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Crosswords

« Crosswords » is a good and amusing game. It consists in writing defined words across and down in a grid. They can be synonyms, nouns, verbs, adjectives....

Modern crosswords were born at the beginning of the twentieth century in the USA. Arthur Wynne published the first crosswords on December 21st, 1913 in "The New York World" Newspaper.

In the year 1925, Renée David published "Le Journal des Mots Croisés".

Then an academy of crosswords was born. Today, people can play crosswords everywhere, even on a computer and participate in contests.

Adapted from the Second English Course Book.

PART I: A) READING COMPREHENSION: (7 Pts.)

Read the text and do the following activities:

Activity I: Answer by "true", "false" or "not mentioned": (3 Pts.)

- 1) Modern crosswords are an American invention.
- 2) Arthur Wynne published the first crosswords in a magazine.
- 3) Algerians like playing crosswords a lot.

Activity 2: Answer the following questions: (2 Pts.)

- 1) Is "Crosswords" a pleasant game?
- 2) Can people play crosswords on a computer?

Activity 3: A) Find in the text words equivalent in meaning to the following: (1Pt.)

- 1) start = 2) funny =

B) Find in the text words opposite in meaning to the following: (1Pt.)

- 1) antonym $\neq$ 2) bad $\neq$

B) MASTERY OF LANGUAGE: (7 Pts.)

Activity I: Complete the following table: (2 Pts.)

Singular	Plural
this	
.....	children
a bus	
.....	those

Activity 2: Fill in the gaps with: can / can't (3 Pts.)

- 1) I drive a car because I am too young.
- 2) I speak English because I learn it at school.
- 3) Blind people see.
- 4) My brother is very ill. He go to school.

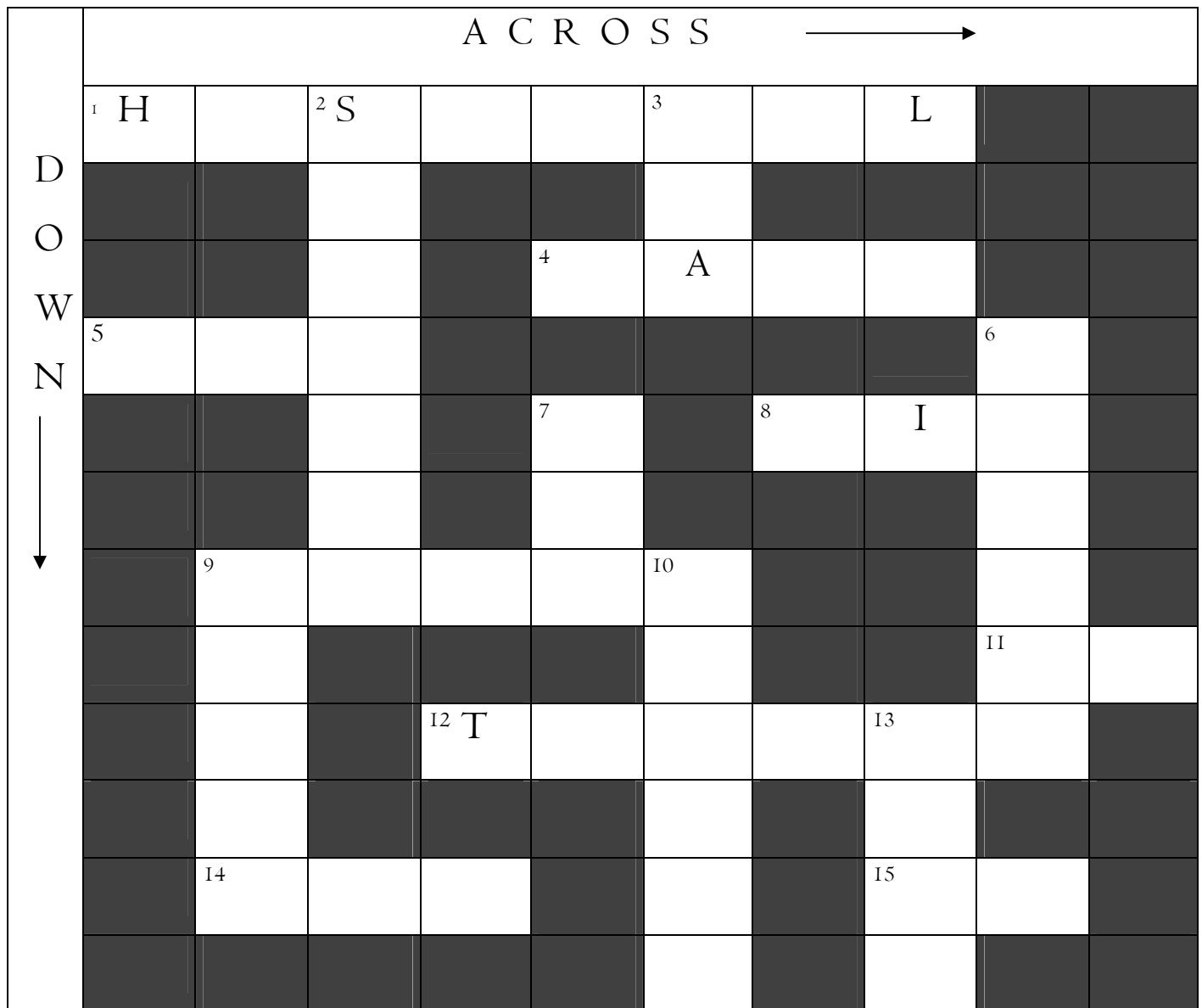
Activity 3: Pick up from the text words containing the following pronunciations of the letter "y":

(2 pts.)

y = /j/	y = /i/
yellow	happy
1)	1)
2)	2)

PART II : WRITTEN EXPRESSION : (6 Pts)

You applied with some of your school mates to participate in a crosswords puzzle contest which takes place today in the school library. Here is the first one. (Be careful! Numbers 1 and 12 are not given). Start now.



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4. Domestic animals that chase mice.
5. I _____ play crosswords but I can't play chess.
8. Opposite of madam.
9. Is your _____ number 0550304090?
11. I _____ Algerian.
14. The infinitive of saw.
15. Opposite of under.

DOWN

2. The people from Spain are _____ .
3. Do you want _____ or coffee?
6. After Thursday, there is _____ .
7. Opposite of woman.
9. The capital of France.
10. Six plus five.
13. The past of take.

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