

HOLIDAYS & SPECIAL DAYS

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Introduction

The word lists in this unit include many words that are appropriate for the twelve months and four seasons. Each word list is accompanied by two practice pages. You are encouraged to extend these lists and develop additional lists according to the needs of your students. Pages 49-52 can be used with every word list.

The following are suggested vocabulary activities which can increase the effectiveness of this unit.

1. Have class brainstorm additional words for each list.
2. Use words for spelling lists.
3. Have students make their own vocabulary books of words. Include dictionary pronunciation, part of speech, word origin, etc. Make cover with a seasonal shape (leaf for fall, heart for February etc.)
4. Have students play charades with words.
5. Have students create categories for classification of words; e.g., words that can be adjectives, words to describe weather, words that have a homonym, etc.
6. Have students put words on flash cards.
7. Have students use encyclopedia to discover origin of various holidays and special days.
8. Feature words on a bulletin board.
9. Have students write poems using words on list.
10. Think of a letter-writing activity to use words for the month or season. (Example: Imagine you just traveled across the ocean on the Mayflower. Write a letter to someone you left behind.)
11. Have students make a calendar for each month. Mark the dates for each special day of that month.
12. Have students create a greeting card for a particular holiday.
13. Have students write ads to sell something on a word list.

WORD LIST

fall	chilly	leaves	football
autumn	windy	red	pumpkins
September	Jack Frost	orange	apples
October	sweaters	rake	popcorn
November	gloves	bonfires	hot chocolate

DIRECTIONS: Use the words and word groups from the list to answer these questions.

1. What six words are plural?

2. What word means the same as "crimson"?

3. What two words are compound words?

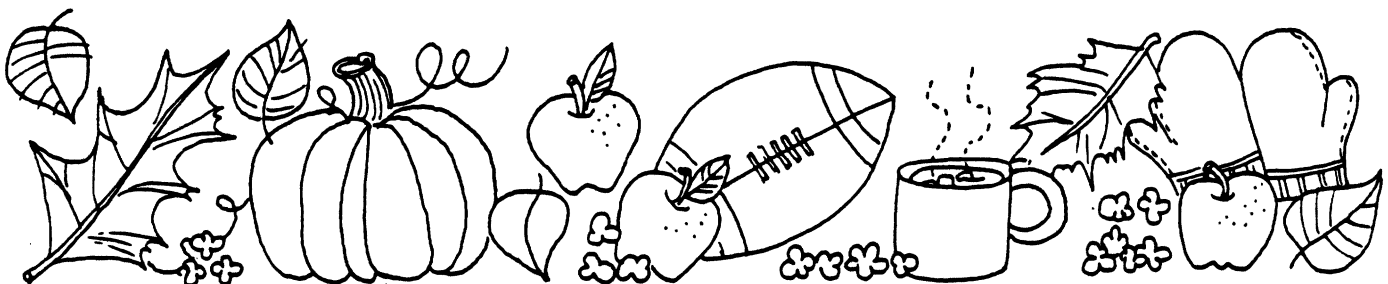
4. What word names a liquid?

