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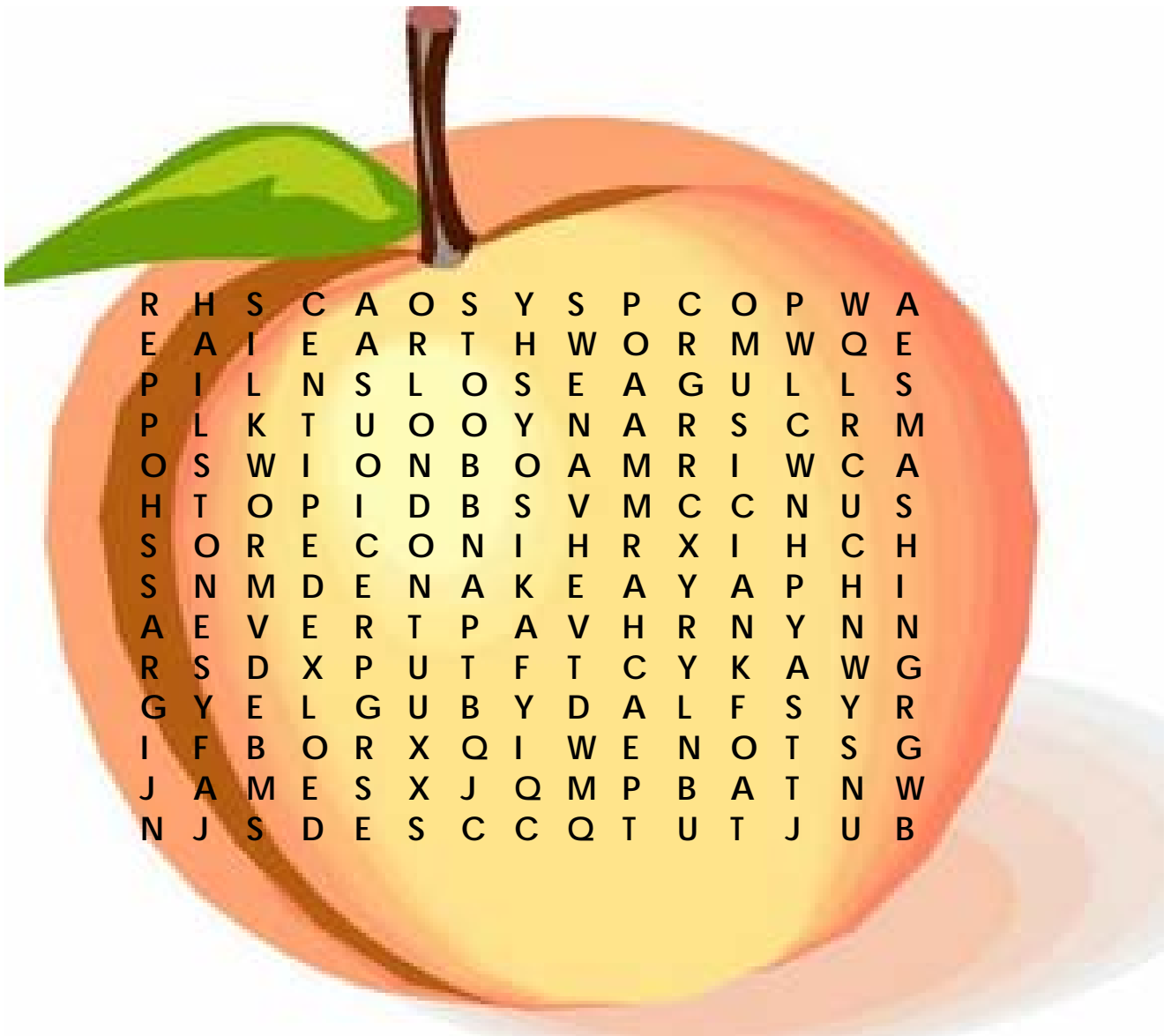
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Vocabulary Word Search



Find the words on the peach.



ARCH	EARTHWORM	LADYBUG	PEACH	SHARKS
BOOTS	GRASSHOPPER	LONDON	PRECIOUS	SILKWORM
CENTIPEDE	HAILSTONES	MAYOR	RHINOCEROS	SMASHING
CREATURES	JAMES	MUSICIAN	SEAGULLS	STONE



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Vocabulary Word Unscramble

Unscramble the words. Use the words in the text box for help.

ancient	miserable	horrible	monument	insects
travelers	entrance	mistaken	hailstones	selfish
musician	screeched	creatures	shrieked	musty

1. ishfls _____
2. horibelr _____
3. ohnaetilss _____
4. sridkeeh _____
5. cnaentre _____
6. snamkeit _____
7. erarstecu _____
8. neissct _____
9. uicmsain _____
10. rrsleavte _____
11. berieslma _____
12. ustym _____
13. rcheesced _____
14. tenanic _____
15. omuenmt _____



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Working with Words

Complete each sentence using a word from the text box.

