?
14. How can a leopard change its spots?

Answers can be found on page 14

Lego City 2020: What's New?

By Joseph

Lego City 2020 has already had an impact. There are new faces, pieces and also, exclusive names. Some new pieces include the magnet piece and



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the flying helicopter. They also have the return of the light and sound brick, as well as the water cannon. There are also 20 new faces, 14 attached with names and 11 that are new. The 14 figures with names this summer are from the TV series Lego City Adventures. However, don't forget the 2019 sets. They are just as good. Sky Police, Fire Brigade and Space Agency were the three main types of set groups. There are also the great vehicles sets and the Ski Resort and Doughnut Shop Opening sets. The 2019 series had also packed a punch.

The tradition of police sets every year is continuing, as Lego released seven new police sets, which all lead to the giant police station. Rumour has it that later this year there will be the new Airport and Deep Sea Exploration sets. There will be three airport sets: Air Show, Airport and Passenger Plane and four Deep Sea

Exploration sets: Mini Submarine, Marine Research Submarine, Marine Research Base and Marine Research Vessel. There will also be the Lego City Advent Calendar.



As we roll back the clock on Lego City, we now reveal some of the Lego City sets from up to 7 years back. In 2013, 2017 and 2019, there were Fire Department sets. In 2015 there was, and later this year there will be, Deep Sea Exploration sets. From 2016 and later 2020, there are new Airport sets that will be released. However, the Lego City head pieces are constantly changing. Lego City has given us some surprises, and we're excited about what more Lego City will bring. But for now, we will explore the 2019 & 2020 Lego City sets until the new ones come out.



Happy building!

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Book Review: Friday Barnes Bitter Enemies

By Sienna



I rate Bitter Enemies five stars because of the way the author, R.A. Spratt, engages with the audience. The writing made me feel like I did not want to put the book down, not because I was told to read a book but because of the descriptive language, competitiveness and entertainment!

Bitter Enemies is a book about a girl called Friday Barnes who is always solving big crimes and making people feel agitated at her genius abilities.

This book is about four demon headmasters, and some unsolved mysteries coming to the surface.

I highly recommend this book to kids aged 8 and older who like reading humorous books about crimes and competitiveness all in one or sometimes even separately! I hope you enjoy reading this book as much as I did and that you recommend it to other readers.

Dolphin Facts

By Toby G



1. There are approximately 40 species of dolphin in the world
2. Dolphins are carnivores
3. They can eat up to 14.9685 KG a day
4. They are the 2nd smartest

mammals in the world

5. Dolphins live in groups called pods that can have 1,000 members or more

6. They can have up to 250 teeth

7. Some dolphins are the Orca, Hector's dolphin and Bottlenose dolphin

8. Because they are mammals they need air, so they come to the surface and blow water/old air out of their blowhole and breathe in new air in a split second

Glossary

Blowhole: A nostril at the top of the head in dolphins and whales so they can breathe.

Carnivore: An animal that only eats meat.

Mammal: An animal that gives birth to live young.



Home Is Where the Heart Is

By Chloe, Amelia & Tiare



When was the last time you travelled in your own state? If you can't remember when, then that is because it was that long ago! From rainforests to deserts, bustling cities to small country towns, New South Wales is a melting pot of different cultures, landscapes, languages and people. It has so much to offer and give to people all over the world but particularly to the locals! And what better time to do it than now? With borders shut and international travel out of the question, now is the perfect time to explore your own state and discover its own unique wonders.

We will tell you the best places to go from far and wide which are fun,

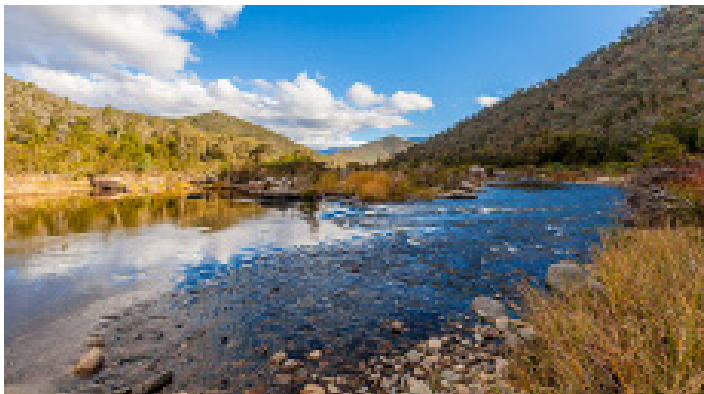
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enjoyable and interesting while not far from home at the same time. (Make sure to tell your parents that they are all COVID safe; just be sure to sanitise!) Here are a few:

