

Dictionary and Thesaurus Questions

Answer these questions using a dictionary:

1. A bouquet can refer to a cluster of _____ or the _____ of wine.
2. The word coupon can be pronounced in how many ways? _____.
3. What is a windjammer? _____.
4. Spell mis-spelled correctly: _____.
5. What is mahjong? _____.

Match these words with their synonyms (use a thesaurus):

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| 7. Conundrum | b. Supposition |
| 8. Indelible | c. Puzzle |
| 9. Pinnacle | d. Monarch |
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ANSWERS:

1. A bouquet can refer to a cluster of *flowers* or the *fragrance* of wine.
2. The word coupon can be pronounced in how many ways? Two.
3. What is a windjammer? Ship.
4. Is mis-spelled spelled correctly? Misspelled.
5. What is mahjong? Game.
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***IF ALL YOUR ANSWERS ARE CORRECT, YOU
CAN SOLVE THE HIDDEN MESSAGE BY
FILLING IN THE BLANKS:***

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~ Hermione (Harry Potter)

Literary Help

For more information about genres, and for some great links to other literature sites, visit: [Genre, Classics, and Resources](#).

If you like books, you'll also like these sites:

Genre and Themed Booklists from Los Angeles Public Library

http://www.lapl.org/kidsweb/booklist/rr_genre.html

Books to read if you love Harry Potter -- From the Ann Arbor District Library

<http://www.aadl.org/kidspg/bibs/afterharry.htm>

Newbery Medal Winners and Honor Books -- from the ALA web site

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/newbpast.html>

Literary Genres

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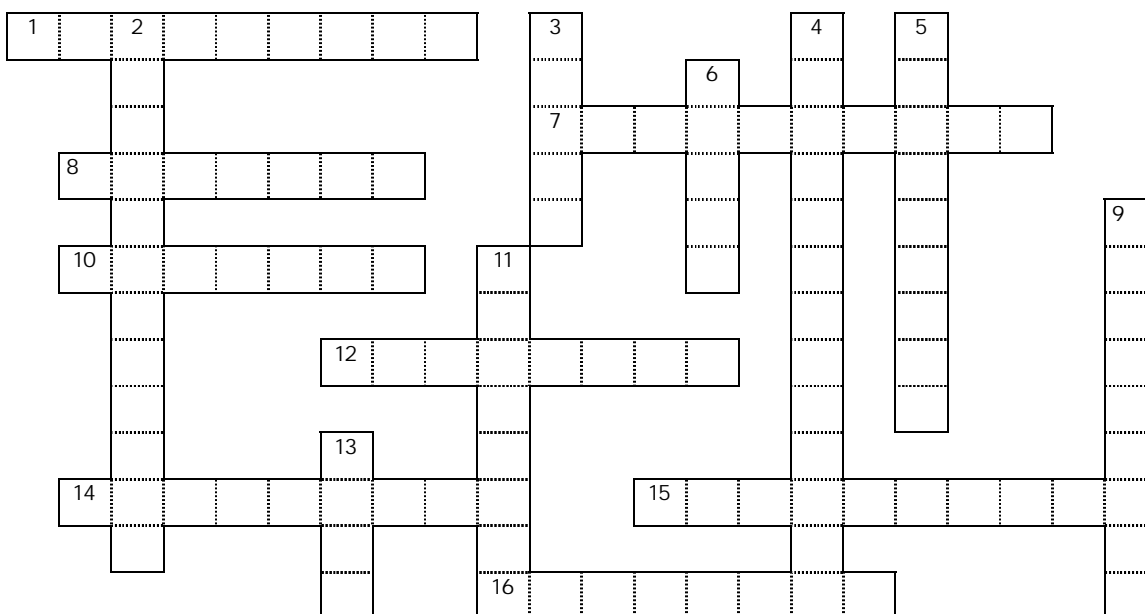
Newbery
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Science fiction
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Caldecott
Mystery

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“When in doubt, go to the library!”

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REFERENCE CROSSWORD: FIND THE BEST ANSWER!



Across:

1. Best source to use to find 8 across.
7. Read your Webster's!
8. Words that mean the same.
10. Best source for quick facts on a wide variety of subjects.
12. When using a book, this table can help determine what information is in the book.
14. A book that tells about a person's life.
15. The meaning of a word, which can be found easily in 7 across.
16. The proper order of letters in a word, also found in 7 across.

Down:

2. In many volumes or in one, this tool holds the key to large quantities of information
3. Use this to find the correct page number in a book or set of books.
4. How to say a word: use 7 across to find the correct way!
5. Try the almanac to find lots of these factual numbers.
6. A collection of maps.
9. The section of the library where many of these tools are kept.
11. A word meaning opposite.
13. Found in an atlas.

Dictionary and Thesaurus:

One of the most helpful tools for answering questions about words or language is the dictionary.

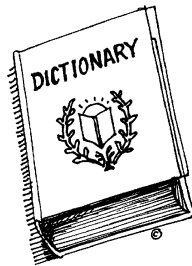
A dictionary lists words alphabetically. It gives the meaning, spelling, part of speech and pronunciation of words. It often lists multiple definitions and how many syllables a word has. Some dictionaries also give the word origin, antonyms, and may also use the word in a sentence.