orphan	gliding	nuisance	genius	musty
permitted	companions	flavor	inspection	wildly
extraordinary	frantically	literally	arch	fizzy

1. James and his _____ were terrified when the peach rolled off the cliff into the sea.
2. Centipede called James a/an _____ when he heard James's plan.
3. James was not _____ to go outside of his aunts' garden.
4. Centipede said the peach had a perfectly delightful _____.
5. Centipede was dancing _____ when he fell off the side of the peach.
6. James became a/an _____ when his parents were eaten by an angry rhinoceros.
7. James stood looked up at the _____ fruit.
8. They saw the sharks _____ through the water.
9. The little man had a/an _____ smell.
10. Aunt Sponge and Aunt Spiker were drinking glasses of _____ lemonade while James worked.
11. James worked _____ to untie Centipede's boots.
12. Miss Spider was _____ screaming with excitement.
13. The _____ became covered with glorious colors.
14. James's aunts thought he was a disgusting _____.
15. Miss Spider went to make a/an _____ of the damage done to the giant peach.



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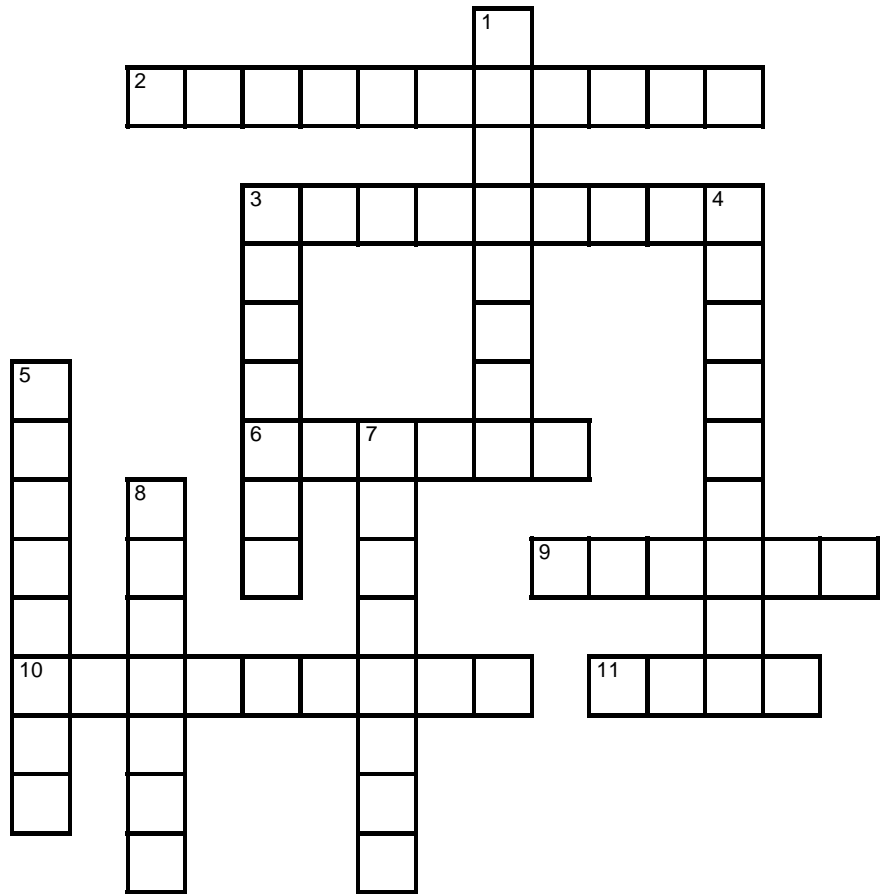
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Crossword Puzzle

Complete the puzzle.

Word Bank
ladybug
audience
bomb
razors
earthworm
hammocks
rainbow
monument
centipede
beauty
grasshopper
limousine



Across

2. The _____ said he was a musician.
3. James and his companions rode in a _____ during the parade.
6. Aunt Sponge said the peach was a _____
9. Centipede had a pair of jaws as sharp as _____
10. The _____ wore boots.
11. The people in New York thought the peach was a _____

Down

1. The peach stone became a _____ in Central Park.
3. The _____ had nine black spots on her scarlet shell.
4. The _____ was used as bait to get the seagulls to come close to the peach.
5. Miss Spider made soft _____ for everyone to sleep in.
7. The _____ became spellbound when they heard the grasshopper play.
8. The Cloud-Men painted a _____



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Comprehension: Chapters 1-20

Using complete sentences, briefly respond to the following.

1. Describe James's perfect life before he went to live with his aunts. _____

2. How did James's aunts treat him? _____

3. What did the little man give James? _____

4. Why were the creatures inside the peach so large? _____

5. What did James's aunts do with the giant peach? _____

6. How did James get inside the giant peach? _____

7. How did the giant peach start rolling down the hill? _____

8. Why were the creatures afraid to eat any of the peach when they were floating in the ocean? _____

9. How did the seagulls help James and his companions escape from the sharks? _____

10. How was the earthworm used to getting the seagulls to come closer to the peach? _____



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Comprehension Chapters 21-39

Using complete sentences, briefly respond to the following.

