

## Year 6 Transition to English



# PUZZLES AND RIDDLES

Do you love words, riddles and conundrums?

In the English Faculty, we love puzzles and games that help us to expand our vocabulary and improve on our spelling and literacy! And who doesn't find it ENORMOUSLY satisfying to work out a mind-bending riddle or the answers to a brain-boggling quiz?

Give these a go (some are quite tricky!) and, if you manage to complete the booklet, remember to hand it in to your English teacher or the English Office when you get here. You might even get your very first Housepoint!



1. Find at least 10 real words you can make out of the letters in this grid. Your words should be at least 3 letters long. The letters do not have to be next to each other.



2. These words have had their vowels removed. Can you replace the vowels to make some vegetables:

cbbg

bn

clflwr

sprt

ccmbr

ptt

crgtt

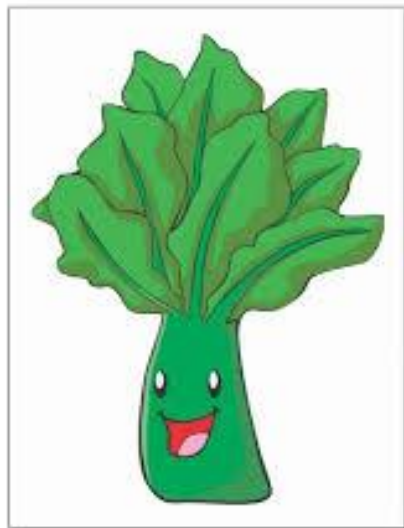
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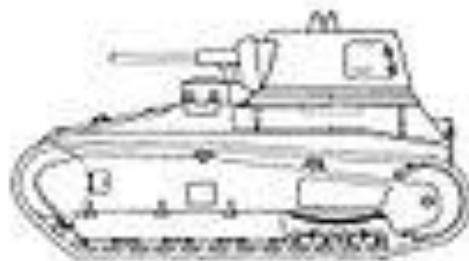
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**3. Can you find 21 types of vehicles in the wordsearch below?**

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O C S C O O T E R X C  
T B U A A P T C E A O  
R U B C C E R N L T M  
U L I Y H D A A C R C  
C L N R C L I L Y O A  
K D I R P R N U C C A  
O O M O T O R B I K E  
Z Z R L V A N M B E A  
R E L L O R M A E T S  
A R O T C A R T A N K



**4. Can you enter the words correctly into the grid? The letters in the shaded boxes will spell out a mystery word...**

**5 letters**

INDIA  
ITALY

**6 letters**

FRANCE  
NORWAY  
POLAND  
SWEDEN  
TURKEY

**7 letters**

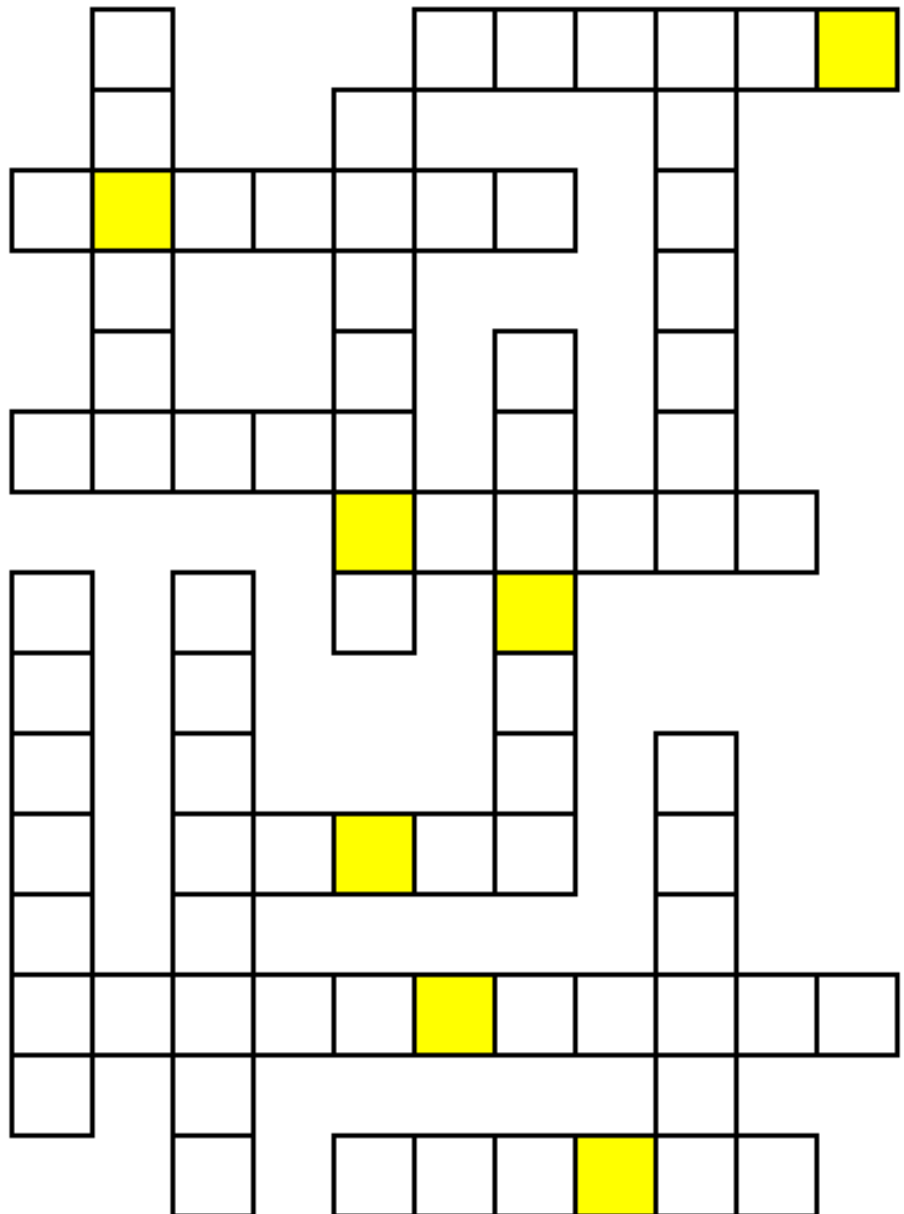
AUSTRIA  
BELGIUM  
ENGLAND  
FINLAND  
GERMANY

