### Ancient Art

Level 2.5



#### ACROSS

- 1 having to do with a person or people
- 4 a quick look at something
- 6 very old
- 7 shapes, forms, or outlines
- 8 wore or washed away over time

#### DOWN

- 2 new, up-to-date, and in the present day
- **3** to keep something safe
- **5** something that is special, valuable, or precious

WORD BANK: ancient, eroded, figures, glimpse, human, modern, protect, treasure

## Babe Ruth

Level 2.5



#### ACROSS

- **3** a home for children who do not have parents to take care of them
- **5** information used to keep track of something
- 6 went to see and talk with someone

#### DOWN

- 1 a place where doctors and nurses take care of people who are sick or hurt
- 2 made someone think about something from the past
- 4 to get to a base safely after hitting the ball with a bat

WORD BANK: hit, hospital, orphanage, record, reminded, visited

### The Brain

Level 2.5



#### ACROSS

- 3 hard to understand; not simple
- 5 the part of the body inside the head that controls how a person or animal thinks, feels, and moves
- **6** things that tell you what is going on around you

#### DOWN

- 1 directs or is in charge of someone or something
- 2 the action of a heart sending blood through the body
- **4** a person

WORD BANK: brain, complex, controls, heartbeat, human, signals

### Cuckoo Birds

Level 2.5



#### ACROSS

- **3** to be born from an egg
- 4 crazy or strange
- 6 makes eggs come out of the body

#### DOWN

- 1 different from what you are used to seeing
- 2 baby birds
- **5** a special sound an animal makes
- 7 to keep eggs warm by covering them with the body until they hatch

WORD BANK: call, chicks, cuckoo, hatch, lays, sit, strange

### **Dedicated Doctor**

Level 2.5



#### ACROSS

- **2** people who enforce rules or have power
- **5** a list of facts about someone which might include school grades, achievements, and other activities
- **6** money awarded to a student to help him or her pay for school
- 7 things given for great work

#### DOWN

- 1 people who are taken care of by a doctor
- **3** having to do with medicine or things that help people feel better when hurt or sick
- **4** asked for something, usually in writing

WORD BANK: applied, awards, medical, officials, patients, record, scholarship

### Fantastic Fliers

Level 2.5



#### ACROSS

- 1 babies
- **4** ordinary, regular, normal, or not special
- **6** the place where something happens
- 7 to come down from the air to the ground or some other surface
- **8** bringing up or taking care of young

#### DOWN

- **2** special, unusual, not regular, or not normal
- **3** the distance between the tips of the wings of an airplane, bird, or other animal with wings
- **5** to make a home or to use a place as a home

WORD BANK: breeding, common, land, nest, site, uncommon, wingspan, young

### The Feat of Firewalking

Level 2.5



#### ACROSS

- **2** great, special, or surprising
- **4** looked at something carefully
- **5** to keep something safe
- **7** people who study things using tests and experiments
- **8** a hole in the ground

#### DOWN

- 1 unsafe or likely to cause harm
- **3** pieces of burned wood or coal
- **6** an act that takes strength, skill, or courage to do

WORD BANK: amazing, checked, coals, dangerous, feat, pit, protect, scientists

### The Flute

Level 2.5



#### ACROSS

- 2 a material like gold, silver, or copper
- **3** something that makes music
- 5 very old
- 8 groups of people who make music together with instruments
- 9 tall plants that grow in or near water

#### DOWN

- 1 parts of instruments you press to make music
- 4 long, round shapes that are empty in the middle
- 6 musical sounds or tones
- 7 alone or without other instruments

WORD BANK: ancient, instrument, keys, metal, notes, orchestras, reeds, solo, tubes

## The Gentle Shark

Level 2.5



#### ACROSS

- 2 body parts that help an animal breathe under water
- 4 mild or not likely to cause harm
- 7 short, thin pieces that poke out of something
- 8 very small plants and animals that bigger fish eat

#### DOWN

- 1 a person who swims down into deep ocean water
- **3** a careful check in order to find something
- 5 many thousands of pounds
- 6 to catch or to stop from getting away

WORD BANK: bristles, diver, gentle, gills, plankton, search, tons, trap

### Interesting Orchids

Level 2.5



#### ACROSS

- 1 exciting or unusual
- 5 one of the seven major land masses on Earth: Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, South America, Australia, or Antarctica
- **6** light shoes that are easy to slip on and usually worn inside
- **7** a group of plants or animals that are alike in most ways

#### DOWN

- **2** from or in the hottest and rainiest parts of the world
- **3** things that help other things grow by acting as food
- 4 the parts of plants that grow downward, often into the ground, and take in water and nutrients for the plant

**WORD BANK:** continent, interesting, nutrients, roots, slippers, species, tropical

### Jackfruit

Level 2.5



#### ACROSS

- 4 the part of a plant that is usually sweet and good to eat
- **5** a liquid that is greasy and helps things not stick
- 6 sharp or tart tasting, like the flavor of a lemon
- 8 often seen or heard

#### DOWN

- 1 something that is hard to deal with
- 2 meals that are made by slowly boiling foods together
- **3** helpful or able to be used
- 7 a liquid that is thick and sticky

WORD BANK: common, fruit, goo, oil, problem, sour, stews, useful

## Komodo Dragon

Level 2.5



#### ACROSS

- **3** animal hunted by another animal for food
- 5 not old or started not long ago
- 8 a hard hit
- **9** lands surrounded by water
- 10 pretend monsters that breathe fire

