### Gorilla

Level 3.0, Story 1



### ACROSS

- 4 not seen often
- 8 to stay away from
- 9 most of the time
- **10** forceful, bold, or ready to fight hard for something

### DOWN

- 1 to make clean and neat
- 2 really, truly, or in fact
- 3 to hit or stomp hard
- 5 completely grown or fully developed
- 6 to form a close relationship
- 7 quiet, nervous, or uncomfortable around others

**WORD BANK:** actually, aggressive, avoid, bond, groom, mature, pound, shy, uncommon, usually

### Ida Lewis

Level 3.0, Story 2



### ACROSS

- 2 tipped upside down or turned over
- 4 thought of as important or special
- 6 a job you do for a long time
- 8 a tower with a strong light on top to guide ships and warn them of danger

### DOWN

- 1 the skills and practices used in saving lives, especially from drowning
- **3** a person who watches or takes care of something
- 5 used oars to make a boat go
- 7 the act of saving a person or thing from danger

WORD BANK: capsized, career, keeper, lifesaving, lighthouse, prized, rescue, rowed

# Reaching for the Stars

Level 3.0, Story 3



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### ACROSS

- 2 to complete, win, or make real
- **5** things that can stop something from happening
- 8 the things that are happening at a certain moment

### DOWN

- 1 understood something that you did not know before
- 3 to make others do or think a certain thing
- 4 the designing and making of things
- 6 a person who travels in space
- 7 rather than or in place of something
- 9 asked for or tried to get something

**WORD BANK:** achieve, applied, astronaut, convince, engineering, instead, limitations, realized, situations

### A Remarkable Friendship

Level 3.0, Story 4



### ACROSS

- 2 an animal with a hard shell on its back
- 4 a heavy mammal with short legs and a large head
- 6 to stay alive
- 9 feeling sad because of being alone
- 10 a very large ocean wave

### DOWN

- 1 to tell or share information and ideas
- 3 almost certain to happen
- **5** a terrible event that causes harm
- 7 people or animals that have been hurt by someone or something
- 8 not feeling comfortable about something

**WORD BANK:** communicate, disaster, hippo, likely, lonely, survive, tortoise, tsunami, unsure, victims

### Trapdoor Spider

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#### ACROSS

- **3** to form something from a thread
- 6 animals that kill other animals for food
- 7 causing death
- 8 not aware

#### DOWN

- 1 quick movements back and forth
- 2 connections that let doors open and close
- 4 a hole dug by an animal for shelter
- 5 to be careful or watch out

WORD BANK: beware, burrow, fatal, hinges, predators, spin, unsuspecting, vibrations

# Poison Dart Frog

Level 3.0, Story 6



### ACROSS

- 4 able to cause sickness or death, especially by poison
- **5** a small amount of water or other liquid
- 6 as much as is needed
- 7 an area of land where no people live
- 8 most likely to cause death
- 9 small arrows with sharp points

### DOWN

- 1 to endure or survive
- **2** not likely to hurt anyone
- **3** groups of plants or animals that are alike in certain ways

WORD BANK: darts, deadliest, drop, enough, harmless, species, toxic, wild, withstand

### Electric Eel

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### ACROSS

- 1 to stay away from
- 5 waits quietly out of sight from others
- 8 not holding back from doing harm
- 9 eats or drinks

### DOWN

- 2 units used to measure electricity
- **3** most wild, most violent, or most dangerous
- 4 a long fish that looks like a snake
- 6 painful feelings caused by electricity
- 7 to knock out or to make senseless

WORD BANK: avoid, consumes, eel, fiercest, lurks, ruthless, shocks, stun, volts



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### ACROSS

- 1 an object that stands for something other than itself
- 5 very big, grand, and worth admiring
- 7 keeps away
- 9 stories that explain how something works or came to be
- 10 packing with something

### DOWN

- 2 makes quieter
- **3** beliefs, skills, arts, tools, traditions, and ways of life of a people
- 4 specific features that make a thing what it is
- 6 light, soft, feathery pieces
- 8 a shell or covering, often with seeds inside

