## Animal Tracks

Level 2.6



### ACROSS

- **3** the side of a hill or a steep slope
- **6** a large area of land covered in grass
- 7 a place with many houses and stores where people live and work
- 8 goes to a place

### DOWN

- 1 the marks left by hands
- 2 the marks left by feet
- 4 a place in nature where an animal or plant lives
- 5 like ground that is wet and soft

WORD BANK: bank, footprints, habitat, handprints, marshy, prairie, town, visits

# A Bird Called Rosy Spoonbill

Level 2.6



### ACROSS

- 2 having none of its kind living anymore
- 4 having a certain form or outline
- 5 a bird's beak
- 7 light red or rosy in color
- **9** muddy, spongy land that is often filled with water
- 10 moves back and forth or from side to side

#### DOWN

- 1 areas with a lot of water in marshes or swamps
- 3 people who travel for fun
- 6 with little or no hair, fur, or feathers on the head
- 8 things you wave back and forth to cool yourself off

WORD BANK: bald, bill, extinct, fans, pink, shaped, swamp, swings, tourists, wetlands

## A Bird With a Mask

Level 2.6



### ACROSS

- 4 bunches of hair, grass, or feathers
- **5** the part of an animal's body that is opposite its back
- 6 light, soft, feathery pieces
- 7 removes something by pulling it off or pulling it out

#### DOWN

- 1 one kind of shellfish
- 2 long holes that go under the ground
- **3** small animals that live in the water and have shells

WORD BANK: fluff, mussels, plucks, shellfish, tufts, tunnels, underbelly

## The Bobcat of North America

Level 2.6



### ACROSS

- 3 cut off short
- 5 seen or noticed
- 6 all the young born at the same time to a mother animal
- 7 without any bumps or sharp points on the outside

### DOWN

- 1 places where wild animals live
- 2 active at night and asleep during the day
- 4 empty on the inside

WORD BANK: bobbed, dens, flat, hollow, litter, nocturnal, spotted

## **Bubbles to Zubbles**

Level 2.6



### ACROSS

- 2 very beautiful
- 6 started doing something quickly or with great energy
- 7 a job or task that usually has several parts and needs planning
- 8 along with, or and
- **9** marked with color, dirt, or something else that leaves a spot

### DOWN

- 1 round shapes filled with air or gas
- 3 complained about something
- 4 powders or liquids used to change the color of things
- 5 things like spots, lines, stains, or scars that you can see

WORD BANK: bubbles, dyes, grumbled, marks, plunged, plus, project, stained, stunning

## Carl Sandburg

Level 2.6



### ACROSS

- **3** to make clicking sounds by hitting one thing against another
- 5 a space at the top of a house inside the roof
- **6** to tell someone you are pleased about what the person said or gave to you
- 7 things that a person writes, draws, or makes

### DOWN

- 1 something done often and without thinking or planning
- 2 someone who is strongly against using war to settle differences
- 4 a feeling of being unhappy

WORD BANK: attic, habit, pacifist, sadness, tap, thank, works

## Cat Mummies

Level 2.6



#### ACROSS

- **3** material that is used to make pants, shirts, dresses, and other things
- 6 a band or chain that goes around the neck
- 7 white liquid from a cow
- **8** beings that some people believe have special powers over nature and life
- **9** dead bodies that have been kept from rotting

### DOWN

- 1 to fall apart or to decay
- 2 put into a liquid for a short time, then removed
- 4 something that happens by chance and not because of planning
- **5** powders, pills, or liquids that can cause changes to a body

WORD BANK: cloth, collar, dipped, drugs, gods, luck, milk, mummies, rot

## A Centipede at Your House?

Level 2.6



#### ACROSS

- 3 annoying or bothersome
- 5 the raised mark that a bite, hit, or cut leaves on the skin
- 6 a part or section
- 7 the body parts that allow the mouth to open and close

### DOWN

- 1 having a type of poison that can hurt or kill other animals
- 2 groups of things that go together
- **4** a type of poison that is usually delivered by a bite or sting