5. What word rhymes with "letters"?

6. What are four words that can be adjectives?

7. What word can be made from the letters **M I S P P K N U** ?

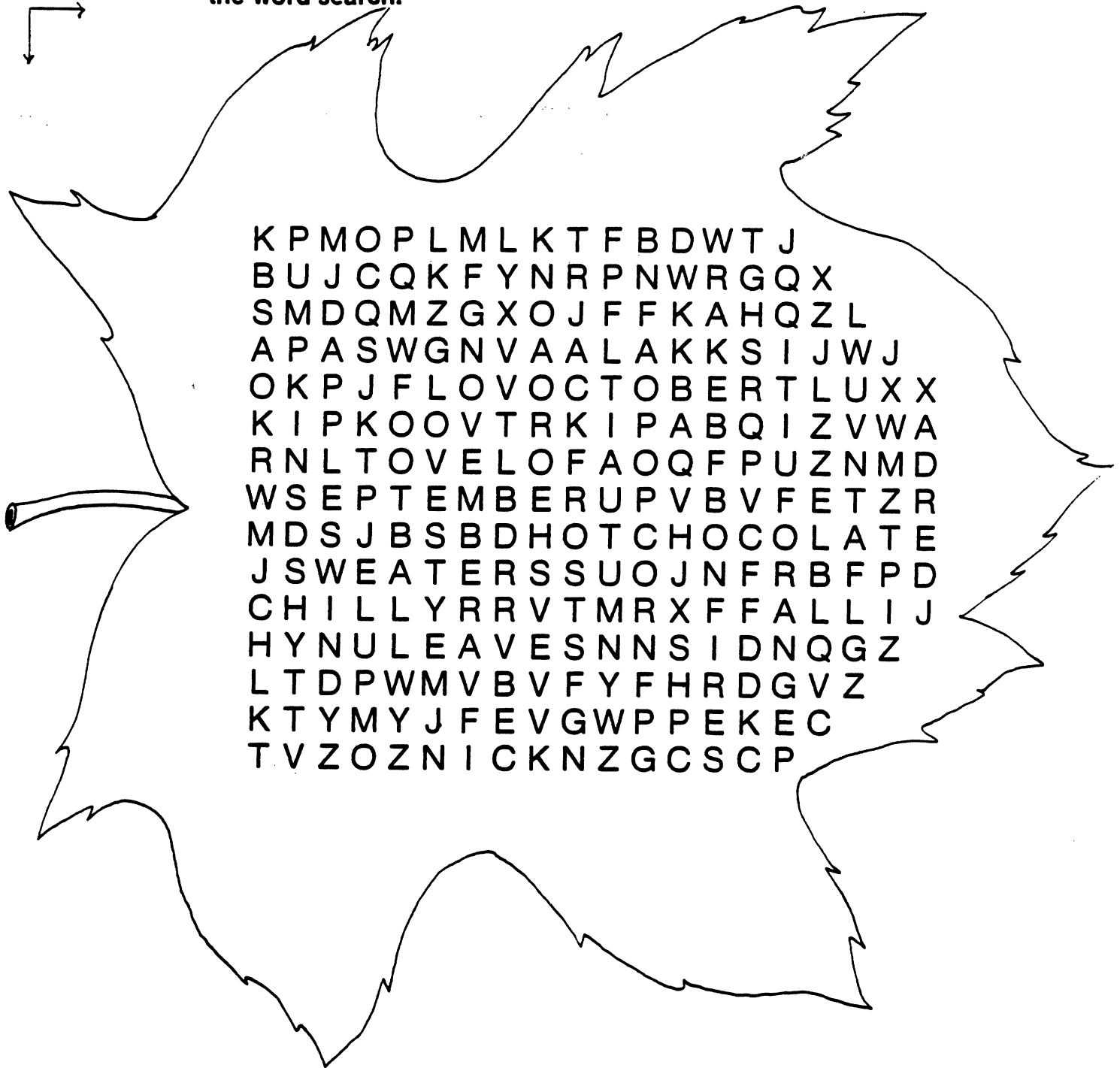
8. What word has a silent "n"?



