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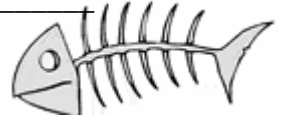
Yeh-Shen

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Vocabulary Word Unscramble

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



southern	unpleasant	stepmother	goodness	ivory
chores	orphan	kingdom	discover	glimpse
collapsed	wondrous	spirit	desire	finery
festival	banquet	glistening	heavenly	fond
	marveled		undaunted	

1. eaenyvhl _____
2. sunnlpeata _____
3. migespl _____
4. hcseor _____
5. atqenbu _____
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10. oesrvdci _____
11. viyro _____
12. odalesplc _____
13. lvietfas _____
14. emdvarle _____
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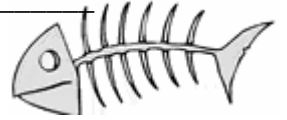


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Working with Words



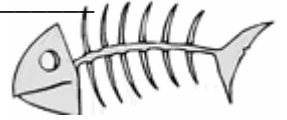
Complete each sentence using a word from the text box.

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| unpleasant |
| jealous |
| custom |
| southern |
| orphan |
| ivory |
| crafty |
| magic |
| clothing |
| villager |
| wondrous |
| beautiful |
| determined |
| pavilion |
| quietly |
| gown |
| stepsister |
| spirits |
| festival |
| kneel |

1. Yeh-Shen's father was a cave chief in _____ China.
2. She was a/an _____ after her parents died.
3. As was the _____ in those days, Yeh-Shen's father had two wives.
4. Yeh-Shen had skin as smooth as _____.
5. Yeh-Shen's stepmother was _____ of Yeh-Shen's beauty and goodness.
6. Yeh-Shen had to do the most _____ chores.
7. Her stepmother was a/an _____ woman and killed Yeh-Shen's pet fish and cooked it for dinner.
8. The old man was sent to tell Yeh-Shen of the _____ powers of her fish.
9. The old man told Yeh-Shen to _____ before the fish bones and tell them of her desires.
10. Yeh-Shen wanted to go to the _____, but her stepmother didn't want any young men to see Yeh-Shen's beauty.
11. Yeh-Shen knelt before the fish bones and asked for _____ to wear to the festival.
12. Soon Yeh-Shen was dressed in a/an _____ of azure blue and a cloak decorated with kingfisher feathers.
13. There was _____ in the golden shoes and the fish bones told Yeh-Shen to be careful not to lose the golden shoes.
14. Everyone at the festival wanted to know who the _____ girl was.
15. Yeh-Shen heard her _____ say that the girl looked like Yeh-Shen, and Yeh-Shen lost one of the golden shoes when she ran home.
16. A _____ found the shoe and sold it to a merchant.
17. The king was _____ to find out who the shoe belonged to.
18. All the women went to the _____ that day to try on the shoe, but Yeh-Shen didn't go.
19. Yeh-Shen went to the pavilion that night to get the shoe and return it to the _____ of the fish bones.
20. The king's men _____ followed Yeh-Shen home that night. The king had Yeh-Shen try on the shoes. He married her and Yeh-Shen became queen.



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Comprehension
Answer the questions.

1. How were Yeh-Shen and her stepsister different? _____

2. Why didn't Yeh-Shen's stepmother want Yeh-Shen to go to the festival? _____

3. How did Yeh-Shen's stepmother trick the fish into coming onto the bank of the pond? _____

4. Why did the old man come to see Yeh-Shen? _____

5. What did Yeh-Shen ask the fish bones for on the day of the festival? _____

6. What did the fish bones give Yeh-Shen to go to the festival? _____

7. Why did Yeh-Shen run away from the festival? _____

8. How did the king get the golden shoe Yeh-Shen had lost? _____

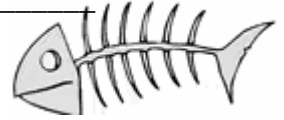
9. Why did Yeh-Shen go to the pavilion that night? _____

