## The Great Wall of China

## Level 7.0, Story 1



## ACROSS

1 difficult to deal with
3 able to move
5 a structure used to protect a place or people
8 twisting, winding, or moving in curves
11 ordered to come to a place
12 a large area of land that is high and flat
13 stretches out across or extends over
14 later or happening after
15 soldiers ready to fight when the need arises

## DOWN

2 many countries or territories under one ruler
4 separate parts that are connected to the main part
6 people who move around instead of living in the same area
7 people who travel for fun
9 to stop or prevent
10 things used to signal or guide from far away

WORD BANK: beacons, branches, empire, formidable, fortification, mobile, nomads, plateau, reserves, snaking, spans, subsequent, summoned, thwart, tourists

## The Leaning Tower of Pisa

## Level 7.0, Story 2



## ACROSS

1 a break in action or a passage of time
3 expected
8 the structure and style of a building or group of buildings
9 straight up and down, or exactly upright
10 wrinkled or having a deep crease
12 the base upon which something is built or supported
14 with an expectation of success
15 to press or squeeze together

## DOWN

2 to go together with
4 in a way that is just right for what is happening
5 tilted or tipped to the side
6 unstable or unsafe
7 a piece of evidence or proof
11 different from all others
13 one of a series of layers set on top of one another

WORD BANK: accompany, anticipated, appropriately, architecture, cocked, compress, foundation, furrowed, lapse, optimistically, perpendicular, precarious, testament, tier, unique

## China's Ancient Buried Army

Level 7.0, Story 3


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## ACROSS

2 brownish-red earthenware or clay pottery
5 a long, narrow ditch in the ground
6 tools or other objects that people made
long ago
7 a place where people live and work
together and share what they have
11 carved
12 difficult and tiring work
14 made into one
15 soldiers who fight on foot

## DOWN

1 people who shoot with bows and arrows
3 scientists who study ancient people and things
4 life that happens after death
8 a search for something
9 lasting forever
10 a group of soldiers who fight on horseback
13 a time as leader

WORD BANK: afterlife, archeologists, archers, artifacts, cavalry, commune, eternal, infantrymen, quest, reign, sculpted, terracotta, toil, trench, unified

## The Roman Colosseum <br> Level 7.0, Story 4



## ACROSS

5 opened for the first time with a celebration
7 curved structures that go across open spaces
9 long, flat pieces of wood
10 a structure with special importance or historical significance
13 to build, construct, or raise
14 coverings that give protection from the weather
15 present-day

## DOWN

1 a place where people can come together for an activity or event
2 most important
3 put on or arranged
4 a place where people dig up stone or sand for building
6 meetings, often ones that are unexpected or unwanted
8 fake or pretend
11 cruel or brutal
12 a language that was spoken in Rome a very long time ago

WORD BANK: arches, awnings, encounters, erect, inaugurated, landmark, Latin, mock, modern, planks, principal, quarry, savage, staged, venue

## Egypt's Great Pyramids <br> Level 7.0, Story 5



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## ACROSS

1 successful efforts that require skill
7 an endless period of time
8 treated with preservatives to prevent decay
9 extremely large
10 worked hard toward a goal
14 an enclosed space used for a certain purpose
15 to keep something from being harmed, damaged, or changed

## DOWN

2 groups or communities of people
3 the structure and style of a building or group of buildings
4 tools that people use to cut or chip things
5 to come together at a point
6 to discourage or try to stop someone
11 a good, positive, or helpful thing
12 acts that take strength, skill, or courage
13 the bottom or lowest part of something

WORD BANK: accomplishments, architecture, base, benefit, chamber, chisels, colossal, converge, deter, embalmed, eternity, feats, labored, preserve, societies

## Machu Picchu

## Level 7.0, Story 6



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## ACROSS

1 channels for bringing water from one place to another
3 a large area of land containing a home
5 almost completely
7 belonging to the original inhabitants
8 to get rid of
10 many countries or territories under one ruler
13 changed in order to better handle a place or situation
14 advanced or highly developed

## DOWN

1 left empty and no longer used
2 the position of influence or control over others
4 a scientist who studies ancient people and things
6 built from layers of dead plant material such as straw
9 flat areas cut out of the side of a hill
11 related to the king or queen's family
12 the people who once ruled the western part of South America

WORD BANK: abandoned, adapted, aqueducts, archeologist, clear, dominance, empire, estate, Incas, native, royal, sophisticated, terraces, thatched, virtually

