## Aardvarks

Level 2.3


ACROSS
1 having a curved shape
4 damage or injury
6 small things people wear on chains
7 small insects that eat wood

## DOWN

2 sharp nails on the feet of some animals
3 very strange
5 leaves a spot, stain, or dent on something

WORD BANK: arched, bizarre, charms, claws, harm, marks, termites

## The Awful Shuttle Launch

Level 2.3


## ACROSS

2 comes to mind again and again
4 people who travel in space
6 very bad or horrible
7 when something is sent upward into the air

## DOWN

1 to lose liquid or gas through a crack or hole
3 a vehicle that can fly into space and return to Earth
5 the start of the day when the sun rises

WORD BANK: astronauts, awful, dawn, haunts, launch, leak, shuttle

## Bamboo

Level 2.3


## ACROSS

4 like wood, or made of wood
7 a unit of measurement equal to 12 inches
8 places or things that offer protection from weather or danger

## DOWN

1 objects in people's living spaces to sit or place things on
2 a small number of something 3 a tall, hard grass
5 periods of 10 years
6 sprouts or new growths of a plant

WORD BANK: bamboo, decades, few, foot, furniture, shelters, shoots, woody

## Battle of the Bicyclists

## Level 2.3



## ACROSS

1 dealt with or took on
6 attention from the public
7 contest of speed
8 from then until now

## DOWN

2 really looking forward to something
3 something with two wheels that you ride by pushing pedals
4 something that went well
5 length of space between two points

WORD BANK: distance, faced, publicity, since, success, excited, bicycle, race

## Cinco de Mayo

## Level 2.3



## ACROSS

4 wild, violent, or dangerous
5 a possibility that something might happen
6 sure or positive
7 get control of a person or place by force

## DOWN

1 full of color or other details that make something look interesting
2 to do something special because a good thing happened
3 a place where many people come together to do things

WORD BANK: celebrate, center, certain, chance, fancy, fierce, take

## Cowboy Hats

Level 2.3


## ACROSS

2 an edge that sticks out at the bottom of a hat
6 badly behaved because of getting things too easily
7 put a lot of effort into something difficult

## DOWN

1 keep safe from danger
3 took part in something with others
4 cooked in very hot water
5 full of dust or dirt

WORD BANK: boiled, brim, joined, protect, soiled, spoiled, toiled

## Did I Spell It Wrong?

Level 2.3


## ACROSS

5 books that tell you what words mean, how to say them, and how to spell them
6 not used anymore

## DOWN

1 a very small biting insect that flies
2 made for the first time
3 a small person from folk tales who lives inside the earth
4 put a cover all the way around something

WORD BANK: dictionaries, dropped, gnat, gnome, invented, wrap

## The Doodles of Dr. Seuss

## Level 2.3



## ACROSS

2 signed up for something
4 areas of land between streets
6 a funny drawing
7 one of a kind
8 picked words that have the same ending sound

## DOWN

1 printed reports, photos, and other information about what is happening
3 interesting or very good
5 to make silly drawings without thinking much about what you are doing

WORD BANK: blocks, cartoon, cool, doodle, entered, newspaper, rhymed, unique

## Garter Snakes

## Level 2.3



## ACROSS

2 to move suddenly and quickly
5 not likely to hurt anyone or anything
6 areas of low, wet land
7 most of the time

## DOWN

1 elastic bands used to hold up stockings
3 colors or patterns on an animal's body
4 places that are very dry

WORD BANK: dart, deserts, garters, harmless, markings, marshes, usually

## Giants

Level 2.3


## ACROSS

2 start to take shape
6 a very long time
7 the world and everything in it that people did not make
8 mild or not likely to cause harm

## DOWN

1 formed a picture or idea in your mind
3 old stories that may or may not be true
4 groups of mountains
5 makes something happen

WORD BANK: ages, causes, form, gentle, imagined, legends, nature, ranges

## Ground Zero

## Level 2.3



ACROSS
5 easy to hear from far away
6 sprinkled or sprayed
7 fell down thick and fast

## DOWN

1 an amount equal to ten hundreds
2 happy or pleased with a person for something the person has done
3 colorful parts of plants
4 tall, narrow buildings or parts of buildings

WORD BANK: flowers, loud, proud, rained, showered, thousand, towers

## Henry Ford

Level 2.3


## ACROSS

3 small jobs a person has to do often
5 the strength or power of something
6 having to do with machines
7 carts that have four wheels

