



WORD SEARCH · VERSION A

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SECRET MESSAGE





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CROSSWORD · VERSION A

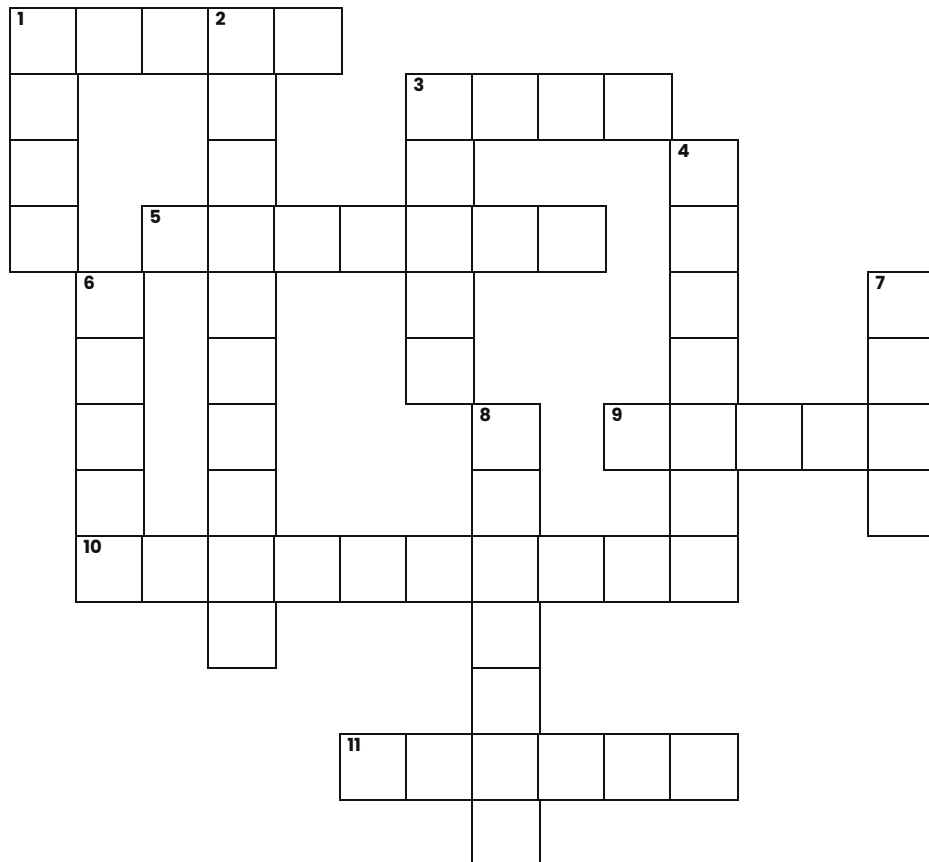
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11. She's eleven and yells, "Nothing's free."

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1. How much the ice cream costs
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3. The boy telling the story, king of ice cream
4. The month the song comes back
6. At the Dairy Barn, Miles's cone finally does this
7. Don't eat the third one!
8. Where the frozen kids are kept





CROSSWORD · VERSION B

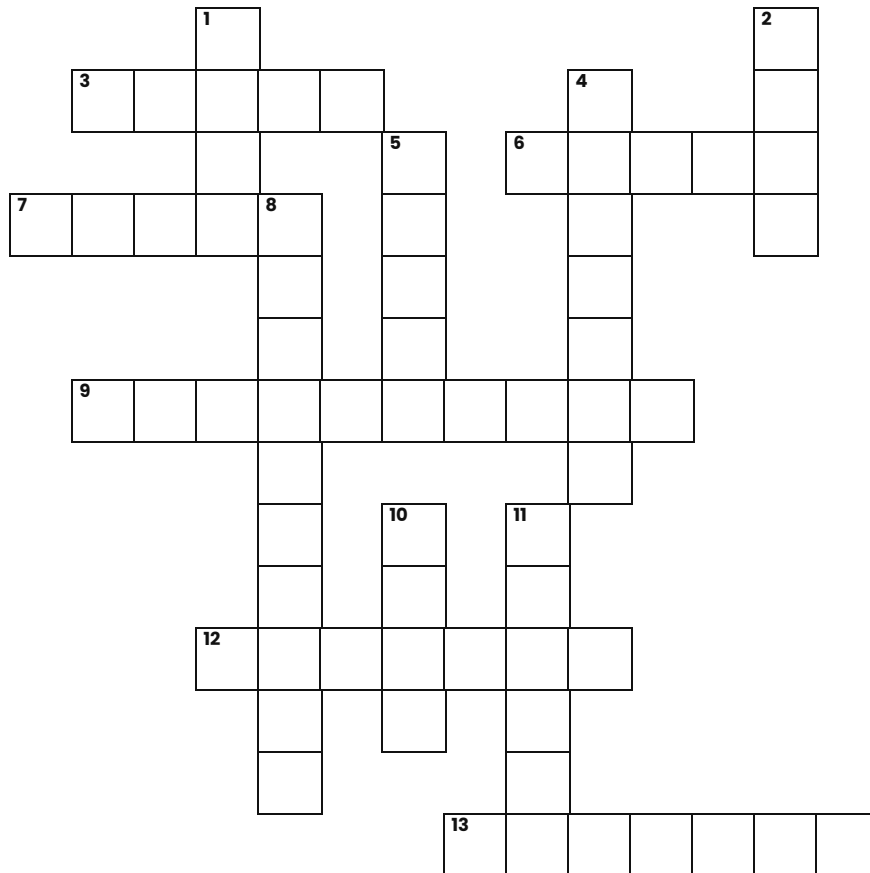
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SECRET CODES

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Three messages from the story are written in code. Use each code's key to crack it, one letter at a time.

