### The Amber Room

Level 5.0



### ACROSS

- **3** to change the look of something so that others will not notice it
- 7 the very first or earliest
- 8 a hard material created when tree sap hardens over millions of years
- **9** a ship or boat that travels on the water
- 12 stiff, but easy to break

### DOWN

- 1 a close copy of something
- 2 flat pieces of material used to cover something
- 4 entered by force
- **5** to picture something in your mind
- 6 boxes used for shipping or storing things
- **10** to steal, rob, or carry away something that doesn't belong to you
- **11** what happened, or what will happen, to someone or something

**WORD BANK:** amber, brittle, crates, disguise, fate, invaded, loot, original, panels, replica, vessel, visualize

### Anaconda

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#### ACROSS

- 1 filled with a harmful, poison-like substance that can hurt or kill
- 7 small mammals with sharp front teeth
- **8** slow or moving with difficulty
- 9 able to move without being noticed
- 10 to be made up of
- 11 death from not having air to breathe

#### DOWN

- 2 most of something
- 3 an attack that happens quickly
- 4 to follow or chase
- 5 tightens or squeezes
- 6 sends or gives

**WORD BANK:** consist, constricts, delivers, majority, pursue, rodents, sluggish, stealthy, strike, suffocation, venomous

### Can You Smell It?

Level 5.0



#### ACROSS

- 4 to breathe in or to bring air into the lungs
- 5 to discover or notice something
- 7 information about what is happening
- 8 a series of steps in doing something
- **10** to tell one thing apart from another or to see the differences between things
- **11** a liquid, solid, or gas

### DOWN

- 1 a flavoring made from the dried pods of a kind of flower
- 2 releases or gives off
- **3** parts of nerves that receive information from outside the body
- 6 the act of two or more things being joined together
- 9 a smell

**WORD BANK:** eonnection, detect, distinguish, inhale, odor, process, receptors, sheds, signal, substance, vanilla

### Courage, Skill, and Teamwork

Level 5.0



#### ACROSS

- 1 cities or other areas in which many people live close together
- 2 poor and unpleasant
- **5** effort by members of a group to get something done
- **6** something that makes a hard or painful situation easier
- 8 a place of safety, shelter, or protection
- 9 wild in force and movement
- 10 a huge storm that forms over ocean waters

### DOWN

- 1 making by hand with skill and care
- 3 to stay alive through a difficult time
- **4** to face a difficult situation with courage
- 7 a furnace where metal is heated, melted, and then shaped

**WORD BANK:** brave, civilization, crafting, forge, hurricane, miserable, refuge, relief, rough, survive, teamwork

### Discovering the Okapi

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### ACROSS

- 1 a member of the same family
- 3 quick looks at something
- **5** about, around, or close to, but not exactly
- 6 made someone feel interested or fascinated by something
- 8 put into a certain group
- 9 the noticeable parts of something

### DOWN

- 2 people who travel to and learn about new places
- 4 imaginary or pretend
- 7 an imaginary animal that looks like a horse with a horn on its head

**WORD BANK:** classified, explorers, features, glimpses, intrigued, mythical, relative, roughly, unicorn

### Dover Castle

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### ACROSS

- 1 the actions an army takes in order to achieve its goal
- 5 advanced or highly developed
- 7 people who protect something
- 9 to fall down or cave in
- 11 changes or actions that make something better
- **12** things people build to protect themselves from attacks

### DOWN

- 2 to be able to do something without anything bad happening
- **3** from the time of the Middle Ages
- **4** working well or able to get the result you want
- **6** surrounded or went on all sides of something
- 8 a deep, wide ditch dug around a castle
- 10 a strong building in the center of a castle

**WORD BANK:** afford, collapse, defenders, defenses, effective, encircled, improvements, keep, medieval, moat, sophisticated, tactics

# Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Level 5.0



ACROSS

- 1 the act of treating people differently for unfair reasons
- 3 were ordered or forced to do something
- 6 very large or important
- **9** permission under the law to have or to do something
- **10** the activities of many people working together to make changes in their society
- 11 things that get in the way

### DOWN

- 2 getting your name on a list so you can do something
- **4** a protest where people refuse to do business with a person or group
- **5** a community of people who have the same language, customs, and way of dressing
- 7 someone who kills an important person
- 8 decided on the meaning or fairness of a law

**WORD BANK:** assassin, barriers, boycott, discrimination, major, movement, registering, required, rights, ruled, society

### **Emperor Penguin Parents**

Level 5.0



#### ACROSS

- 2 acts of giving up things in order to help others
- 4 stays close together
- 6 a series of steps in doing something
- 7 to have babies
- 9 a scale used to measure temperature
- 10 holds something steady without letting it tip
- **11** a set of events that happen over and over again in the same order
- 12 the places where people or things are

### DOWN

- 1 babies
- **3** keeping eggs warm and protecting them so they will hatch
- 5 the area around a person, plant, or animal
- 8 left uncovered, open to danger, or unprotected