WORD BANK: jaws, pesky, segment, sets, venom, venomous, welt

# **Collecting Stamps**

Level 2.6



#### ACROSS

- 3 a book where people paste or tape things they want to save
- 6 a set of things that are the same in some way
- 7 put things in an order or in groups

### DOWN

- 1 to take something from one place to another
- 2 to gather things in the same place
- 4 a group of people who spend a lot of time together
- $\mathbf{5}$  smooth and even

WORD BANK: carry, collect, collection, flat, gang, scrapbook, sort

### **Comet Crashes**

Level 2.6



### ACROSS

- 2 burning objects that look round and are very hot and bright
- **3** a bright ball with a tail that moves through space
- 7 events that take place
- 8 broke or split

### DOWN

- 1 tubes with lenses or mirrors that people look through to see faraway things
- **4** all died out, or without any of its kind living anymore
- 5 hit hard
- **6** a very large round object in outer space that goes around a star

WORD BANK: comet, cracked, extinct, fireballs, happenings, planet, slammed, telescopes

# The Common American Robin

Level 2.6



#### ACROSS

### 3 marks or spots on something

**6** to move up and down quickly

### DOWN

- **1** a brown bird with a red breast
- 2 likely to be or likely to happen
- 4 often seen and heard
- 5 to see or notice something

#### WORD BANK: blotches, bob, common, probably, robin, spot

## Dances of the Pueblo People

Level 2.6



### ACROSS

- 1 a large ring
- 5 moving the body and feet to music
- 8 the hard coverings on the feet of horses, cows, and sheep
- **9** the dry outer coverings of some seeds and fruits

### DOWN

- 2 gatherings and ceremonies held by American Indian tribes
- **3** a trip through the air made by a bird or airplane
- 4 holy or having to do with religion
- **6** beings that some people believe have special powers over nature and life
- 7 to show you think something is important

WORD BANK: dancing, flight, gods, honor, hoop, hooves, husks, powwows, sacred

## How to Become a Rock Hound

Level 2.6



### ACROSS

- **3** to gather things in the same place
- 5 formed by a volcano or other strong heat source
- 6 forms or outlines of things
- 8 changed in form by natural processes
- **9** an activity a person likes to do during free time

#### DOWN

- 1 to make smooth and shiny
- 2 formed by matter that settles to the bottom of a liquid
- 4 someone who is interested and excited about a subject
- 7 something that is made or shaped to help you do work

**WORD BANK:** collect, hobby, hound, igneous, metamorphic, polish, sedimentary, shapes, tool

# How to Make Real Lemonade

Level 2.6



### ACROSS

- 2 a kitchen tool that is used to get the juice out of fruit or other foods
- 4 a blend of dry food that is used to quickly make something to eat or drink
- 6 a thick liquid that makes juice when you add water to it
- 9 to make something colder

### DOWN

- **1** yellow fruits with a sour taste
- **3** a container used for holding things to drink
- **5** things that are made or shaped to help you do work
- 7 a round container that is usually made of metal
- 8 to get pleasure and happiness from something

WORD BANK: can, chill, concentrate, enjoy, lemons, mix, pitcher, squeezer, tools

The Ink Pen—A Little History

Level 2.6



#### ACROSS

- **3** a material like gold, silver, copper, or iron
- 4 pens made from feathers
- 5 small tubes that can drip liquid out one drop at a time
- 7 tall plants like grass that grow in or near water
- 8 the points of pens that touch the paper

#### DOWN

- 1 a plant found in Africa that is used to make paper
- 2 put into a liquid for a short time and then removed
- 6 the colored liquid that pens use to make marks

WORD BANK: dipped, eyedroppers, ink, metal, nibs, papyrus, quills, reeds

# Interesting Insects

Level 2.6



### ACROSS

- 5 a little animal that has six legs, three body parts, and often wings
- 6 thin, tightly stretched parts inside the ears that help us hear
- 7 the ability to see, or the sense of sight
- 8 special powers of the body that let us feel, hear, see, smell, and taste
- **9** small, thin branches on trees or plants
- 10 insects that have eardrums on their legs

### DOWN

- 1 the body parts on the heads of insects that are used for sensing things
- **2** people who study things using tests and experiments
- 3 a smell
- 4 parts of the eyes that help people and animals see clearly