## DOWN

1 made or created
2 a certain period of time
4 uninteresting, dull, or not fun

WORD BANK: age, boring, chores, force, forged, mechanical, wagons

## Hurricanes

Level 2.3


## ACROSS

2 takes place or happens
5 to spin around
7 large amounts of water that cover places that are usually dry
8 move in the shape of a circle

## DOWN

1 throw something with great force
3 the outside or top part of something
4 to make something happen
6 started or created

WORD BANK: born, cause, curve, floods, hurl, occurs, surface, whirl

## Jesse Owens

## Level 2.3



## ACROSS

3 the facts about people and events in the past
5 turned up the soil to get it ready for planting
6 someone who gives lessons to a team or person
7 the telling of what to do, where to go, or how to do something

## DOWN

1 the ability to make yourself do what you have decided, even if it is hard
2 named the winner in front of many people
4 activities or contests held during a sports competition

WORD BANK: coach, crowned, directions, events, history, plowed, willpower

## Kermit and the Puppet Master

 Level 2.3

## ACROSS

3 wanting to find out about something
5 for sure
6 put on a show for others to watch
7 an odd way someone has of doing something

## DOWN

1 felt afraid that something bad would happen
2 a person who is able to do something very well
4 smart or skillful

WORD BANK: certainly, clever, curious, master, performed, quirk, worried

## The Mohawk

Level 2.3


## ACROSS

6 long, wooden houses that many families share
7 long weapons with pointed ends
8 when there is no light because the sun went down

## DOWN

1 deer that are less than one year old
2 the season between summer and winter
3 the start of the day when the sun rises
4 a person who goes and sees another person or place
5 a Native American people from northern New York and Canada

WORD BANK: dark, dawn, fall, fawns, longhouses, Mohawk, spears, visitor

## Mount St. Helens Blew Its Top

## Level 2.3



## ACROSS

2 working
4 very bad or horrible
6 gray powder left over after something has been burned
7 started to exist or take shape

## DOWN

1 showed up or became visible
3 an opening in the earth through which hot liquid rock is forced out
5 not correct or not right

WORD BANK: active, appeared, ash, awful, formed, volcano, wrong

## Owls

Level 2.3


## ACROSS

4 tall, narrow buildings or parts of buildings
5 to make a low, angry sound
6 jumps at or attacks
7 the backbone of an animal

## DOWN

1 lets something pass from the mouth into the stomach
2 quickly moves down through the air
3 to make a long, loud crying sound

WORD BANK: growl, howl, pounces, spine, swallows, swoops, towers

## The Red Kangaroo

Level 2.3


## ACROSS

2 made clean and neat
6 not deep
7 a seat without arms or a back
8 took a quick, secret look

## DOWN

1 to make someone leave a place
3 let liquid drip from the mouth
4 crushing into small pieces
5 scare or drive away

WORD BANK: boot, drooled, grinding, groomed, peeked, shallow, shoo, stool

## A Terrible Oil Spill

Level 2.3


## ACROSS

4 a long trip or journey
6 made something worse
7 to stay away from

## DOWN

1 put a lot of effort into something difficult
2 a person who takes orders from the captain of the ship
3 completely damaged
5 a set course used by planes or ships

WORD BANK: avoid, destroyed, lane, mate, spoiled, toiled, voyage

## Thurgood Marshall

Level 2.3


## ACROSS

2 people who are trained to give other people advice about the law or to help in court
5 the basic set of written laws of the United States
6 was useful to a person or thing

## DOWN

1 away from each other
3 gave reasons why you believe something is or is not true
4 to make or start something

## Tornadoes

Level 2.3


## ACROSS

2 the strength or power of something
5 a storm with strong wind but little or no rain
6 forced into something
7 starts to exist or take shape

## DOWN

1 toward the front, or in the direction that is in front
3 very big
4 a hollow shape that is wide at the top and narrow at the bottom

WORD BANK: drove, enormous, force, forms, forward, funnel, windstorm

## A Village on the Cliffs

Level 2.3


## ACROSS

1 a shrub with silver-green leaves
3 a deep valley formed by running water
6 saw or observed
8 flat spaces like shelves on the sides of cliffs

## DOWN

2 people who work in forests or parks
4 crowded or squeezed into a small space
5 a very long time
7 the outside end of something

## What Is Chirping in the Tree? <br> Level 2.3



## ACROSS

4 moves a little
5 strong and hard to break
6 very happy and full of energy

## DOWN

1 very small living things that can cause sickness
2 to watch carefully
3 thick and spreading out

WORD BANK: bushy, germs, observe, perky, stirs, sturdy