Name _____

FALL

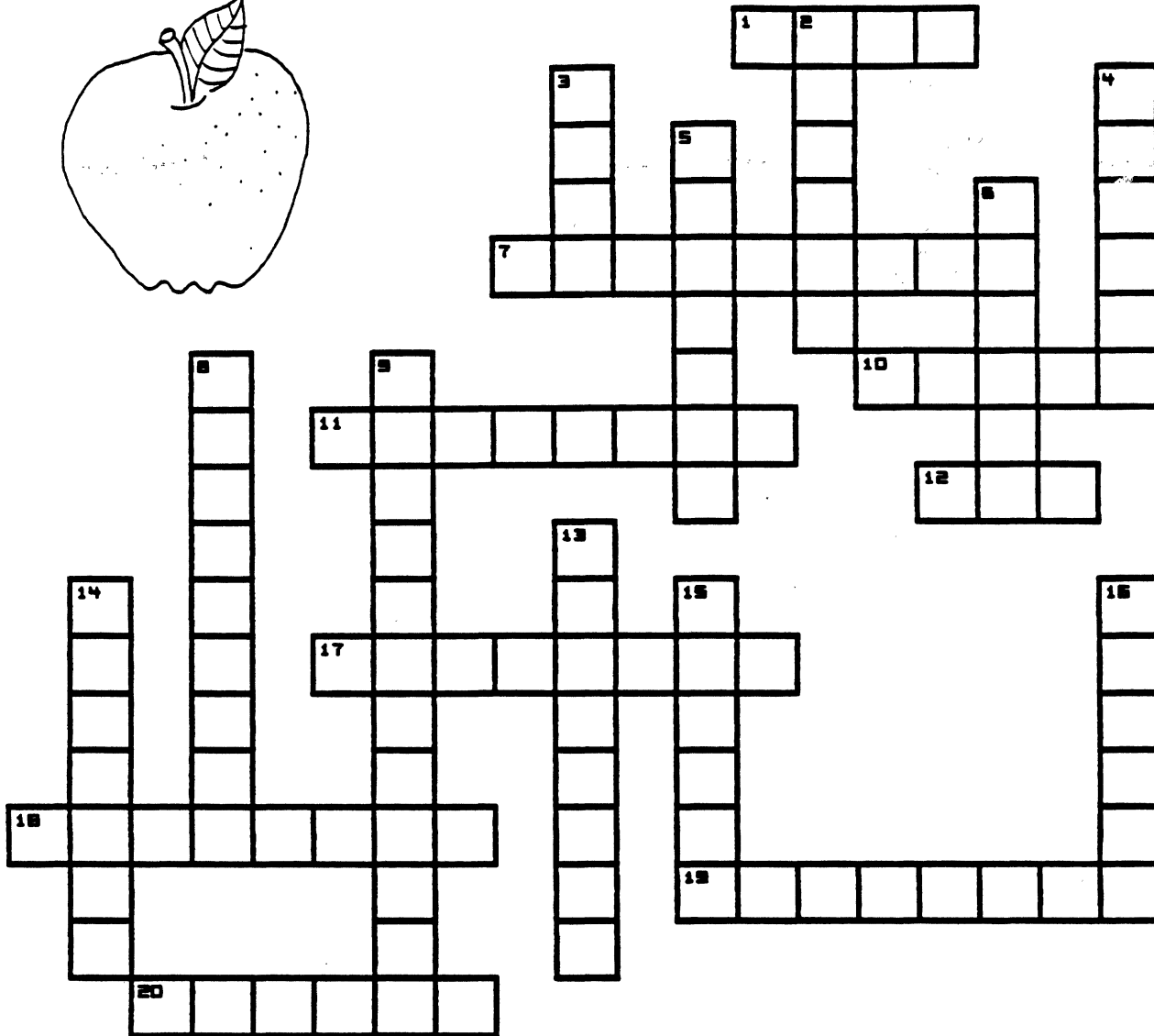
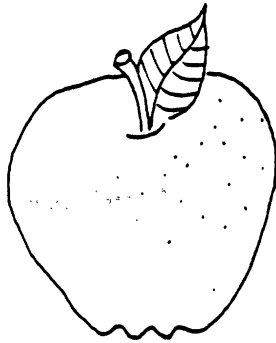
DIRECTIONS: Look at your Fall Word List. Find and circle each word or word group in the word search.



PICTURING FALL

On the back of this page, draw a picture which illustrates as many of the Fall words from your list as you possibly can. Can you use them all?

Name _____



ACROSS CLUES:

- 1. the season of the year which is also called autumn
- 7. the ninth month of the year
- 10. gusty
- 11. large blazes built outdoors
- 12. the color of cherries
- 17. the eleventh month of the year
- 18. a sport played with eleven men on a team
- 19. knitted tops
- 20. fruit; some kinds are Golden, Delicious or Granny Smith

DOWN CLUES:

- 2. another name for the Fall season of the year
- 3. a tool used to clean up fallen leaves
- 4. slightly cold
- 5. the tenth month of the year
- 6. the color of many autumn leaves
- 8. an imaginary person who has icy whiskers: 2 words
- 9. a drink made from cocoa: 2 words
- 13. fruit that is used to make Jack-O-Lanterns
- 14. food that is made when kernels of corn are heated until they burst open
- 15. the parts of a tree which turn different colors in the Fall
- 16. these are worn on your hands to keep them warm

WORD LIST

September	new shoes	scissors	cafeteria
ninth	pencil box	erasers	Labor Day
sapphire	notebook	teacher	Citizenship Day
school starts	ruler	secretary	Rosh Hashanah
new clothes	pens	principal	Grandparent's Day

DIRECTIONS: Use the words and word groups from the list to answer these questions.

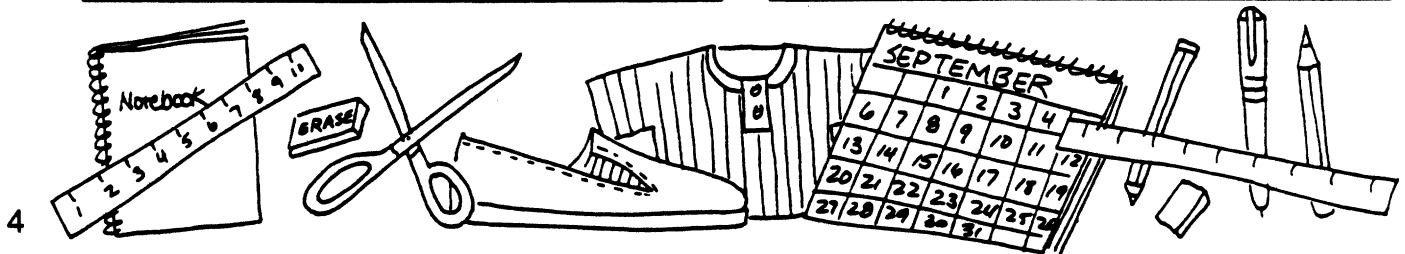
1. What is the birthstone for September? _____
2. What word means the same as "instructor"? _____
3. What two words are compound words?