**WORD BANK:** culture, fluff, majestic, muffles, myths, pod, qualities, repels,

stuffing, symbol

### **Destructive Builders**

Level 3.0, Story 9



### ACROSS

- **3** something that happens because of another thing
- 7 very large
- **8** a group of things that work together
- 9 able to be used for a long time without wearing out

#### DOWN

- 1 small insects that eat wood
- 2 so good that people think highly of it
- 4 paths that go under the ground
- 5 small hills or piles
- 6 a tall, hollow vent

**WORD BANK:** chimney, durable, immense, impressive, mounds, result, system, termites, tunnels

### Puffer Fish

Level 3.0, Story 10



### ACROSS

- 1 to become wider or bigger
- 7 to do what you were trying to do
- 8 to form a picture or idea in your head
- 9 to avoid or to hold back from doing something

### DOWN

- 2 having a substance that can cause sickness or death
- 3 quickly and without warning
- 4 an animal that kills other animals for food
- 5 last
- 6 to continue with the same thing

**WORD BANK:** expand, final, imagine, poisonous, predator, resist, stick, succeed, suddenly

### Calling All Citizens!

Level 3.0, Story 11



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### ACROSS

- 1 a person who helps others for no pay
- 4 a length or distance
- **5** to teach or to show how to do something
- 7 the outside and all that lives there
- 8 the people who live in a region

### DOWN

- 2 the garbage that people leave on the ground
- **3** to make something available to people
- 6 to agree to take care of someone or something

WORD BANK: adopt, citizens, environment, equip, litter, stretch, train, volunteer

### Painting With Eggs

Level 3.0, Story 12



### ACROSS

- 1 powders or other materials that are used to color other things
- **5** a set of colors that an artist uses
- 8 natural substances that are found in the ground
- **9** able to cause sickness or death, especially by poison

### DOWN

- 2 costing a lot of money
- 3 the things needed to make something
- 4 crushed into tiny bits
- 6 a thin, hard, rectangular piece of material
- 7 the yellow, middle part of an egg

**WORD BANK:** expensive, ground, materials, minerals, palette, panel, pigments, toxic, yolk

# Horned Lizard

Level 3.0, Story 13



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#### ACROSS

- 2 full of sharp points or spikes
- **6** something a person or animal uses to protect itself
- 8 to stay away from
- 9 hard, sharp points that grow on some plants and animals
- 10 unpleasant or disagreeable

### DOWN

- 1 an animal hunted by another animal for food
- **3** a way of hiding a thing by making it look like things around it
- 4 a reptile with scaly skin and a long tail
- 5 not seen or not attracting much attention
- 7 makes it hard to understand what is happening

**WORD BANK:** avoid, camouflage, confuses, defense, distasteful, lizard, prey, prickly, spines, unnoticed

# Kinkajou

Level 3.0, Story 14



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### ACROSS

- 2 drops down quickly, or suddenly pushes or throws
- 5 made of very small pieces, almost like dust
- 7 an area of dense forest near the equator
- 8 animals that eat other animals

### DOWN

- 1 put into a certain group
- **3** to get something good out of something
- 4 to favor or like one thing more than another
- 6 the sweet juice that flowers make

WORD BANK: benefit, carnivores, classified, nectar, plunges, powdery, prefer, rainforest

### Sacred Pets

Level 3.0, Story 15



### ACROSS

- 4 put into the ground and covered
- **5** faithful to or willing to stay with
- 8 periods of time equal to 100 years
- 9 holy or having to do with religion

### DOWN

- 1 beliefs, skills, arts, tools, traditions, and ways of life
- 2 the feeling of being at ease, relaxed, or content
- 3 having little or no hair
- **6** to keep safe from danger
- 7 different types of an animal

**WORD BANK:** breeds, buried, centuries, comfort, cultures, hairless, loyal, protect, sacred

### Sloth

Level 3.0, Story 16



### ACROSS

- **3** a fuzzy plant that grows near the ground, usually in damp places
- 6 a group of words that has a funny or wise meaning
- 8 changing food inside the body into a form the body can use and store
- 9 the power to work

### DOWN

- 1 to live in a place
- 2 resting or napping
- **4** not moving
- **5** a humid place filled with trees, plants, and animals
- 7 simple, plant-like organisms without roots, stems, or leaves