#### DOWN

- 1 hardest to carry, move, or pick up
- 2 a hole dug by an animal for shelter
- 4 split in two
- 6 reptile with scaly skin and long tail
- 7 sharp nails on the feet of some animals

**WORD BANK:** blow, burrow, claws, dragons, forked, heaviest, islands, lizard, prey, young

## The Laughing Hyena

Level 2.5



#### ACROSS

- 1 in the same family
- 4 large families
- 7 someone who brings things to one place

#### DOWN

- $\mathbf{2}$  the one others follow
- **3** a place where some animals live
- **5** a long, loud call that an animal makes
- 6 babies

WORD BANK: clans, collector, den, howl, leader, related, young

## Mammoth Site

Level 2.5



#### ACROSS

- 1 a place that has beautiful, interesting, or unusual things to look at
- 3 found something that was buried
- 6 what is left of plants and animals that have been dead a very long time
- 7 warm-blooded animals that have fur or hair and do not lay eggs
- 8 the place or location of something

#### DOWN

- 2 an opening in the ground that is often deep and filled with water
- 4 having all died and none living anymore
- **5** long, sharp teeth that stick out of the faces of elephants and walruses

WORD BANK: extinct, fossils, mammals, museum, sinkhole, site, tusks, uncovered

## Meat-Eating Plant

Level 2.5



#### ACROSS

- **3** to bring two sides of something together
- 6 force or weight that is put on something
- 7 to shut in or out
- 8 hard, sharp points that grow on some plants and animals

#### DOWN

- 1 a plant that catches insects for food and eats them
- 2 something that catches animals and keeps them from getting away
- 4 small animals with six legs and often wings
- 5 thin growths on the skin of people, animals, and some plants

WORD BANK: flytrap, fold, hairs, insects, lock, pressure, spines, trap

## A Mexican Tradition

Level 2.5



#### ACROSS

- 3 a shape, form, or outline
- **6** something that has been done in a special way for a long time
- 7 take something and say it is yours
- 8 move fast or hurry

#### DOWN

- 1 a piece of cloth that covers a person's eyes
- 2 different from the rest
- 4 to connect things together
- 5 empty on the inside

WORD BANK: attach, blindfold, claim, figure, hollow, rush, special, tradition

## Paul Bunyan

Level 2.5



#### ACROSS

- 2 a person or animal in a story
- 7 a large animal often used to pull or carry heavy things
- 8 made up or not real
- 9 a large area of land

#### DOWN

- 1 tried to throw to the ground or hold down
- 3 really, truly, or in fact
- 4 a tool with a handle and a sharp blade that is used to cut down trees
- 5 people whose job is to cut down trees
- 6 thought of as important or special

**WORD BANK:** acre, actually, ax, character, imaginary, loggers, ox, prized, wrestled

## Playing Guitars

Level 2.5



#### ACROSS

- 2 moves fingers lightly over an instrument's strings
- 4 thin metal or nylon wires
- 6 the sound of more than one note played at the same time
- 8 a material like gold, silver, copper, or iron

#### DOWN

- 1 musical instruments with six strings and a long neck
- **3** a small piece of plastic sometimes used to play the guitar
- **5** a musical sound or tone
- 7 a group of people who play music together

WORD BANK: band, chord, guitars, metal, note, pick, strings, strums



Level 2.5



#### ACROSS

- 2 a game or sports contest to decide who will win first place
- **3** a person who plays a sport for money

#### DOWN

- 1 a game played on grass by people who try to kick a ball into the other team's goal
- **3** a professional sports player
- 4 a cloth you wear on your foot

WORD BANK: championship, pro, professional, soccer, sock

### Scuba Diving

Level 2.5



#### ACROSS

- **3** the special things you need to do an activity
- 4 things that are special or worth a lot of money
- 5 to go headfirst into or through water

#### DOWN

- 1 things people wear around their waists
- 2 special types of clothing worn to keep warm in cold water

WORD BANK: belts, dive, gear, treasures, wetsuits

### Spitting Cobra

Level 2.5



#### ACROSS

- 1 a wide body part around an animal's head or neck
- 5 acting or pretending
- 6 to send out many small drops of a liquid
- 7 keeps safe from danger

#### DOWN

- 2 likely to cause death
- **3** people or animals that are not friendly to each other
- 4 points something in a certain direction

WORD BANK: aims, deadly, enemies, hood, playing, protects, spray

# Stingray

Level 2.5



#### ACROSS

- **3** an animal hunted by another animal for food
- 5 body parts that help get information about the world
- 8 able to hurt or harm

#### DOWN

- 1 strange or different from what you see most of the time
- 2 like water in rivers or lakes
- 4 filled with a harmful, poison-like substance
- 6 not deep
- 7 a hard, sharp point that grows on some plants and animals

WORD BANK: dangerous, freshwater, prey, sensors, shallow, spine, unusual, venomous

### Tiny But Tough

Level 2.5



#### ACROSS

- **4** cooked in a liquid hot enough to bubble and steam
- **5** not easily damaged or destroyed
- 6 periods of 10 years

#### DOWN

- **1** an instrument that makes small things look larger
- **2** made cold enough to turn into a solid
- **3** to keep living

WORD BANK: Boiled, decades, frozen, microscope, survive, tough.

### Walt Disney

Level 2.5



#### ACROSS

- 1 different from the rest
- **4** ability to think of pictures and ideas in your mind
- **5** funny drawings
- 8 things given for great work

#### DOWN

- 2 people or animals in a story
- **3** known by many people
- 6 liquid that gets hard and is used to make roads
- 7 made a picture of something

**WORD BANK:** awards, cartoons, characters, drew, famous, imagination, special, tar