

# Young Outlook

## AGE SAGE 80

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You can be an age sage with this special trick.

Say to your friend, **11** 2  
 "The Sage can guess your age."  
 Take your age and double it.  
 Now, take that sum and multiply it by 10.  
 What does that make?"

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Your friend says (for example) -160 9  
 Now you know your friend is 8.  
 You are right, but how did you know?

The secret:  
 With the age 8 as your example:  
 $8 + 8 = 16$   
 $10 \times 16 = 160$   
 $160 \div 2 = 80$   
 80 with the 0 left off gives 8  
 Try it with any age.

★ A sage is a wise or smart person

## MAGIC CROSSWORD

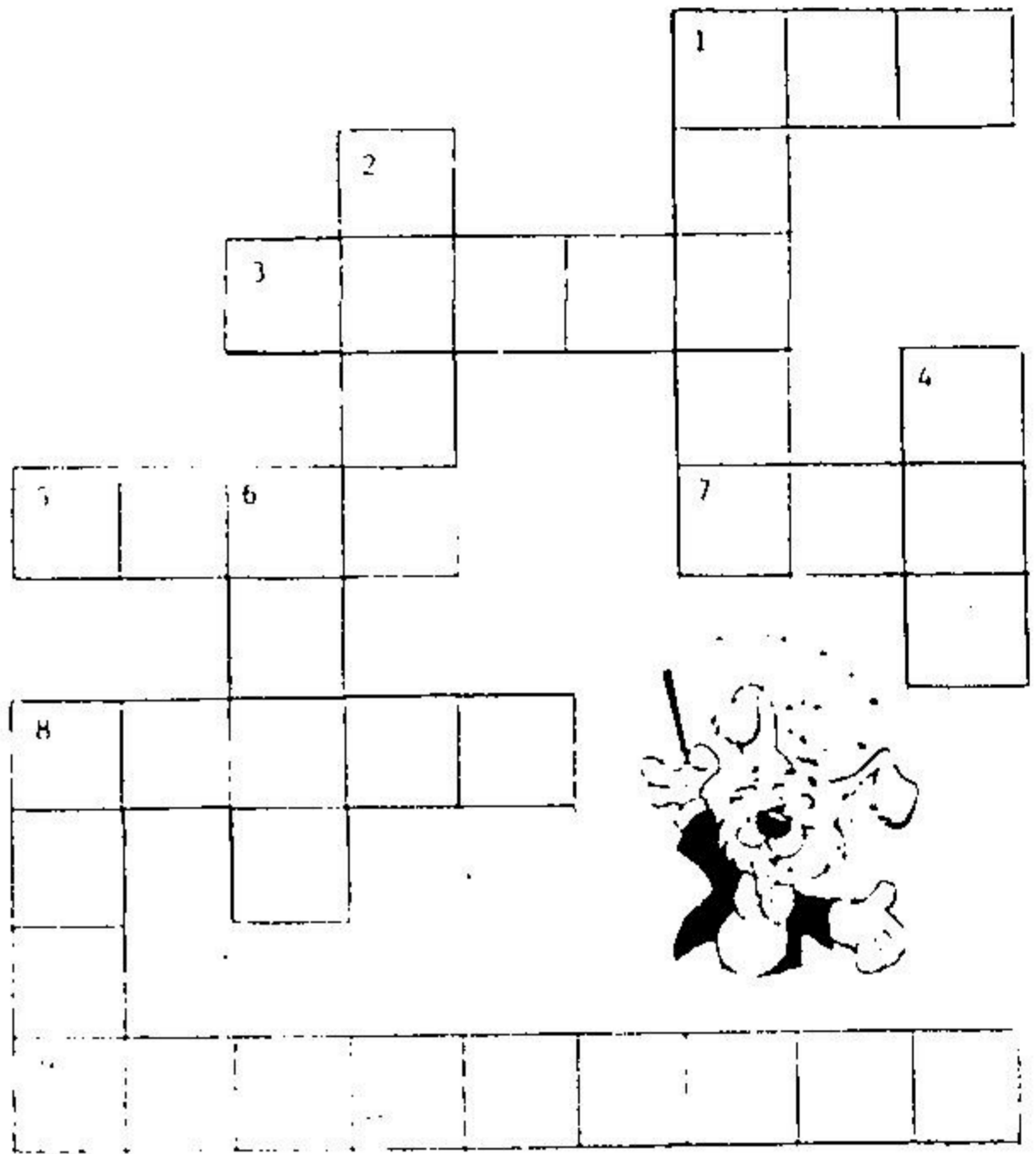
Use the hints below to complete the Magiccrossword.