The most famous dictionary is Webster's, but be careful. The name "Webster" is not copyrighted! Almost anyone can print a dictionary, and use the name Webster in the title.

A *thesaurus* is a special word dictionary. It gives synonyms and antonyms for words.

Visit Dictionary.com online! The site includes writing resources...and they even have a thesaurus!

[Dictionary](#)



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Other Helpful Reference Tools:

Atlases:

An atlas is a collection of maps. There are atlases of the world, and atlases of specific regions. For online help, try *Infoplease*.



[Infoplease Atlas](#)

Encyclopedias:

An encyclopedia is a book or set of books with facts on many subjects. This tool is a good jumping off place for research, and often will direct to other helpful sources in their articles.

Almanacs:

An almanac is a book that offers a wide variety of information.

The World Almanac and Book of Facts gives up-to-date information on many different subjects. It offers statistical information and interesting facts about government, population, awards, and sports.

One of the most famous and longest running almanacs is the *Farmer's Almanac*. It offers advice on farming, weather predictions, and anecdotes. Another famous almanac is *Poor Richard's Almanac*, written by Benjamin Franklin from 1732-1738.

Books of Quotes:

When writing a paper, it is often a nice touch to add something extra. Quotes can be valuable to show what other people have said about your topic.

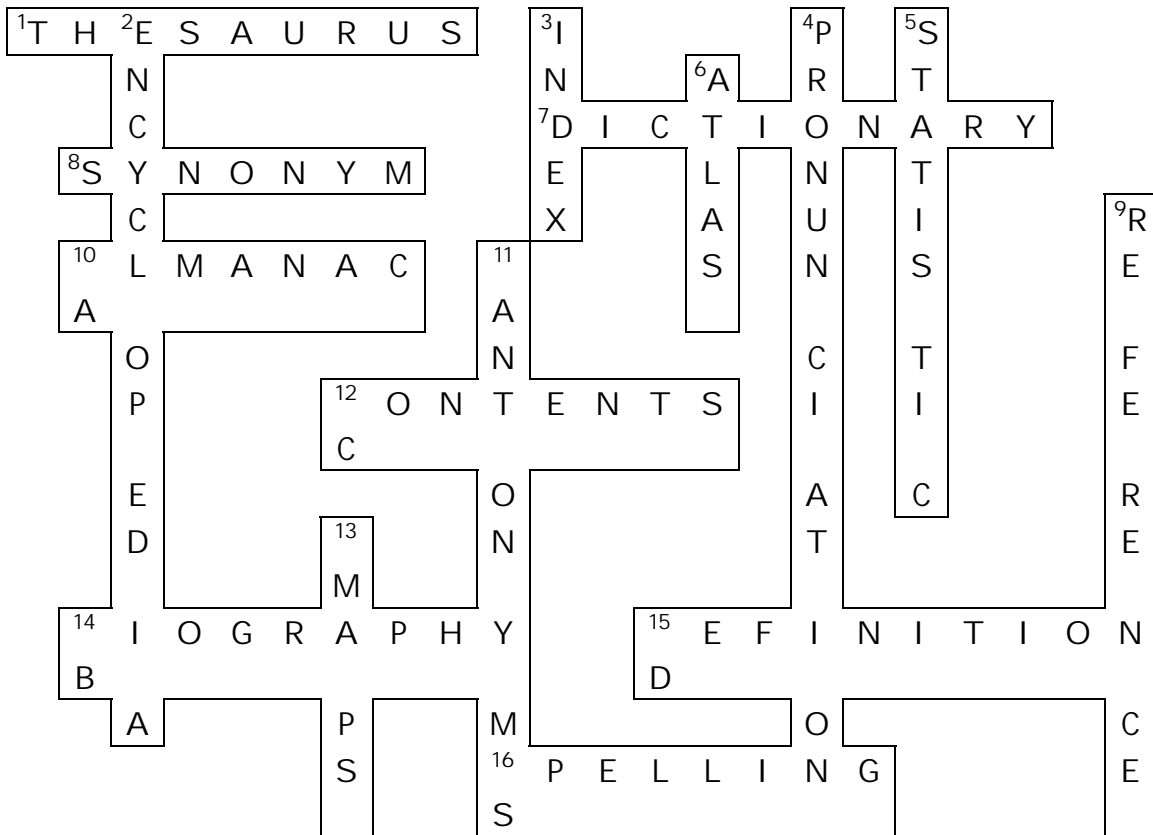
A famous book of quotations is *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*. This source lists quotations on a wide variety of subjects. Visit them online at [Bartleby.com!](#)

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This site (named after Herman Melville's famous character, Bartleby the Scrivener) indexes by author, subject and title. Among other reference sources, Bartleby offers access to the Columbia Encyclopedia, the World Factbook, Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, American Heritage Dictionary and Roget's II: The New Thesaurus.

