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SECRET MESSAGE





WORD SEARCH · VERSION B

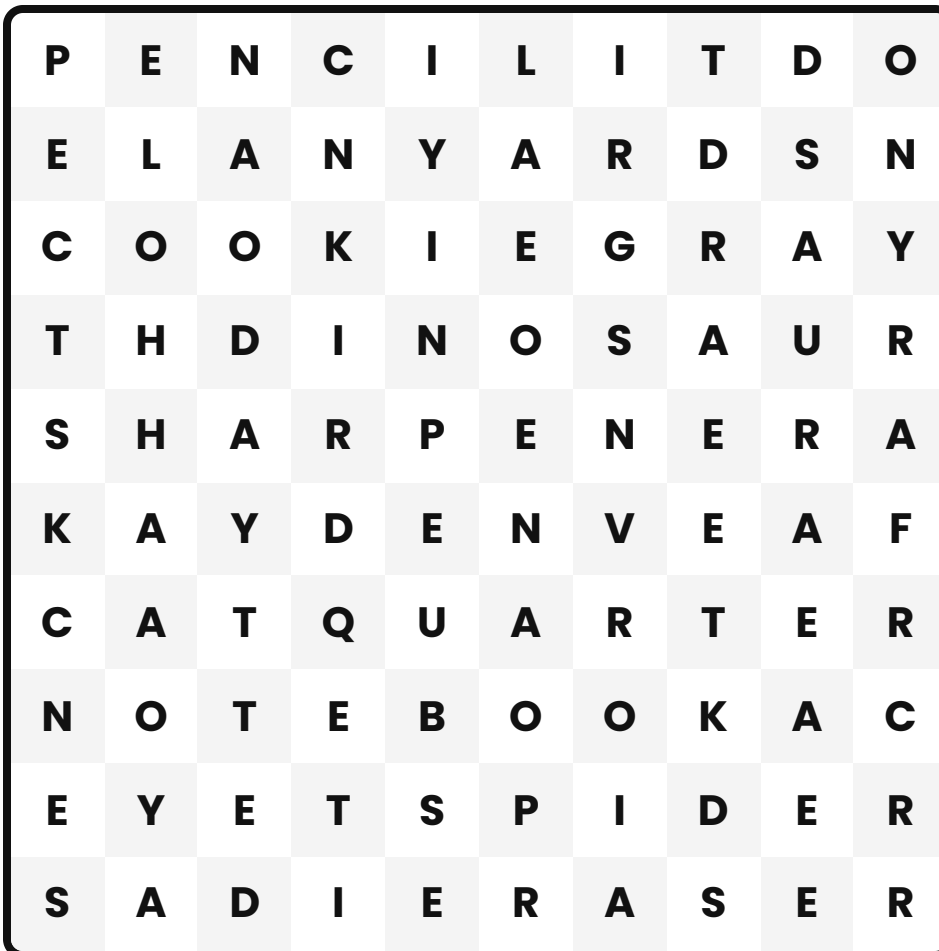
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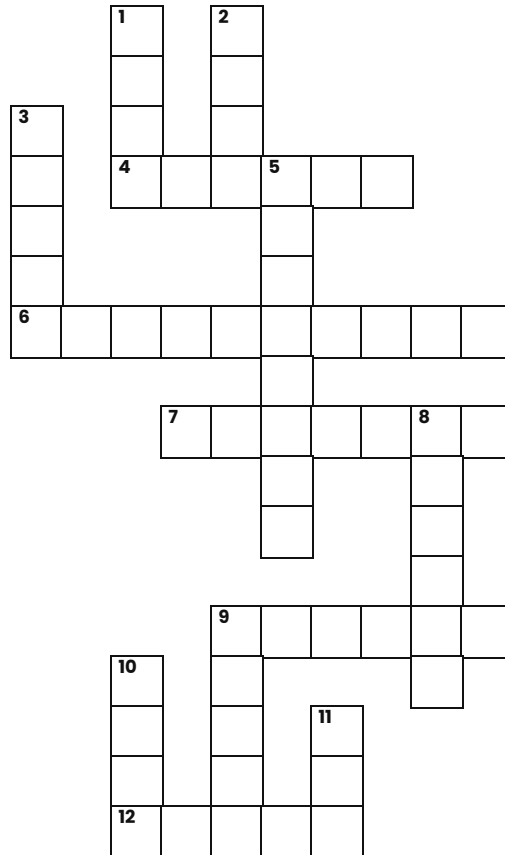
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- 2. Everything the pencil makes is this color
- 3. Wyatt finds the pencil in the Lost & ____
- 5. Wyatt's little plastic sharpener is shaped like this
- 8. The strange pencil doesn't have one
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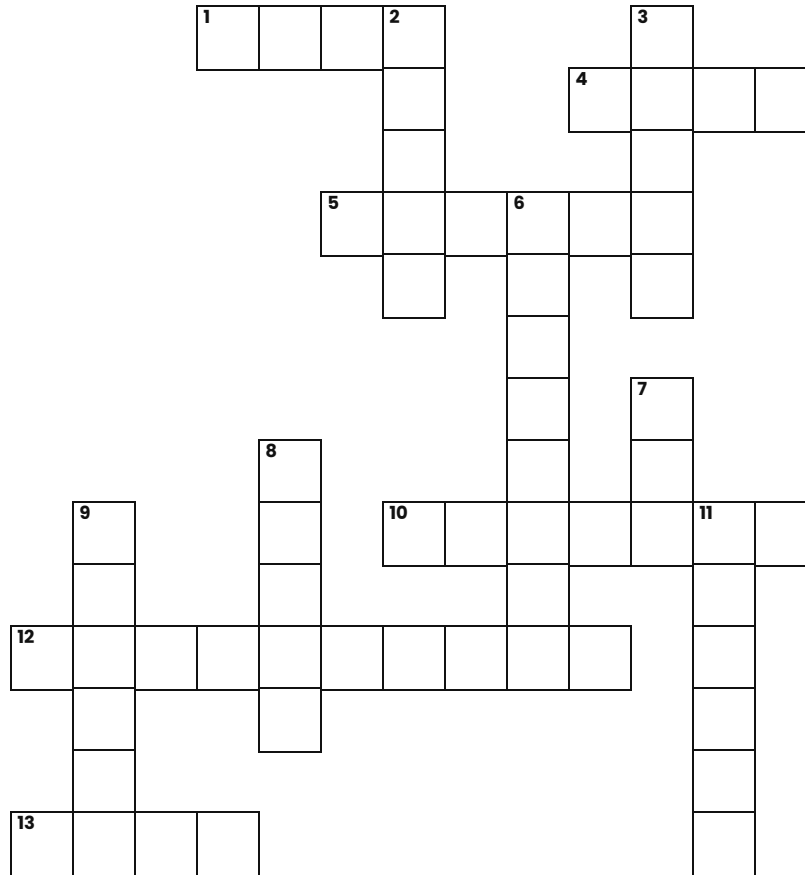
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SECRET CODES

