



Strega Nona

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Vocabulary Word Search



Find the words.

g p k l t t n e m h s i n u p
 m r x d z p l v w t a o f a o
 v o g c i g f o n s i l p f t
 w t r o u b l e s t p p t k i
 j e q s k f m o n e l v v l o
 o c z r r i h e p a c h v b n
 e t w e l y t q u m v n x z s
 q u v p l t x s m i z q a l k
 p o m s a c e h a n o c f h j
 g o m i s p p u u g e m i r c
 c n j h h z a s l w r z s r b
 t w v w a r t s p i u i d q z
 h l m c x a a y t a k x v g c
 r a i d z w p w l a u d m i t



applause	compliments	overflow	protect	troubles
attention	crime	pasta	punishment	warts
chance	halt	potions	steaming	whispers



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Words and Their Meanings



Read each of the following. Circle the letter in front of the correct answer.

<p>1. The word attention means ____.</p> <p>a. mind your own business b. cook with a recipe c. listen and look carefully d. wonder</p>	<p>2. The word protect means ____.</p> <p>a. to begin b. to keep from harm c. to sell d. to complete</p>
<p>3. To halt means to ____.</p> <p>a. look b. cook c. stop d. leave</p>	<p>4. The word troubles means ____.</p> <p>a. hungry b. smart c. careful d. problems</p>
<p>5. The word crime means ____.</p> <p>a. ordinary b. special c. perfect d. wrong doing</p>	<p>6. The word applause means ____.</p> <p>a. visit b. clap c. magical d. friend</p>
<p>7. To overflow is to ____.</p> <p>a. believe b. listen carefully c. spill over the top d. get a job</p>	<p>8. The word compliment means ____.</p> <p>a. smart b. hunger c. pictures d. praise</p>





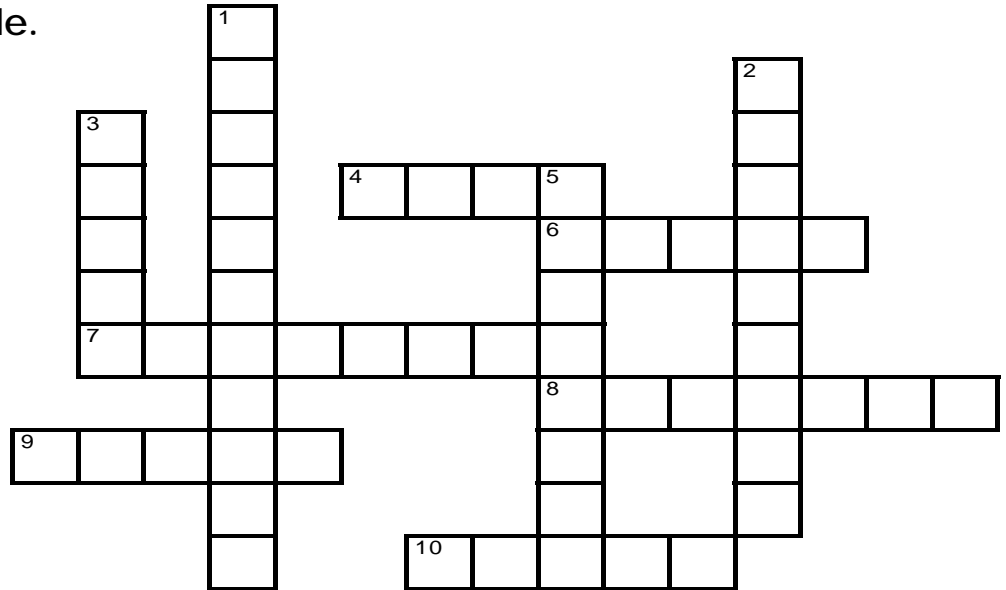
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Crossword Puzzle



Complete the puzzle.



Across

4. Big Anthony did not see Strega Nona ___ three kisses at the pot.
6. Strega Nona ___ Big Anthony to help her around the house.
7. People came to Strega Nona to tell her their ___.
8. Strega Nona made special ___ for the girls.
9. Big Anthony said Strega Nona's pot was surely a ___ pot.
10. Strega Nona told Big Anthony to leave her ___ pot alone.

Down

1. The pasta was _____ when Anthony used the pot.
2. Big Anthony never paid _____ to anything.
3. Strega Nona went to ___ Strega Amelia.
5. The people in the town talked about Strega Nona in _____.

Word Bank

overflowing
whispers
troubles
pasta
visit
blow
attention
potions
magic
hired





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Comprehension



Circle the letter in front of the best answer.

- The name **Strega Nona** means ____.
 - magic one
 - Grandma Witch
 - Sweet Grandma
 - Magic Witch
- Why did Strega Nona put a sign in the town square?
 - She needed to buy pasta.
 - She needed to travel.
 - She needed someone to help.
 - She wanted to cook.
- Strega Nona used oil, water, and a ____ to cure headaches.
 - wart
 - match
 - pickle
 - hairpin
- How did Strega Nona stop the magic pot from making pasta?
 - She poured oil in the pot.
 - She blew three kisses.
 - She said three words.
 - She whispered twice.
- When Big Anthony told the magic pot to make pasta, the people in the town _____ the pasta.
 - enjoyed
 - threw away
 - were sad about
 - none of these
- Big Anthony took a bow when he heard ____.
 - the crowd complain
 - when he went home
 - when he heard applause
 - when it overflowed
- The word **grazia** in this story means ____.
 - good bye
 - hello
 - thank you
 - stop
- Strega Nona made the punishment fit the crime when she ____.
 - sent Big Anthony to jail
 - made him eat the pasta
 - fired him
 - put him in the pasta pot



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Art and Writing Activity



Think about the things Strega Nona needed help with. Make a sign that Strega Nona could put in the town square asking for help in her home. Decorate your sign.





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Answers to Strega Nona

Page 1: no answers needed

Page 2:

1. c
2. b
3. c
4. d
5. d
6. b
7. c
8. d

Page 3:

Across: 4. blow, 6. hired, 7. troubles, 8. potions,
9. magic, 10. pasta.

Down: 1. overflowing, 2. attention, 3. visit, 5. whispers.

Page 4:

1. b
2. c
3. d
4. b
5. a
6. c
7. c
8. b

Page 5: Art and Writing Activity