**WORD BANK:** balances, breed, cycle, environment, exposed, Fahrenheit, huddles, incubating, positions, process, sacrifices, young

# Flying Foxes

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#### ACROSS

- 2 the sweet juice that flowers make
- **6** to look like something or someone else
- 9 from parts of the world that are hot and wet
- 11 to search a large area for food or other things
- 12 keeping something from being harmed, damaged, or changed

### DOWN

- 1 came across or met unexpectedly
- **3** a group of people who work together
- 4 put trust in or depended on
- 5 an evil being
- 7 believed something by mistake
- **8** farms for growing fruit trees and nut trees
- 10 small grains of powder made by plants

**WORD BANK:** crew, devil, encountered, forage, nectar, orchards, pollen, preserving, relied, resemble, took, tropical

### George Washington Carver

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#### ACROSS

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- 4 put the most attention on
- 7 a measure of how much work someone or something can do in a certain amount of time
- 8 to add ingredients to make something a better food
- 9 made something by carefully working on it
- 10 a teacher of high rank at a college or university

### DOWN

- 1 helpful or useful
- 2 able to produce offspring, seeds, fruit, or crops
- **3** to find a solution
- 5 used up or emptied out
- **6** substances that feed plants or animals and help them grow

**WORD BANK:** beneficial, centered, depleted, developed, enrich, fertile, nutrients, productivity, professor, resolve

### The Giant Squid

Level 5.0



### ACROSS

- 1 written or spoken descriptions of events
- 4 imaginary or pretend
- 5 rough, uneven, and sharp
- **6** where something comes from or how something starts
- 8 things people or animals use to protect themselves
- 10 parts of an animal's body that can attach to objects
- 11 the main reason for something

### DOWN

- 2 long, flexible, arm-like body parts on some animals
- **3** done in a way that makes something seem more than it really is
- 7 a dark liquid that some sea animals can shoot from their bodies
- 9 flat, wing-shaped body parts on many fish

**WORD BANK:** accounts, basis, defenses, exaggerated, fins, ink, jagged, mythical, origin, suckers, tentacles

### Heart Versus Height

Level 5.0



### ACROSS

- 3 the selection of new team members
- 5 did extremely well at something
- **9** to become very good or skilled at doing something

### DOWN

- 1 a need or desire to do something
- 2 the ability to move quickly and easily
- 4 caused something to increase or spread
- 6 a job you do for a long time
- 7 thoughts that something might not be true or possible
- 8 a league of professional basketball teams

WORD BANK: agility, career, doubts, draft, drive, excelled, fueled, master, NBA

### How Far to Freedom?

Level 5.0



### ACROSS

- 2 to talk with and spend time with others
- 6 treatment of diseases, illnesses, or problems
- 7 pretending
- 8 the inability to read or write
- 9 risky and brave
- 10 made a law against something
- **11** people who live in a country, state, city, town, or other region

### DOWN

- 1 ordered or made it necessary for someone to do something
- **3** who someone is, or what something is
- 4 a piece of cloth that ties around the neck and holds up an injured arm
- **5** escaped and on the run from something

**WORD BANK:** bold, citizens, feigning, fugitive, identity, illiteracy, outlawed, required, sling, socialize, therapy

### Jersey Shore Shark Attacks

Level 5.0



### ACROSS

- 2 upsetting, troubling, or causing worry
- 4 quickly
- 6 living animals or human beings
- 7 strong, sharp, or extreme
- 8 a part of a place that has a special use
- 10 a sudden, strong feeling of fear
- 11 pulled or took in
- 12 very

### DOWN

- 1 happening over a large area
- 3 held someone's attention
- 5 not sure about something or having doubts about it
- **9** used oars to make a boat go

**WORD BANK:** area, creatures, disturbing, drew, gripped, highly, intense, panic, rapidly, rowed, skeptical, widespread



Level 5.0



#### ACROSS

- 3 a certain kind of plant or animal
- 7 what is left of plants or animals that have been dead a very long time
- 9 a ship or large boat that travels on water
- **11** a new, exciting thing that many people are interested in
- 12 seemed or looked like

#### DOWN

- 1 an example or sample
- 2 something that connects or relates one thing to another
- 4 the lightness or darkness of a color
- 5 not exact, not perfect, or not final
- 6 had a feeling or belief about something
- 8 the hard coverings on the bodies of reptiles and most fish
- 10 flat, wing-shaped body parts

**WORD BANK:** appeared, fins, fossils, link, rough, scales, sensation, shade, species, specimen, suspected, vessel

### Misery to Miracle

Level 5.0



#### ACROSS

- 1 the awareness of what is going on around oneself
- **3** did not pay attention to someone or something
- 5 things a person can do
- 6 a person who takes care of people who cannot take care of themselves
- 7 what is true or actually happening

#### DOWN

- 2 caused people to think, believe, or do something, often through discussion or evidence
- 4 had a feeling or belief about something
- 5 treated someone or something in a bad way or caused injury
- 7 to depend on or need