1. How many seagulls were needed to lift the peach out of the ocean? _____
2. Why did the captain of the Queen Mary want to send a message to the Queen? _____

3. What did the first officer think was wrong with the ship's captain? _____

4. Which musical instrument did the old Grasshopper sound like when he played? _____
5. Why did Miss Spider think it was 'satisfactory' when the peach rolled over Aunt Sponge and killed her? _____

6. Why did Centipede fall off the peach? _____

7. How did James save Centipede's life? _____

8. What did James and his companions think about the Cloud-Men? _____

9. Why did James think they were floating over America? ____

10. How was the purple paint removed from Centipede? ____

11. How did the people of New York City welcome the travelers? _____



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Writing Activity 1



Compose a short essay describing your favorite creature from this story. Explain why you particularly liked this creature.

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Writing Activity 2



Do you think James was a good leader for his companions during their travel? Why/why not?

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10. How much did Aunt Sponge and Aunt Spiker charge people to see the giant peach?
a. one pound
b. one peach
c. one shilling
d. one dollar
11. James thought they were floating over America because he saw _____.
a. a flag
b. skyscrapers
c. an airplane
d. the mayor
12. The giant peach rolled through a _____ factory before it reached the ocean.
a. truck
b. clothing
c. chocolate
d. juice
13. The Cloud-Men were painting a _____.
a. rainbow
b. snowstorm
c. hailstone
d. peach
14. The peach stone became a _____ in New York City.
a. miserable
b. monument
c. parade
d. factory
15. The little man had a _____ smell.
a. nibbling
b. satisfactory
c. musty
d. pleasant
16. The crystals were _____ and beautiful.
a. extraordinary
b. pink
c. huge
d. mistaken
17. Miss Spider and Silkworm set up a factory and made _____ for tightrope walkers.
a. shoes
b. chocolate
c. clothes
d. ropes
18. James and his companions rode in an open _____ during the parade.
a. fire truck
b. limousine
c. peach
d. crane



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Answers



Page 1: Answers not needed

- Page 2:
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| 1. selfish | 9. musician |
| 2. horrible | 10. travelers |
| 3. hailstones | 11. miserable |
| 4. shrieked | 12. musty |
| 5. entrance | 13. screeched |
| 6. mistaken | 14. ancient |
| 7. creatures | 15. monument |
| 8. insects | |

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| 1. companions | 9. musty |
| 2. genius | 10. fizzy |
| 3. permitted | 11. frantically |
| 4. flavor | 12. literally |
| 5. wildly | 13. arch |
| 6. orphan | 14. nuisance |
| 7. extraordinary | 15. inspection |
| 8. gliding | |

Page 4: **Across:** 2. grasshopper, 3. limousine, 6. beauty, 9. razors, 10. centipede, 11. bomb.
Down: 1. monument, 3. ladybug, 4. earthworm, 5. hammocks, 7. audience, 8. rainbow.

Page 5:
Answers will vary—accept all reasonable answers.

1. James lived with his parents in a beautiful home near the sea. He played with his friends and on the beach.
2. James's aunts treated him horribly. He had to sleep on bare boards on the floor, they rarely fed him, made him work all the time, and did not allow him to leave their garden.
3. The little man gave James a bag filled with green crystals.
4. James dropped the bag when he was running to the kitchen. The creatures swallowed some of the crystals.
5. They had carpenters build a fence around the peach and charged people one shilling to see the peach.
6. James crawled through a tunnel he found in the peach. He went through a door in the peach stone to get inside the peach.



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7. The Centipede chewed through the stem of the giant peach and the peach rolled down the hill.
8. They were afraid to eat the peach because they thought it would sink after its flesh had been eaten.
9. The seagulls were able to lift the peach out of the water when James looped the threads around their necks.
10. Earthworm was used as bait to get the seagulls to come closer to the peach.

Page 6:

Answers will vary—accept all reasonable answers.

1. 502
2. He wanted to send a message to warn the Queen about the secret weapon he saw in the sky.
3. He thought the Captain had either gotten into the whiskey or was very ill.
4. He sounded like a violin.
5. Aunt Sponge had used a mop to kill Miss Spider's dear grandmother.
6. He was dancing wildly when he fell off the peach.
7. James went down a thread into the ocean and saved Centipede from drowning.
8. They were terrified of the Cloud-Men after they hit the peach with hailstones.
9. James saw the skyscrapers below the peach.
10. The purple paint was removed when it rained.
11. They held a ticker-tape parade in honor of the travelers.

Page 7: Writing Activity 1

Page 8: Writing Activity 2

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| | 4. b | 13. a |
| | 5. c | 14. b |
| | 6. a | 15. c |
| | 7. b | 16. a |
| | 8. c | 17. d |
| | 9. d | 18. b |