## The Mexican Pyramids

## Level 7.0, Story 7



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## ACROSS

3 things that are strange and interesting
7 having to do with hearing or sound
9 a material used for coating walls
10 having four sides, only two of which are parallel to each other
13 happening in the fall
14 the outsides of things
15 in a big way or to a great degree
16 understanding

## DOWN

1 happening in the spring
2 the times of year when the sun crosses the equator
4 built, constructed, or raised
5 things that are like others of their type
6 periods of 1,000 years
8 interesting or causing curiosity
11 going up
12 significant

WORD BANK: acoustic, ascending, autumnal, counterparts, curiosities, equinoxes, erected, exteriors, insight, intriguing, millennia, notable, stucco, trapezoidal, vastly, vernal

## Easter Island's Statues

## Level 7.0, Story 8



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## ACROSS

1 put back in place
6 plant life
9 places where people or things can go
11 the people who live in a certain place
13 extremely bare and lacking in detail
14 far away from other things
15 flat, raised surfaces

## DOWN

2 to vary between the two farthest points of something
3 family that lived before you were born
4 people's children, their children's children, and so on
5 extremely large
6 winners in a contest or battle
7 puzzled or caused confusion
8 tube-like shapes that are circular on both ends
10 a big, hollow area in rock
12 tipped or knocked something over

WORD BANK: ancestors, baffled, colossal, crater, cylinders, descendants, destinations, inhabitants, platforms, range, remote, restored, stark, toppled, vegetation, victors

## The Tangshan Earthquake Level 7.0, Story 9



ACROSS
1 basic organizational systems of a country
3 to grow well or be successful
6 a good example of something
9 a place of safety, shelter, or protection
11 help or rescue
14 not easily damaged or affected by something
15 suffered through
16 overwhelmingly loud

## DOWN

2 broken pieces of rock, stone, or brick
4 having to do with manufacturing
5 to fall down or cave in
7 cruelly or harshly
8 showed or displayed on an instrument
10 easy to realize, see, or understand
12 the state of being about to happen
13 moving in a hurry, with quick, light steps

WORD BANK: apparent, collapse, deafening, endured, imminence, industrial, infrastructures, mercilessly, model, refuge, registered, relief, resistant, rubble, scurrying, thrive

## Chernobyl

## Level 7.0, Story 10



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## ACROSS

3 births that come too early in a pregnancy
6 devices used to produce a nuclear chain reaction
10 a chemical that helps the thyroid to work properly
11 caused a change in or influenced
12 able to be explained as the result of
13 dirty or infected
14 the act of moving away to live in a new place
15 decreased or diminished
16 at first

## DOWN

1 pieces of our DNA
2 causing disagreements or debates
4 births of babies that have already died
5 told or shared information and ideas
7 the energy given off when an atom's nucleus breaks up
8 occurrences or examples
9 adjusted, varied, or changed

WORD BANK: affected, altered, attributable, communicated, contaminated, controversial, dwindled, genes, initially, instances, iodine, miscarriages, radioactivity, reactors, relocation, stillbirths

## Earthquakes <br> Level 7.0, Story 11



## ACROSS

2 a large place or area of land
3 an instrument that detects and records the force of earthquakes
6 a layer of molten rock between Earth's core and crust
8 a strong metal found in the earth
10 totally destroyed
11 shows or displays on an instrument
12 the dimensions or size of something

## DOWN

1 Earth's outer layer
4 able to notice or react to small things
5 sheets of rock that form Earth's crust
6 turned into liquid by heat
7 a continuous, rapid movement back and forth
9 to take place

WORD BANK: crust, devastated, iron, mantle, molten, occur, plates, proportions, region, registers, seismograph, sensitive, vibration

## Radiation

## Level 7.0, Story 12



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## DOWN

1 left-over or extra
3 to make free of germs
4 causing death
6 left unprotected
8 very tiny pieces of matter smaller than atoms
12 treatment of diseases, illnesses, or problems
13 amounts someone is exposed to

## ACROSS

2 living things
5 the total amounts of electrical energy in things
7 brings about
9 energy that is sent out in waves by certain substances
10 to become different from other things of the same type
11 growth or formation
14 involving energy from the centers of atoms
15 to discover
16 surrounding area

WORD BANK: charges, conjures, detect, development, doses, excess, exposed, fatal, mutate, nuclear, organisms, particles, radiation, sterilize, therapy, vicinity