10. How did the king find out where Yeh-Shen lived? _____

11. What happened when Yeh-Shen put on the lost shoe? _____

12. Why didn't the king allow Yeh-Shen to bring her stepmother and stepsister to the palace after they were married? _____





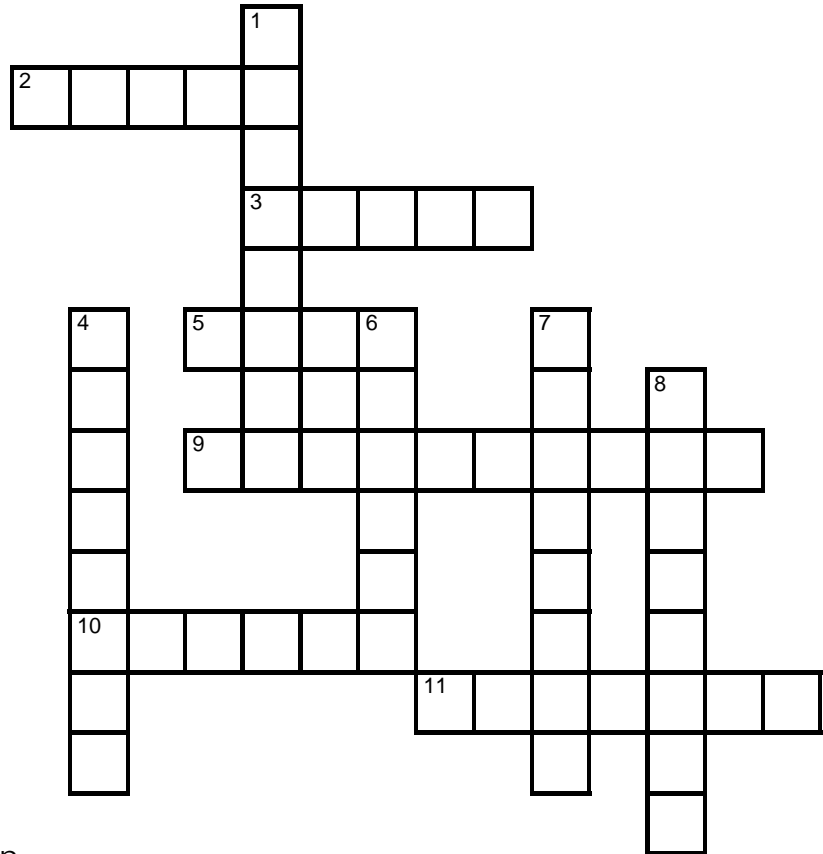
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Crossword Puzzle

Complete the puzzle.

Word Bank

jealous
golden
king
China
wondrous
pavilion
festival
orphan
ivory
enormous
unpleasant



Across

- 2. Yeh-Shen lived in southern _____.
- 3. Yeh-Shen had beautiful ___ skin and dark eyes.
- 5. The ___ married Yeh-Shen.
- 9. Yeh-Shen's stepmother gave her the most ___ chores to do.
- 10. Yeh-Shen was an _____ because her parents died.
- 11. Yeh-Shen's stepmother was very ___ of Yeh-Shen's beauty.

Down

- 1. Yeh-Shen went to the ___ at night to get the lost shoe.
- 4. The old man told Yeh-Shen that the fish bones had _____ powers.
- 6. Yeh-Shen lost one of the ___ shoes when she ran home from the festival.
- 7. Yeh-Shen asked the fish bones for clothing to wear to the _____.
- 8. Yeh-Shen's pet fish was ___ because she fed him every day.

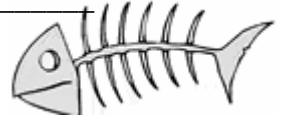


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Quiz



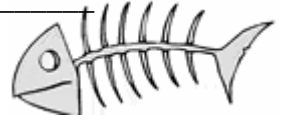
Decide if the following statements are true or false, and circle the appropriate answer.