4. To measure the top of your desk, what would you use?

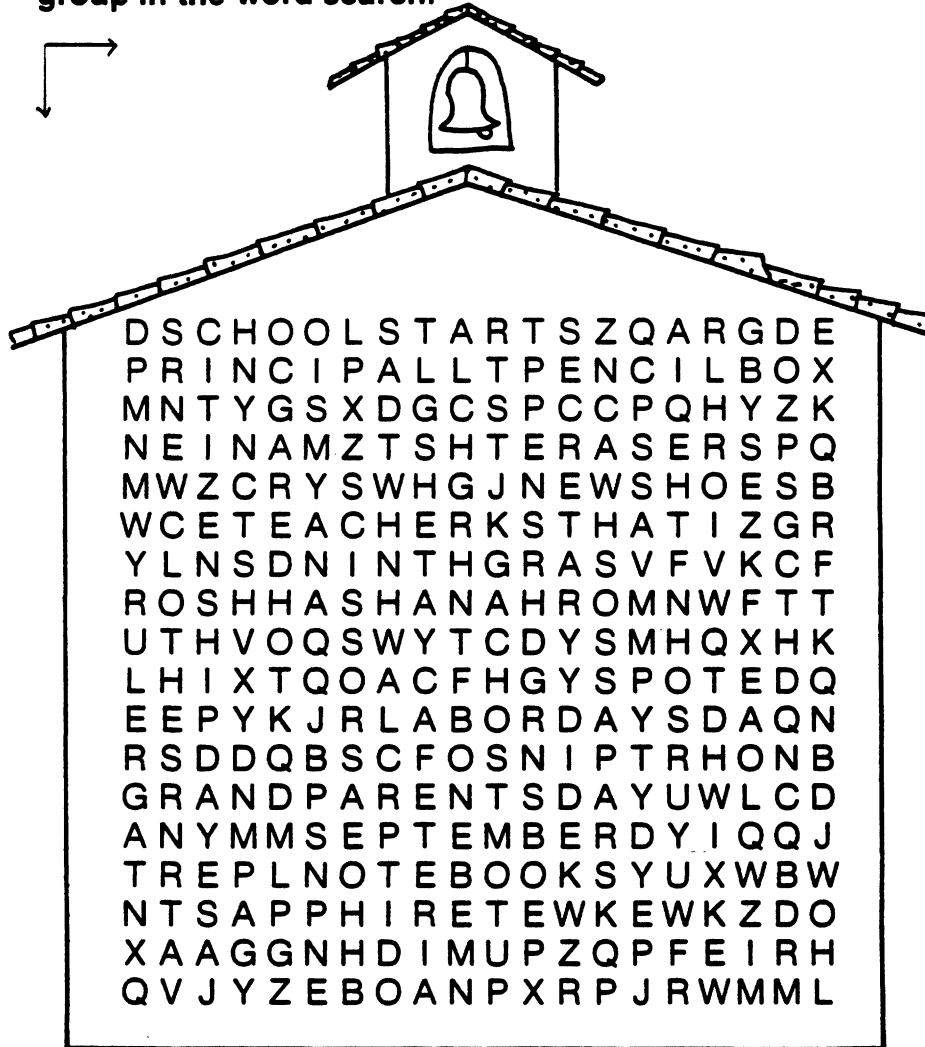
5. What word rhymes with "lens"? _____
6. What word is the opposite of "old"? _____
7. What word is the name of the place to eat lunch at school?