## Statue of Liberty

## Level 7.0, Story 13



## ACROSS

3 covered in something with graceful folds
6 relating to designs or styles from the past
8 very grand and worth admiring
11 shaped in an artistic way
13 a base or support for a statue
14 things that take away the freedom to act
15 the ability to make your own choices
16 unfair and cruel use of power

## DOWN

1 a flat piece of hard material that has
writing or carvings on it
2 giving knowledge
4 easy to bend
5 fastened together using metal bolts
7 to endure, survive, or make it through something difficult
9 a 100-year anniversary
10 uncovered, revealed, or shown
12 holds protectively

WORD BANK: bonds, centennial, classical, cradles, draped, enlightening, flexible, liberty, majestic, pedestal, riveted, sculpted, tablet, tyranny, unveiled, withstand

## The Brooklyn Bridge

## Level 7.0, Story 14



## ACROSS

5 related to business, industry, and trade
6 came next or followed
7 very strong wires, chains, or ropes
8 great size, scale, or degree of importance
9 kept within a small space
10 brought suffering to or caused pain
13 threatening or signaling bad things to come
15 to cause great trouble
16 people who travel to and from work

## DOWN

1 something that makes things difficult
2 presented or put forth
3 matched or was very similar
4 gave specific orders
11 the most recent part of something
12 watertight spaces for doing underwater construction
14 a long and complicated series of events

WORD BANK: afflicted, cables, caissons, commercial, commuters, confined, dictated, inconvenience, latter, magnitude, ominous, paralleled, plague, posed, saga, succeeded

## The Eiffel Tower

## Level 7.0, Story 15



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## ACROSS

4 an influence, or something that causes another thing to change
6 lovely, charming, or delightful
7 a written note asking those in power to do a certain thing
9 risky or unsafe
12 the outline of city's buildings when seen from a distance
13 things people say or do to express dislike for something.
14 to take apart piece by piece
15 structures that have historical significance

## DOWN

1 a fond or loving feeling toward something or someone
2 very well-known or famous
3 very tall buildings
5 having a major effect
8 makes up the most noticeable part of something
10 fastened together using metal bolts
11 uncovered or out in the open

WORD BANK: affection, dismantle, dominates, effect, eminent, enchanting, exposed, hazardous, insults, landmarks, petition, riveted, significant, skyline, skyscrapers

## The Golden Gate Bridge

 Level 7.0, Story 16

## ACROSS

2 a watertight space or enclosure
4 a platform that is built above ground to hold workers and their tools
8 began a business, enterprise, or project
9 met unexpectedly
10 amazing and eye-catching
11 very big, heavy, and solid
12 water joining two larger areas of water
13 stretches out across or extends over

## DOWN

1 sidewalks or other paths for people to walk on
2 when a group of people cooperate on a project
3 a person walking somewhere
5 the base upon which something is built or supported
6 the length through the widest part of a circle
7 bold or grand in what you set out to accomplish

WORD BANK: ambitious, channel, cofferdam, collaboration, diameter, embarked, encountered, footpaths, foundation, massive, pedestrian, scaffold, spans, spectacular

## The Black Hills

## Level 7.0, Story 17



## ACROSS

2 keeps or holds
3 a large number of people or things that come into a place
6 unsuccessfully or without reward
9 small pieces or chunks of something
10 has to do with
11 a person or group's origin
12 having the ability to affect what people do or feel
14 nevertheless or however

## DOWN

1 people who move from one location or country to live in another
4 something that people talk about even though it may not be true
5 the act of fighting
7 all of the things that make up an area of land
8 great or stretching across a large area
13 covered with thick and healthy plant life

WORD BANK: conflict, fruitlessly, immigrants, influential, influx, landscape, lush, maintains, nonetheless, nuggets, relates, roots, rumor, vast

## Tornadoes

## Level 7.0, Story 18



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## ACROSS

4 described by one or more traits or features
6 a sudden rush of wind
9 to form or be the basis of something
10 a distinctive characteristic that helps identify what something is
13 the air or gases that surround a planet, moon, or star
14 what is left after something has been destroyed or damaged
15 a condition in which something can suddenly lose its pattern or structure

## DOWN

$\mathbf{1}$ force or weight that is put on something
2 jammed or stuck in something
3 connected with something else
5 the rate at which something happens
7 turning or spinning around a center point
8 the beginning of something's development
11 to firmly put something into something else
12 a swirling mass that sucks everything near it into its center

WORD BANK: associated, atmosphere, characterized, compose, debris, embed, formation, gust, incidence, instability, lodged, pressure, rotating, trademark, vortex