Places out of Sydney but still in NSW

- Newcastle
- The Blue Mountains
- Port Stephens Region (Anna Bay, Nelson Bay & Fingal Bay)
- Jervis Bay
- Shoalhaven - Mollymook
- Kosciuszko National Park
- Hathead



Parks & Attractions Near and Far

- Strathfield Park
- Oatley Park
- Wulaba Park
- Carss Park
- Heffron Pedal Park
- Blaxland Riverside Park
- Bay Run (take your scooters, skateboard or bike along!)
- Treetops Adventure Park

- Bowling (Manhattan Superbowl, Kingpin, Strike Pin)
- Archie Brothers Circus
- Whale watching in Sydney Harbour or up and down the coast
- Fruit Picking (Anderson Farm & Fords Farm)
- Aussie Bushwalking Tracks
- Scenic World



Well, what are you waiting for? With the holidays coming up soon and possible boredom on the horizon, why don't you get moving and start getting dates on the calendar? You have five whole weeks to get out there, have fun and enjoy exploring New South Wales. You'll have the best stories to tell when everyone else is recapping their never ending boredom on the couch all holidays. We have given you a list of the top places to go and visit in New South Wales, so hop to it and go explore by far the best state in Australia!

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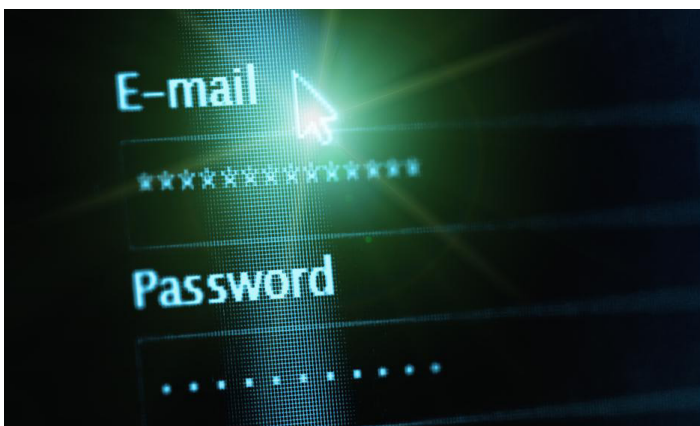
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Hackers

By Kassem

Now if you don't know what a hacker is, a hacker is a person who can find your identity first by finding your first and last name. They can also find out your password and if hackers find your password they can find a lot more of your personal details which can be really dangerous.

If weird things happen on your screen or somebody sends you a message asking for your private information, do not respond and report the activity immediately to your parent.



Riddle Answers

By Lily

1. Sponge
2. Are you asleep yet?
3. A blackboard
4. Rules

5. An echo
6. A map
7. All the people were married
8. She took an old fashioned photo of him, then developed it and dried it out in a dark room
9. Because they both have even in the word
10. Only half way otherwise it would be running out of the woods
11. The president
12. Silence
13. Draw a shorter line next to it
14. By moving from one place to another

Nursery Rhymes

Remix

By Hamish and Liam



Twinkle twinkle little star
Raining down some hot lava
The sky is full of burning rocks
And that is how
the dinosaurs died.

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Rockabye baby on the treetop
There's a wasps nest right up at the top
When the wind blows they get really annoyed
And sting the poor baby
Ouch! Ouch! Ouch! Dead.



Mary had a little lamb
Who one day just dropped dead.
Now it goes to school with her
Between two chunks of bread.



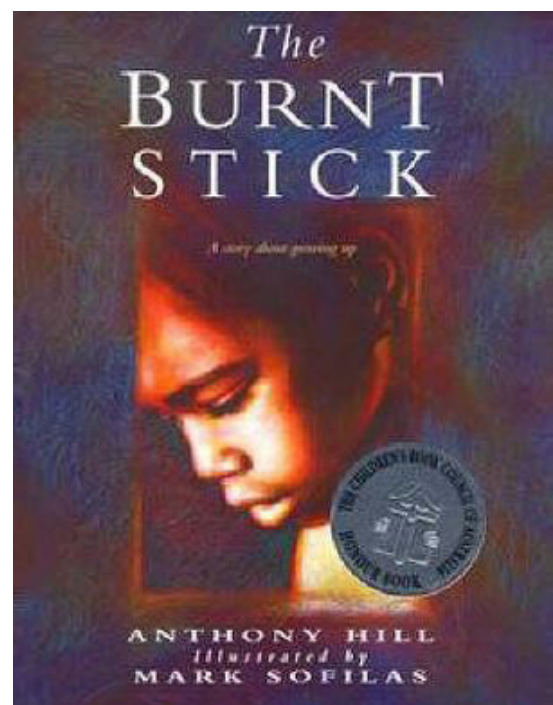
The Burnt Stick: My Predictions on What This Book is About

A poem by Mabel

The title twirls around in my mind
I think of something it could hide
Stories of trees and rocks and things
Could be what this story brings.