8. In what three words is the letter "c" pronounced like an "s"?

9. What are the special days in September?



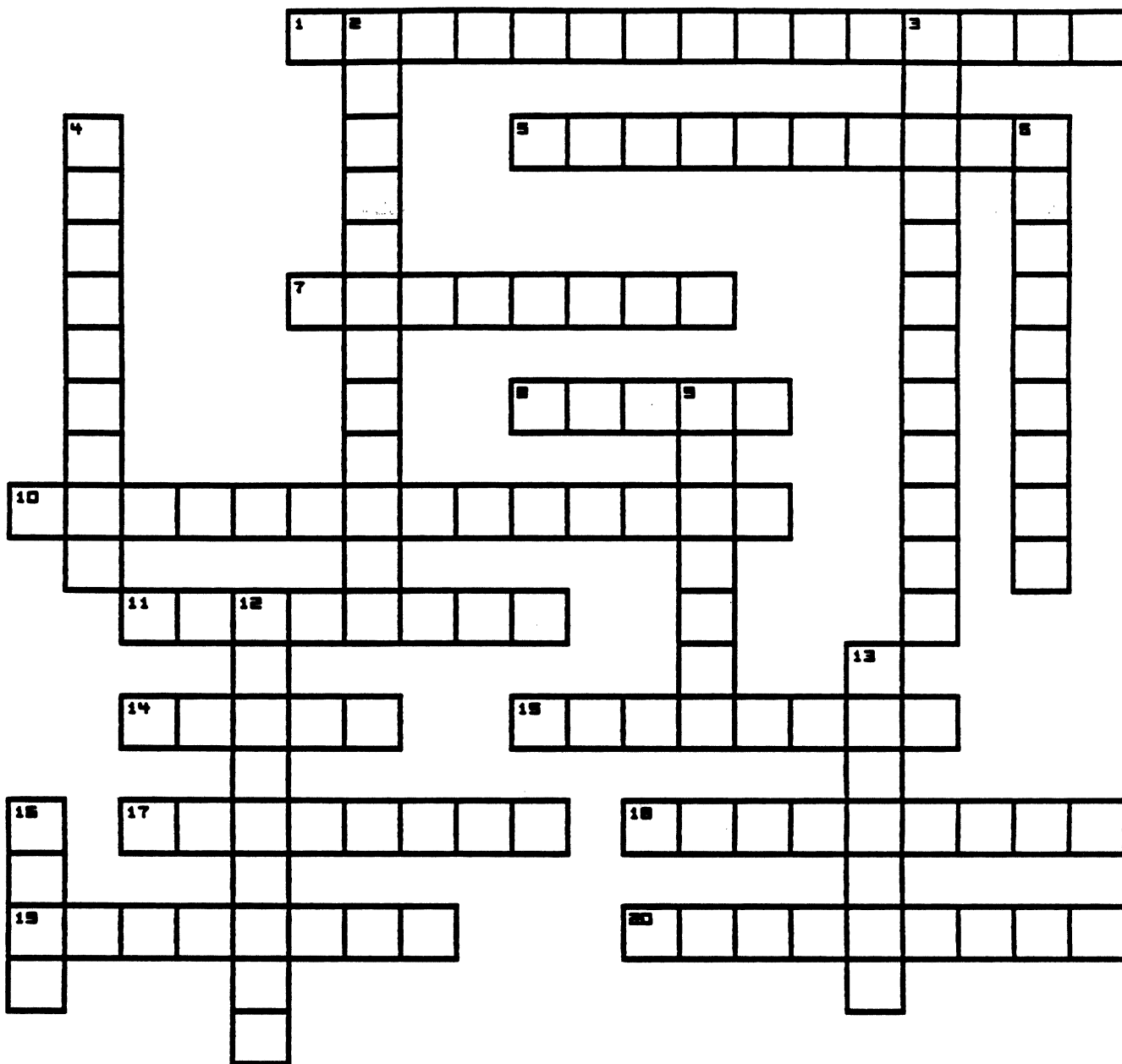
DIRECTIONS: Look at your September Word List. Find and circle each word or word group in the word search.



WHAT'S MISSING?

Using the words or word groups from the list, fill in the blanks in the sentences below so that they will make sense.

1. Every year when _____ , I am nervous about meeting my new teacher.
2. I always get blisters from wearing my _____ until they are broken in.
3. My little brother is too young to use _____ , so I cut the paper for him.
4. My friends were celebrating the Jewish New Year. The holiday is called _____ .



ACROSS CLUES:

1. the day on which you honor your grandmothers and grandfathers: 2 words
5. you buy these things to wear for the start of school: 2 words
7. the day on which we honor all the workers in the United States: 2 words
8. you measure with this
10. the day on which many people become citizens of the United States: 2 words
11. the birthstone of September
14. number nine
15. you buy these to wear on your feet
17. these are used to cut paper
18. the person who is in charge of a school
19. a three-ring binder
20. the person who works in the office of a school and helps the principal

DOWN CLUES:

2. the Jewish New Year: 2 words
3. when this happens, you meet your new teacher: 2 words
4. the place where you eat lunch at school
6. the ninth month of the year
9. you use these to correct mistakes in your school work
12. a container for school supplies
13. instructor
16. ballpoints