WORD BANK: algae, digesting, drowsing, energy, jungle, moss, reside, saying, still

# Exploding Toads Mystery

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### ACROSS

- 2 inner parts of the body
- 4 suddenly burst or erupted
- 8 information that helps you believe something
- **9** a guess made after careful watching and thinking

### DOWN

- 1 people who study things using tests and experiments
- 3 illness or something that causes sickness
- 5 something that happens in the same way many times
- 6 a body part that cleans blood and helps break down food
- 7 hit or picked at with a beak

WORD BANK: disease, evidence, exploded, insides, liver, pattern, pecked, scientists,

### The Pig War

Level 3.0, Story 18



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#### ACROSS

- 2 a line dividing two countries or areas
- 5 someone who is hurt or killed in a war or accident
- 7 an answer to a problem
- 8 bad feelings between people that can lead to mistrust

### DOWN

- 1 an official agreement between countries
- **3** a certain event, especially a minor one
- 4 areas of land that have their own laws for the people living there
- 6 to use the power of the law to catch and lock up a person

WORD BANK: arrest, border, casualty, incident, nations, solution, tension, treaty

# Invention in a Jail Cell

Level 3.0, Story 19



### ACROSS

- **2** tall, hard grass
- 7 a new creation or idea
- 8 worn and torn at the edges
- 9 short, stiff hairs

### DOWN

- 1 normal or happening a lot
- 3 very old
- 4 extremely important or necessary
- 5 set up or started for the first time
- 6 different kinds

**WORD BANK:** ancient, bamboo, bristles, common, essential, founded, frayed, invention, varieties

### A Hot Invention

Level 3.0, Story 20



### ACROSS

- 1 a careful test to see if something is true
- 4 suddenly burst or erupted
- **6** a desire to know about something
- 8 normal or ordinary

#### DOWN

- 2 a new creation or idea
- 3 costing a lot of money
- **5** things that happen because something else happened
- 7 to watch, listen to, or follow something

WORD BANK: curiosity, expensive, experiment, exploded, invention, regular, results, track

# Harriet Tubman

Level 3.0, Story 21



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### ACROSS

- 1 very unpleasant, uncomfortable, or severe
- 3 unkind and hurtful
- 8 to set free from someone else's control
- 9 dedicated

### DOWN

- 2 happy or pleased with the way things are
- 4 to get away from something bad or unwanted
- **5** people who are owned by others and are forced to work
- 6 a prize for doing something
- 7 a person who goes ahead to check things out and gather information

WORD BANK: cruel, devoted, emancipate, escape, harsh, reward, satisfied,

### Frida Kahlo

Level 3.0, Story 22



### ACROSS

- 1 to show or to put into words
- 5 having to do with feelings
- 7 a way to let out energy or feelings
- 8 changed someone's feelings or emotions
- **9** objects that stand for something other than themselves

### DOWN

- 2 respect for yourself or a good feeling about what you can do
- **3** something that is inherited or passed down
- 4 the process of getting better after an injury or illness
- 6 the right or ability to use something

**WORD BANK:** access, affected, emotional, express, heritage, outlet, pride, recovery, symbols

### **Fashion Police**

Level 3.0, Story 23



### ACROSS

- **4** a period of time equal to 100 years
- 6 allowed by law
- 7 all the businesses that provide related services or products
- 9 the reason for something

### DOWN

- 1 kinds of cloth used to make clothes, curtains, and other goods
- 2 to make people obey
- 3 caught and held for breaking the law
- 5 systems of laws or sets of rules
- 8 rank or position compared to others

WORD BANK: arrested, century, codes, enforce, fabrics, industry, legal, purpose, status

### A Self-Taught President

Level 3.0, Story 24



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### ACROSS

- 1 used something that belongs to someone else
- 4 a person who tries to get elected to a government job
- 7 a chance to do something
- 8 gave something useful or necessary

#### DOWN

- 2 a test to find out how much someone knows
- 3 to get by without something
- 5 someone trained to give advice about the law
- 6 a job in which a person has a certain duty or power

WORD BANK: borrowed, exam, lawyer, office, opportunity, politician, served, spare