## Mount Rushmore

## Level 7.0, Story 19



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## ACROSS

2 growth
6 powered by air pressure
9 the dark circles in the middle of the eyes
11 pictures, images, or sculptures of other things
12 a light-colored, hard rock
14 the size of something compared to something else
15 talked about or mentioned something
16 a way of doing something

## DOWN

1 the parts of rocks that come to the surface of the earth
3 most important
4 tools to cut or chip things
5 the act of making something last over time
7 hired someone for a certain job
8 directed the work of someone
10 every year
13 parts or features of something

WORD BANK: annually, aspects, chisels, commissioned, expansion, granite, likenesses, means, outcroppings, pneumatic, preservation, principal, pupils, referred, scale, supervised

## Hurricanes

Level 7.0, Story 20


## ACROSS

5 to watch the development or progress of something in a regular and systematic way
6 fully developed
9 in the opposite direction that the hands on a clock move
13 to come to a halt or to suddenly lose power
14 electronic equipment that sends and receives radio waves
15 hit with many blows
16 an object sent into space to receive and send signals

## DOWN

1 to generate something or bring it into being
2 forced to move from one's home or country
3 scientists who study weather
4 a force that resists movement between two objects
7 the length through the widest part of a circle
8 one half of the earth
10 fast-moving or rushing in great quantities
11 the movements of water or air in a certain direction
12 an extremely strong wind

WORD BANK: battered, counterclockwise, currents, diameter, displaced, friction, gale, hemisphere, mature, meteorologists, monitor, radar, satellite, spawn, stall, torrential

## The Golden Temple

## Level 7.0, Story 21



## ACROSS

1 unable to be destroyed
4 cozily situated in a certain spot
5 the courage to face trouble
6 calm or peaceful
7 surrounded by
8 superiority
10 holy or having to do with religion
12 covered with thick and healthy plant life
13 to think or concentrate calmly
14 to represent something else
15 scenic, pretty, or charming

## DOWN

2 the outside of something
3 imagined an idea in the mind
9 gives off or projects
11 to say out loud
12 a system of reasoning or careful thinking

WORD BANK: amidst, casts, eminence, envisioned, exterior, fortitude, indestructible, logic, lush, meditate, nestled, picturesque, placid, recite, sacred, symbolize

## King Henry VIII

Level 7.0, Story 22


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## ACROSS

1 a complete change
5 shared
7 greatest in status, authority, or power
9 characterized by short or interesting stories
10 rude
12 causing something to happen
14 extreme or far-reaching
15 an obsession or intense fondness
16 without an earlier example

## DOWN

2 in a way that is careless or not cautious
3 driven by sudden feelings, not careful thought
4 having a bad reputation
6 to be proof of something
8 an important event
11 a long story
13 the group of people ruling a country

WORD BANK: anecdotal, impulsive, infamous, infatuation, milestone, mutual, offensive, provoking, radical, recklessly, regime, saga, supreme, testify, transformation, unprecedented

## The Taj Mahal

## Level 7.0, Story 23



## ACROSS

1 evenness of parts
6 the holy book of Islam
8 a chamber or room where people are buried
9 a round, curved roof
11 pictured an idea in the mind
12 short pieces of writing taken from longer works
14 the outer areas of a city or town
15 rules or models used to judge or evaluate things

DOWN
2 to reflect or imitate the feeling of something
3 beautiful, graceful, and refined
4 embedded into a flat surface
5 a large building for dead bodies
7 a duplicate or close copy of something
10 a woman who leads an empire
13 to decorate

WORD BANK: adorn, dome, echo, elegant, empress, envisioned, inlaid, Koran, mausoleum, outskirts, passages, replica, standards, symmetry, vault

## The Tower of London

## Level 7.0, Story 24



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## ACROSS

2 having a bad reputation
5 rods held by kings or queens that are symbols
of their power
8 a time as leader
9 the place where a country's coins are produced
12 members of the elite, wealthy, or ruling class in a society
13 secret scheming and planning
14 horrifying and frightening
15 having a common center
16 a strong structure used by a military to defend a place

## DOWN

1 a dwelling
3 structures built around a place to protect it
4 items used by kings and queens that symbolize their positions
6 for good reason
7 a group of related buildings or units
10 a deep, wide ditch dug around a castle
11 started or came to be

WORD BANK: aristocrats, complex, concentric, fittingly, fortifications, fortress, grisly, infamous, intrigue, mint, moat, originated, regalia, reign, residence, scepters