1. Yeh-Shen's fish was her only friend.
true false
2. Yeh-Shen's father had been a doctor in northern China.
true false
3. Yeh-Shen became an orphan and lived with her stepmother.
true false
4. Yeh-Shen's stepmother and stepsister lived at the palace with her.
true false
5. Yeh-Shen's stepmother gave her the most unpleasant chores.
true false
6. Yeh-Shen's stepsister killed Yeh-Shen's pet fish.
true false
7. The festival was held in the winter.
true false
8. The king knew that he had found his true love.
true false
9. The fish bones gave Yeh-Shen a beautiful dress, cloak, and shoes.
true false
10. Yeh-Shen lost her cloak on the way home from the festival.
true false
11. Yeh-Shen's stepmother told her that she couldn't go to the festival.
true false
12. The pavilion was crowded with women who had come to try on the golden shoe.
true false
13. When Yeh-Shen put on the golden shoe, she was transformed into the beautiful girl at the festival.
true false
14. The king and Yeh-Shen were married and lived in the palace.
true false



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Answers to *Yeh-Shen*

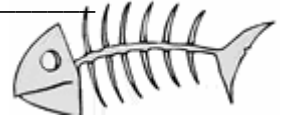
Reading Level 5.1

- Page 1:
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| 1. heavenly | 12. collapsed |
| 2. unpleasant | 13. festival |
| 3. glimpse | 14. marveled |
| 4. chores | 15. undaunted |
| 5. banquet | 16. stepmother |
| 6. kingdom | 17. orphan |
| 7. finery | 18. fond |
| 8. southern | 19. desire |
| 9. glistening | 20. goodness |
| 10. discover | 21. spirit |
| 11. ivory | 22. wondrous |

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| 1. southern | 11. clothing |
| 2. orphan | 12. gown |
| 3. custom | 13. magic |
| 4. ivory | 14. beautiful |
| 5. jealous | 15. stepsister |
| 6. unpleasant | 16. villager |
| 7. crafty | 17. determined |
| 8. wondrous | 18. pavilion |
| 9. kneel | 19. spirits |
| 10. festival | 20. quietly |

Page 3: ANSWERS WILL VARY—ACCEPT ALL REASONABLE ANSWERS.

- Yeh – Shen and her stepsister did not have the same mother. Yeh-Shen was very beautiful and kind. Her sister was not beautiful or kind.
- Yeh – Shen’s stepmother did not want her to go to the festival because she wanted to find a husband for her daughter. She was afraid that the young men would want Yeh –Shen.
- Yeh – Shen’s stepmother sent her to get wood. The stepmother put on Yeh – Shen’s coat. The fish thought that the stepmother was Yeh – Shen and came up on the bank of the pond. The stepmother stabbed the fish.
- The old man came to see Yeh – Shen when she was crying about the fish. He told her that the bones of her fish had magical powers. He told her to kneel before the fish bones when she needed help.
- Yeh – Shen asked the fish bones for clothing to wear to the festival.



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6. The fish bones gave Yeh – Shen a beautiful azure blue dress, a cloak with kingfisher feathers, and a pair of beautiful golden shoes.
7. Yeh – Shen overheard her stepsister say that the beautiful girl looked like Yeh- Shen. Yeh – Shen was frightened and ran home.
8. A villager found the golden shoe and sold it to a merchant. The merchant took the golden shoe to the king.
9. The spirits of the fish bones were silent and wouldn't speak with Yeh – Shen because she lost the golden shoe. She went to the pavilion that night to get the shoe to give it to the spirits.
10. The king and his men were watching the pavilion and saw Yeh– Shen take the golden shoe. They quietly followed her to her home.
11. When Yeh – Shen put on the lost golden shoe, she was instantly the beautiful girl everyone saw at the festival.
12. The king would not allow Yeh – Shen's stepmother and stepsister to live at the palace because of the way they had treated Yeh – Shen.

Page 4: **Across:** **2.** China, **3.** ivory, **5.** king, **9.** unpleasant,
 10. orphan, **11.** jealous.
 Down: **1.** pavilion, **4.** wondrous, **6.** golden, **7.** festival,
 8. enormous.

Page 5:

1. true	8. true
2. false	9. true
3. true	10. false
4. false	11. true
5. true	12. true
6. false	13. true
7. false	14. true