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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
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H B H V X S Z B D W W

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

R G L M O B T V G H F H V W F K D S V M R G

W I Z D H

CODE 3: BACKWARDS CODE

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

E E R H T S T H G I N





WORD SCRAMBLE • VERSION A

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

C I N P L E

1. Clue: Wyatt finds it in the Lost & Found

E S R E R A

2. Clue: The strange pencil doesn't have one

N E O M S R T

3. Clue: Kayden calls Wyatt ____ Boy

P E H A S E R R N

4. Clue: Sadie brings a battery one from the office

S S Y Y N N O M

5. Clue: Morning work: big, large; small, tiny

N B O E K O O T

6. Clue: Where Wyatt draws

A D L A N Y R

7. Clue: Sadie wears an office helper ____

N I S D R U A O

8. Clue: The shape of Wyatt's little sharpener





WORD SCRAMBLE • VERSION B

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E N I L P C

1. Clue: Wyatt finds it in the Lost & Found

E E R A S R

2. Clue: The strange pencil doesn't have one

M E S R T N O

3. Clue: Kayden calls Wyatt ____ Boy

R N E A S R E P H

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O O N B K T O E

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I R N S A D U O

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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. The strange pencil has no ____ on top.

2. What color is Wyatt's regular school pencil?

Kayden screams when Wyatt draws the spider's

3. ____ leg.

4. What is the office helper's name?

At the bus stop, Wyatt pushes the pencil down in the trash, ____ a banana peel.

5.

What sound does the lamp bulb make when it blows?

6.

7. Wyatt says his gray cookie is whole ____.

In the morning, the pencil is shorter than it was

8. ____.

On the second night, the tall thing gets long, thin

9. ____.

10. What is for dinner the night Wyatt can't eat?

11. Wyatt's best monster has three rows of ____.

HIDDEN MESSAGE

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11





ESCAPE ROOM

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Team: _____

Date: _____

ESCAPE THE MIDNIGHT DRAWING

It's 11:58. The pencil is hot in your fist, and the tall thing at the foot of the bed is missing only its face. 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 legs does Wyatt draw on the spider?
2. How many nights does Sadie say it takes the pencil to finish?
3. The clock says 12:0__ when Wyatt wakes up and the pencil is drawing by itself.

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: What the cat leaves on the window glass.

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

IN CODE: **H N F W T V**

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.

- (R)** Sadie tells Wyatt about the three nights. _____
- (Y)** Wyatt grinds the pencil down to its metal band. _____
- (C)** A black cat appears on the windowsill. _____
- (S)** Wyatt finds a warm pencil in the Lost & Found. _____
- (A)** A spider lands on Kayden's shoulder. _____

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. Wyatt finds a light-up sneaker in the Lost & Found.
2. Wyatt tells a kid his gray cookie is whole wheat.
3. Mrs. Shaw squashes the spider with a dictionary.
4. Wyatt can't eat his mom's spaghetti for dinner.
5. Sadie wears an office helper lanyard.
6. Wyatt's little sharpener is shaped like a dinosaur.

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

Kayden Mom Mrs. Shaw Sadie Wyatt

1. *"Put that back."*

2. *"Then don't lose it."*

3. *"What are you drawing, Monster Boy?"*

4. *"Whole wheat."*

5. *"You love tacos."*

6. *"Sorry about the spider."*

7. *"Why are YOU sorry? You didn't put it there."*

8. *"You can't throw it out. You can't break it. You can't erase it."*