A little girl taken away from her tribe
Might be what it has inside
The burnt stick might be cold and thin
Teasing the colour of your skin.

So I decide to take a look
And find out what's inside that book.



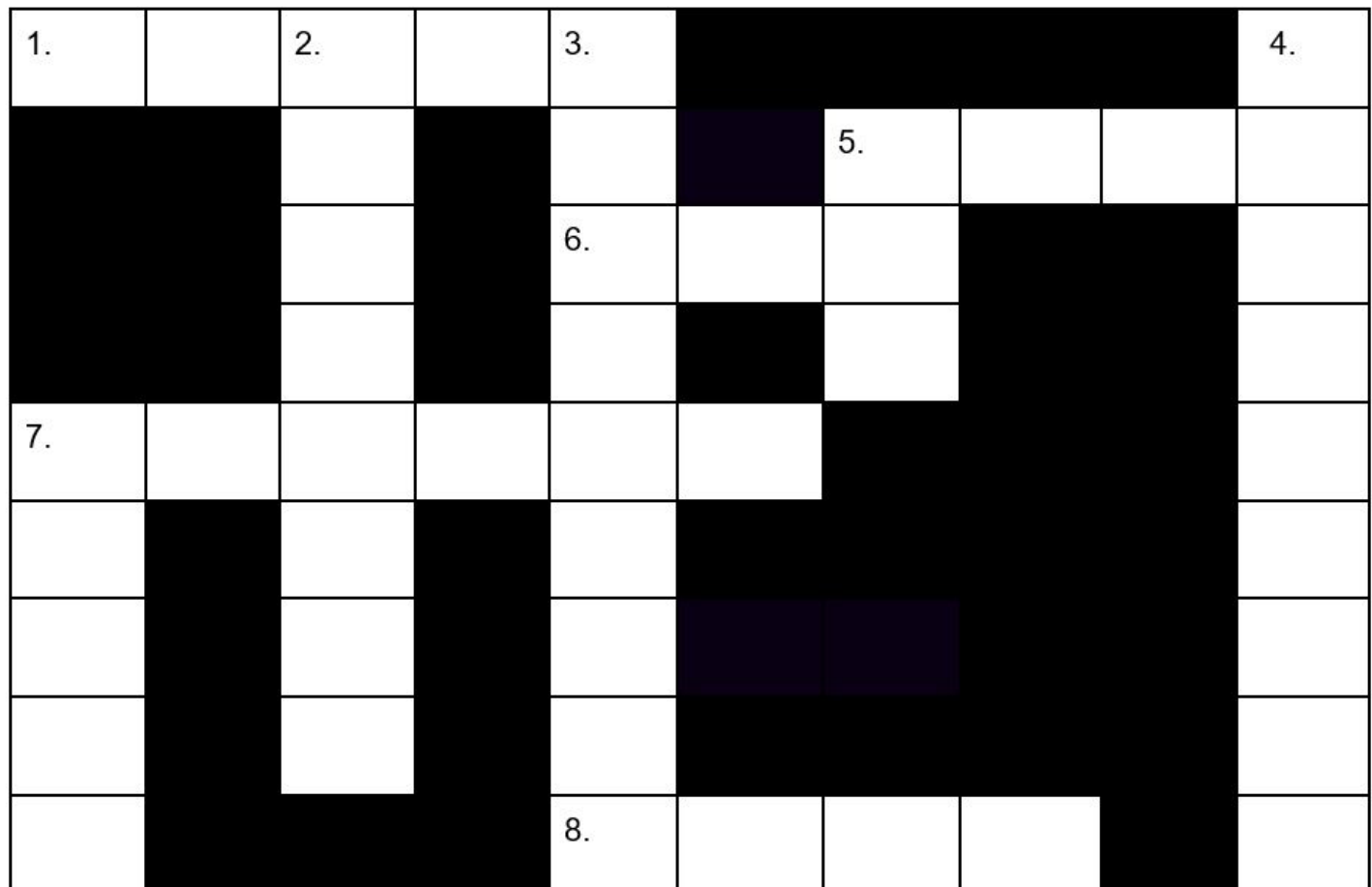
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Crossword Puzzle

By Maddison

Fill each white square with a letter to form a word using the clues below.



Across

1. _____ System in space
5. Mrs Kenny's son's name but backwards
6. A week divided by 7
7. The first day of school each week
8. Another word for a letter that starts with N

Down

2. To make a clear layer on paper
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4. A type of cartoon
5. A part on your face that you see with
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By Maddison

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