**WORD BANK:** antennae, crickets, eardrums, insect, lenses, odor, scientists, senses, twigs, vision

## Milk Snake

Level 2.6



### ACROSS

- 2 thread or cloth made from soft fiber
- **5** having a type of poison that can hurt or kill other animals
- 8 a snake that kills prey by squeezing it to death

### DOWN

- **1** took the milk from a mammal
- **3** little mammals with soft fur
- **4** animals with four legs, a tail, and scaly skin
- **6** to pay attention or to take notice of something
- 7 an animal hunted by another animal for food

WORD BANK: constrictor, lizards, milked, moles, note, prey, silk, venomous

# Monkeys

Level 2.6



### ACROSS

- 5 to watch carefully
- 6 the highest parts of things
- 8 toward the side

### DOWN

- 1 to have the front of something turned in a certain direction
- 2 things you can see and touch
- **3** openings in the nose for breathing and smelling
- 4 having one end far from the other end
- 7 strange

WORD BANK: face, long, nostrils, objects, observe, odd, sideways, tops

## The Moose of Alaska

Level 2.6



#### ACROSS

- 1 a back that is curved
- **3** an animal's fur, wool, or hair
- 5 the back part of an animal
- 6 to see or notice something
- 7 without any people living there
- 8 severe or very harsh

### DOWN

- 2 a wonderful, beautiful place
- 4 types of trees with lightweight leaves

WORD BANK: aspens, bitter, coat, humpback, paradise, rump, spot, uninhabited

Picasso—A Well-Known Artist

Level 2.6



### ACROSS

- 3 talented or able to do something well
- **5** amounts of darkness or lightness of colors
- 7 shapes, forms, or outlines
- 8 bent, crooked, or not in the proper shape
- **9** to make something have a form or make it look like something
- 10 a person who makes works of art

#### DOWN

- 1 made from a kind of mud that gets hard when it dries
- 2 did not like
- **4** not the same
- 6 things that a person writes, draws, or makes

WORD BANK: artist, clay, different, disliked, figures, gifted, shades, shape, twisted, works

## A Plant With a Funny Name

Level 2.6



### ACROSS

- 1 keeping someone from carrying out a plan
- **3** wild plants that grow where you do not want them
- 6 lumps of things
- 8 taking great care in picking something

### DOWN

- 2 to make someone mad, sad, or hurt
- 4 the long, thin part of a plant that has a leaf or flower at the end or top
- **5** groups of things
- 7 covered with stuff like feathers, fur, or soft hairs

WORD BANK: clumps, clusters, frustrating, fussy, fuzzy, stem, upset, weeds

## The Red-Headed Woodpecker

Level 2.6



#### ACROSS

- 3 uses the beak to poke or bite something
- 4 a part that connects an animal's head to its body
- 6 a hard, pointed mouth
- 7 homes that birds build for themselves
- 8 break open to let the animal come out

#### DOWN

- 1 insect larvae that look like short fat worms
- 2 annoying or bothersome
- **5** the part of the body between the neck and the stomach

WORD BANK: beak, chest, grubs, hatch, neck, nests, pecks, pesky

# The Shape of an Egg

Level 2.6



#### ACROSS

- 1 the hard covers on some things, like eggs, turtles, or submarines
- 4 use a beak to poke or bite something
- 5 toughness, power, or the quality of being strong
- 7 force or weight that is put on something

### DOWN

- 2 round or oval-shaped things that hens lay
- **3** passes around, or distributes, something over an area
- **6** a chicken that can lay eggs

WORD BANK: eggs, hen, peck, pressure, shells, spreads, strength

## A Woman Who Just Said "NO"

Level 2.6



#### ACROSS

- **4** not treating everyone the same way
- 7 to move just a little bit
- 8 hurried or went fast
- **9** given hope, courage, or a strong wish to do something

#### DOWN

- 1 not acting special or self-important
- 2 caught and held for breaking the law
- **3** talked loudly or rudely
- 5 nervous, confused, and upset
- 6 bold or brave

WORD BANK: arrested, blustered, budge, flustered, gutsy, humble, hustled, inspired, unfair