**8 letters**

PAKISTAN

**11 letters**

NETHERLANDS



5. Can you work out which letters of the alphabet are missing from the circle?

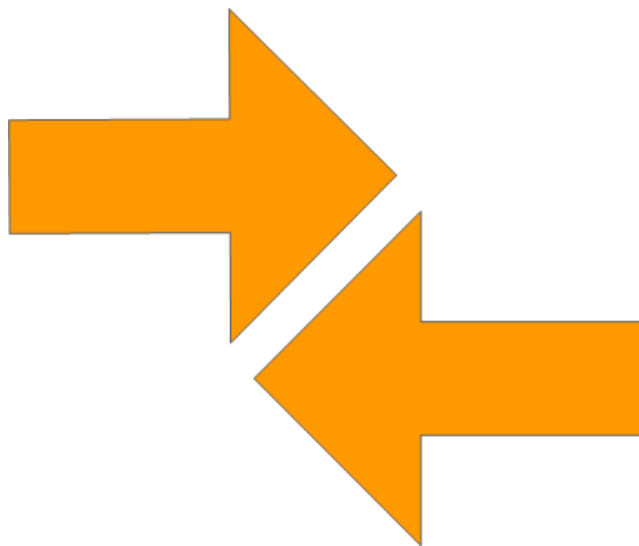
What word can you spell with the missing letters?

\_\_\_\_\_



## 6. Make correct words out of the following by only swapping 2 letters...

- ifght
- urle
- eettlk
- ohle
- linne
- fdlo
- ufll
- apge
- stciky
- fritu

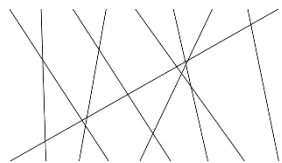


**7. Unscramble the anagrams below to fill in the missing words in these sentences.**

**(Each missing word is an anagram of the word written in capital letters.)**

- 1) Her favourite fruits are LEMONS and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) He rode a HORSE along the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) When I eat LIMES, I get a \_\_\_\_\_ on my face.
- 4) ROSE thorns can make your finger \_\_\_\_\_!
- 5) At EASTER we'll drive a five-\_\_\_\_\_ car.
- 6) '\_\_\_\_\_ keepers,' she said to her FRIENDS.
- 7) The men in the MANORS were held for \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8) Witches have OPTIONS when mixing \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9) She ate it then STATED that it \_\_\_\_\_ funny.
- 10) Wait in the \_\_\_\_\_ for the sauce to THICKEN.

*(An anagram = a word that can be re-ordered to become another word!)*

TORCHWOOD  
  
DOCTORWHO



## 8. Noun, Verb or Both?

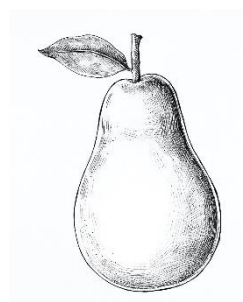
**Decide whether each of the following is a noun, a verb or both.**

- Sign
- Admit
- Hip
- Fire
- Tower
- Bulb
- Hammer
- Dampen
- Bar
- Post



**9. There are 18 foods and drinks hidden in the wordsearch.**

**Can you find them all?**



## 10. WORD LADDERS!

Join the bottom word to the top word by placing a new word above each step.

- Only one letter changes at each step, and it can change to any letter in the alphabet.
- Only words from the English dictionary can be used.

E.g. join MAT to COT like this: MAT, CAT, COT



**11. OK – this is a tough one!**  
**CODEBREAKER!**

**Break the top-secret codes to reveal the hidden messages. Code Two is actually a hoax, designed to fool an enemy if the message is intercepted. The real message can be discovered by cracking Code Three, but you will need to crack Codes One and Two first... Understand?!**

**CODE ONE**

Each letter has been replaced by the letter that comes two before it in the alphabet. So C is written as A, D is written as B, and so on.

UCJJ BMLC ML BCAMBGL E RFGQ

**CODE TWO**

Every other letter is false (the second, fourth, sixth etc...)

SKEMCLRIECTW MGAQP  
YHZIMDSDRERN MINN  
MGSALRADCE!N

**CODE THREE:** Take the false letters from Code Two, then decipher the secret message by applying Code One...



**12. Homophones are words that sound similar but have different spellings.**

**Can you guess the homophones that would be needed to complete the following sentences?**

- The cut on his \_\_\_ won't \_\_\_ in time for the race, so \_\_\_'\_\_\_ have to drop out.
- A bloodthirsty pirate will sail the \_\_\_ and essentially \_\_\_ everything he \_\_\_.
- \_\_\_'\_\_\_ having a great time with \_\_\_ friends over \_\_\_.
- The evil dog-owner \_\_\_ the pet shampoo over Rover's \_\_\_ without even a \_\_\_ for thought!