CODE 1: SHIFT CODE

Every letter moved 3 places forward in the alphabet. Find each code letter in the top row and write the letter under it.

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

Z K R Z D Q W V D F R Q H

CODE 2: MIRROR CODE

The alphabet is flipped: A swaps with Z, B with Y, and so on. Find each code letter in the top row and write the letter under it.

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

B L F D Z M G M F N Y V I G S I V V

CODE 3: BACKWARDS CODE

Each word is written backwards. Read every word from right to left.

E H R E V E N S T E G T U O





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Each word from the story got scrambled. Use the clue to put the letters back in order.

R N E K R S P L I

1. Clue: It goes tick-tick-tick on Stella's lawn

E Z F E R E R

2. Clue: Where the frozen kids are kept

P C A L K B T O

3. Clue: The hot street that melts him

D S O I N W W

4. Clue: Little round ones run down the truck's side

Y A B R E R R W S T

5. Clue: The flavor of Stella's scoop

H W S A E T R S T I

6. Clue: What Miles wears when it's a hundred and two degrees

V A L L A I N

7. Clue: What the puddle smells like

O I E K O C

8. Clue: Miles's favorite flavor: ____ dough





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I L R R E K P N S

1. Clue: It goes tick-tick-tick on Stella's lawn

R Z E E R F E

2. Clue: Where the frozen kids are kept

L A B K P O C T

3. Clue: The hot street that melts him

I O D W S N W

4. Clue: Little round ones run down the truck's side

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HIDDEN MESSAGE

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1. Answer each question from the story. **2.** Write the **first letter** of each answer in the matching numbered blank below. **3.** Read the hidden message!

1. Gavin gets ____ chocolate chip.

2. Mom says the ____ conditioner is doing its best.

In January, the kids build a snow fort in Stella's front

3. ____.

4. What is Stella holding on her front steps?

5. How old is Stella?

Gavin pokes the scoop with a stick, and the stick

6. goes ____.

When the sun goes down, the sky goes ____, then

7. purple.

8. What is the name of the boy telling the story?

When the man's cold fingers stick to his, Miles says,

9. "____."

One last skinny ____ of orange light comes

10. through a gap between the houses.

The truck is white and ____, like a refrigerator on

11. wheels.

12. Stella says, "____ cone, your fingers get cold."

13. The song is slow and ____.

HIDDEN MESSAGE

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13





ESCAPE ROOM

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Team: _____

Date: _____

ESCAPE THE ICE CREAM TRUCK

You just ate cone number three, and the freezer door is swinging shut. Frost is creeping across the little round window. Work as a team. Open all four locks to escape.

LOCK 1: THE NUMBER LOCK

Answer each question with a number from the story. Put the three numbers together, in order, to make the code.

1. How many cones does it take to end up in the freezer?
2. How many times did Miles and Gavin run through the sprinkler?
3. In how many bites does Gavin eat his third cone?

CODE

LOCK 2: THE WORD LOCK

This word from the story is in Mirror Code: A swaps with Z, B with Y, and so on. Find each code letter in the top row and write the letter under it. Hint: The heat feels like breathing in one.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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IN CODE: **W I B V I**

CODE





ESCAPE ROOM · PART 2

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LOCK 3: THE ORDER LOCK

These events are mixed up. Put them in story order, then read the letters in that order to get the code word.

- ☐ O A ray of sunlight makes the Ice Cream Man's hand drip. _____
- ☐ T The Ice Cream Man melts on the hot street. _____
- ☐ F The truck gives Miles a free cone. _____
- ☐ R Stella shows the boys a scoop that won't melt. _____
- ☐ S Gavin climbs into the truck. _____

CODE

LOCK 4: THE FAKE FACT LOCK

Five of these happened in the story. One is made up. The number of the fake one opens the lock.

1. The sprinkler on Stella's lawn goes tick-tick-tick.
2. Gavin's flavor is mint chocolate chip.
3. Stella's scoop on the driveway is strawberry.
4. Miles wears his winter coat in the heat wave.
5. The truck has the Ice Cream Man's name painted on the side.
6. The melted puddle smells like vanilla.

CODE

All four locks open? Bring your codes to your teacher. If they're right, you escaped!





WHO SAID IT?

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1. Read each line from the story. **2.** Write the name of the character who said it. Some characters say more than one line.

CHARACTERS

Gavin Miles Mom Stella The Ice Cream Man

1. *"I'm going to melt into the sidewalk."*

2. *"Nothing's free."*

3. *"Who wants a cone?"*

4. *"There wasn't any truck."*

5. *"Back again. I knew you would be."*

6. *"You want number three."*

7. *"We have to get him off the truck."*

8. *"Miles? Why is it so hot in here?"*