**WORD BANK:** abilities, abused, caregiver, consciousness, convinced, ignored, reality, rely, suspected

### Piranhas!

Level 5.0



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#### ACROSS

- 2 normal or usual for a type of thing
- 7 imaginary or made-up
- 9 groups of fish
- 10 what other people think and feel about someone or something
- 11 to give
- 12 food and drink

### DOWN

- 1 the soft, meaty part of an animal's body
- 3 the dead body of an animal
- 4 started or came to be
- 5 tear something off a little bit at a time
- 6 is made up of
- 8 hurt or injured

**WORD BANK:** carcass, consists, deliver, fare, fictional, flesh, originated, pick, reputation, schools, typical, wounded

### Practical Packaging

Level 5.0



### ACROSS

- **4** showed something because it is important or interesting
- 7 companies that make things to sell in large quantities, usually with the use of machines
- 9 lines and shapes that form patterns in order to add to the beauty or appeal of an object
- 10 small squares that form a pattern
- 11 the things inside something else

### DOWN

- 1 decreased or got smaller in number
- 2 models and directions used to make things such as clothing and stuffed toys
- **3** the wrapping or container used for selling a product
- **5** things that are made by nature or people
- 6 a material or cloth made of woven or knit fibers or threads
- 8 symbols or designs used to identify things belonging to or made by a company or organization

**WORD BANK:** checks, contents, declined, designs, fabric, featured, logos, manufacturers, packaging, patterns, products

### Race Across America

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#### ACROSS

- 5 began to be affected by something
- 7 having to do with the body
- 9 a new or exciting experience
- 10 one of the seven major land masses on Earth
- 11 a feeling of great tiredness

#### DOWN

- 1 very tiring or requiring a lot of effort
- 2 happening once a year
- 3 established or already decided
- 4 people or teams who are against one another in a contest
- 6 the amount of harm or difficulty that something causes
- 8 parts of a journey

**WORD BANK:** adventure, annual, competitors, continent, developed, exhaustion, grueling, physical, set, stages, toll

### Shedding Light on Scorpions

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### ACROSS

- 1 to know what something is when you see, hear, smell, touch, or taste it
- **3** very bright and glowing in certain kinds of light
- **6** to release or give off something, like light, sound, or a smell
- 7 a group of animals with eight legs, no antennae, and no wings
- 8 loses skin, hair, feathers, or another body covering

### DOWN

- 2 active at night and asleep during the day
- 4 to watch carefully
- **5** what is left of plants and animals that have been dead a very long time

WORD BANK: arachnids, fluorescent, fossils, molts, nocturnal, observe, recognize, shed

### Singing Glass

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### ACROSS

- 1 something that is used to make music
- **4** strange or different from what you see most of the time
- 7 one form of something
- **9** adjusting an instrument so that it makes the right notes
- **10** a show or demonstration of skill
- 11 well-known and respected by many people

### DOWN

- 1 to make something better
- 2 a person who makes music
- **3** connected things by running a string through them
- 5 placed in a particular way
- 6 people who write music
- 8 musical sounds

**WORD BANK:** arranged, celebrated, composers, improve, instrument, musician, notes, performance, threaded, tuning, unusual, version

# Spotting a Wild Hellbender

Level 5.0



### ACROSS

- 2 to grow well or be successful
- **5** animals with soft, wet skin that are shaped like lizards
- 7 a difficult job or assignment
- 8 poisonous substances that can cause sickness or death
- 9 moves quickly and suddenly
- 10 without anything happening or coming in between

### DOWN

- 1 difficult to catch or find
- 3 greater than usual
- 4 unclean or unhealthy because of harmful waste
- 6 to take in or soak up another thing

**WORD BANK:** absorb, darts, directly, elusive, exceptional, polluted, salamanders, task, thrive, toxins

### Writing With a Unique Voice

Level 5.0



### ACROSS

- 1 the style of writing that makes an author's work different from other authors' work
- **3** gave an idea or a thought about what to do in a certain situation
- **5** small or incomplete ideas of what something is like
- 6 characterized by unpleasant conditions or by violent behavior and crime
- 10 to be allowed to join a group
- 11 a certain way that someone does something

### DOWN

- 2 better than what is needed
- 4 the things that are near someone or something
- 7 the best, wealthiest, or most skilled
- 8 carefully worded and very descriptive
- **9** a skill or an understanding of how to do something

**WORD BANK:** accepted, advised, comfortable, elite, glimpses, poetic, rough, sense, style, surroundings, voice

### Yeti Hunt

Level 5.0



#### ACROSS

- 1 difficult to catch or find
- **5** the tops of heads, especially the skin under the hair
- 8 an area of ground or land
- 10 the skin of an animal
- 11 small signs that show someone or something was once there
- 12 far away from other things

### DOWN

- 2 stays hidden or waits quietly, usually out of sight from others
- **3** had a feeling or belief about something
- 4 people who study animals
- 6 objects that remain from long ago
- 7 to be real or alive
- 9 a way or path to get somewhere

**WORD BANK:** artifacts, elusive, exist, hide, lurks, remote, route, scalps, suspected, terrain, traces, zoologists