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Popular Entertainment Online Scavenger Hunt

QUESTIONS:

1. Which Grammy(s) has Eminem won two years in a row?
 - A. Best Rap Solo Performance
 - B. Best Rap Album
 - C. Best Rap Performance by Duo or Group
 - D. Both A & B
 - E. A, B and C

2. Who is no longer a member of Destiny's Child?
 - A. LeToya Lockett
 - B. Beyonce Knowles
 - C. Kelendria Rowland
 - D. Michelle Williams

3. The movies Silence of the Lambs and Hannibal were based on novels by what author?
 - A. Stephen King
 - B. Anne Rice
 - C. Thomas Harris
 - D. Thomas Clancy
 - E. John Grisham

4. What is the correct spelling of the following well-known shoe company?
 - A. Sketchers
 - B. Sketchurs
 - C. Skechers
 - D. Scechers
 - E. Skechers

5. Which artist/musical group won the Most Stylish Video award on the VH1 Vogue Fashion Awards in 2000?
 - A. Smashing Pumpkins
 - B. Macy Gray
 - C. Jennifery Lopez
 - D. Enrique Inglesias
 - E. No doubt

6. What was the top grossing movie of 1999?
 - A. Sixth Sense
 - B. Toy Story 2
 - C. Blair Witch Project
 - D. Star Wars Episode 1
 - E. Runaway Bride

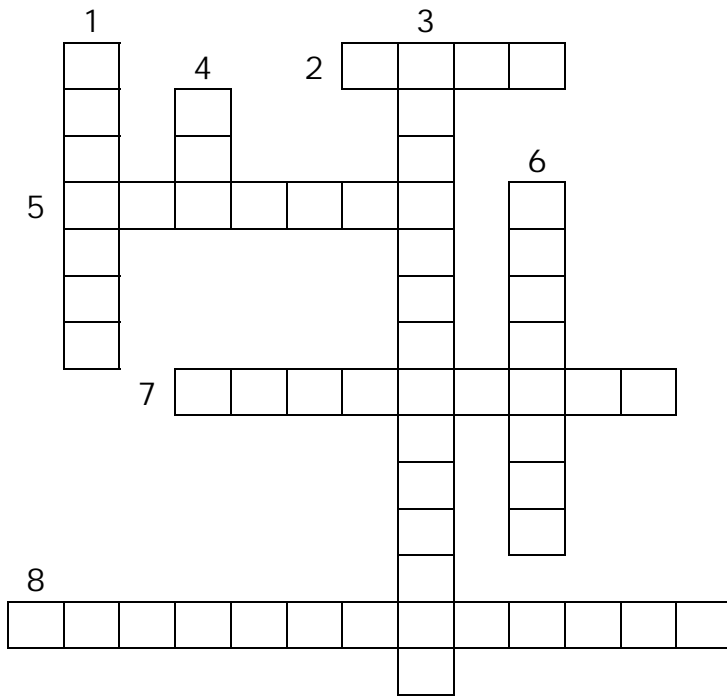
7. "Survivor" airs on which television network?
 - A. ABC
 - B. CBS
 - C. FOX
 - D. NBC
 - E. PBS

8. Who won the Oscar (Academy Award) in 1996 for Actor in a Leading Role in 1995?
 - A. Gary Sinise
 - B. Robin Williams
 - C. Tom Hanks
 - D. Nicholas Cage
 - E. William H. Macy

9. What is the definition of emoticon?
 - A. a group of emotions
 - B. a graphical picture of an emotion
 - C. an emotion used to con someone
 - D. a series of keyed characters to indicate an emotion

10. Crossword Puzzle Catch Phrases & Expressions

1. What they say in the valley. (2 words)
2. You are so clueless. (2 words)
3. Austin uses a cool expression. (2 words)
4. Homer's lament. (1 word)
5. Wayne and Garth see an attractive woman. (1 word)
6. The W sign. (1 word)
7. Bill and Ted think you did a Great Job on this hunt! (1 word)
8. Fred's Exclamation. (3 words)



Hints to Puzzle

1. Valley Girl
2. Clueless
3. Austin Powers
4. The Simpsons
5. Wayne's World
6. Clueless
7. Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure
8. The Flintstones

Helpful Sites:

The Internet Movie Database at www.imdb.com offers a full movie and television database, actor biographies, award organization summaries and links to many of the sites listed below.

MTV at www.mtv.com and **VH1** at www.vh1.com are the web site counterparts to the cable shows with searchable databases of all their programs.

The official web site of the **GRAMMY Awards** at www.grammy.com lists all past nominees and winners.

The **Academy Awards** at www.oscar.com has a database of all past nominees and winners.

Refdesk at www.refdesk.com is a clearing house of useful web sites organized by topics and in alphabetical order.

Yahoo! at www.yahoo.com allows searching on any keyword. It also gives similarly spelled matches.

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Answers:

1. D. Both A & B
2. A. LeToya Luekkett
3. C. Thomas Harris
4. B. Skechers
5. E. No doubt
6. D. Star Wars Episode 1
7. B. CBS
8. D. Nicholas Cage
9. D. a series of keyed characters to indicate an emotion
10. Crossword Puzzle Answers

1. For Sure
2. As I f
3. Shagadelicbaby
4. Doh
5. Schwing
6. Whatever
7. Excellent
8. Yabba Dabba Doo