### ACROSS

- 1 A magician pulls a rabbit out of the
- 3 Do you know any tricks?
- 5 Use your library to check out a good book
- 7 Just the magic word
- 8 The color of a magician's cape
- 9 The person who helps you find something to read in the library

### DOWN

- 1 pocus!
- 2 Wave the magic!
- 4 A magician's hand is quicker than the
- 6 It is fun to a story
- 8 Look into my crystal



Answers: Across-1: hat, 2: magic's card, 3: rabbit, 4: black, 5: library, 6: book, 7: just, 8: black, 9: librarian. Down-1: pocus, 2: wave, 3: magic, 4: hand, 5: quicker, 6: fun, 7: story, 8: crystal.

### MAGIC BOOKS

*Bet You Can't!* by Vicki Cobb  
 Grs. 5 and up. Discusses more than 60 impossible tricks each based on a scientific principle.

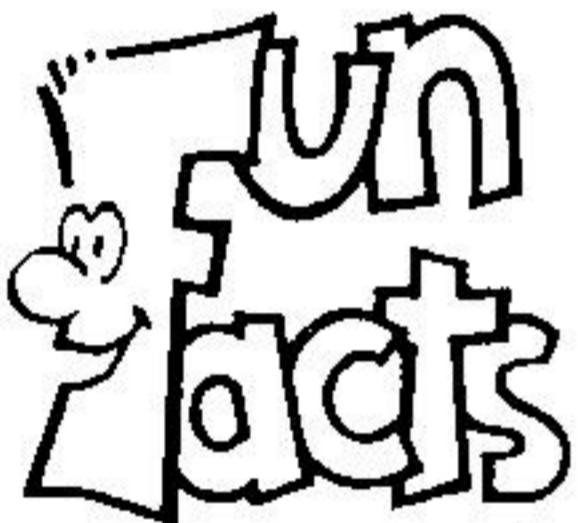
*Strega Nona* by Tomie dePaola  
 Grs. K-3. When Strega Nona leaves him alone with her magic pot, Big Anthony is determined to show the townspeople how it works, with dire results.

considered a sign of good luck

3 The word "magi" (as in the Three Magi) is the plural of *magus*, meaning "wizard" in Old Persian. It is from this root that the word "magic" is derived.

4 The oldest books known were baked clay tablets used about 3500 B.C. in Mesopotamia.

5 The largest library in the world is the United States Library of Congress (founded April 24 1800), on Capitol Hill Washington, D.C.

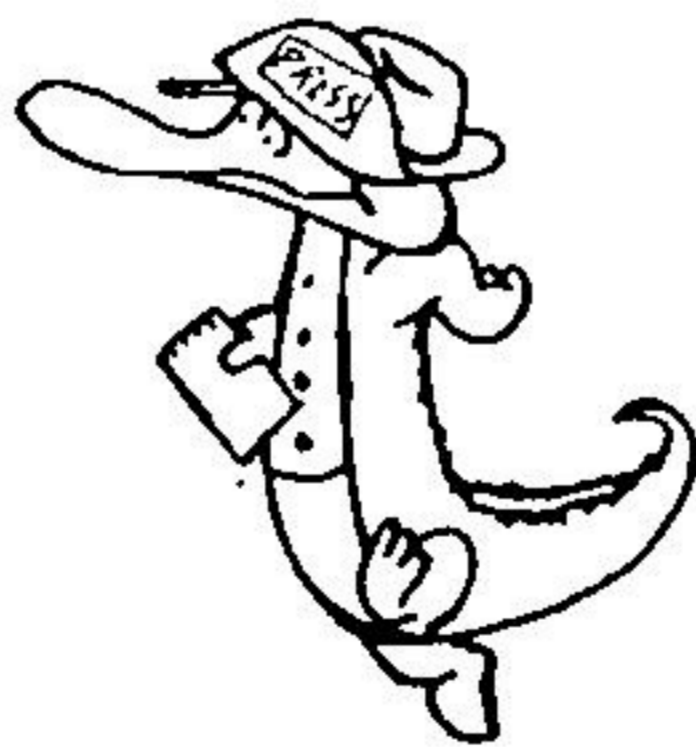
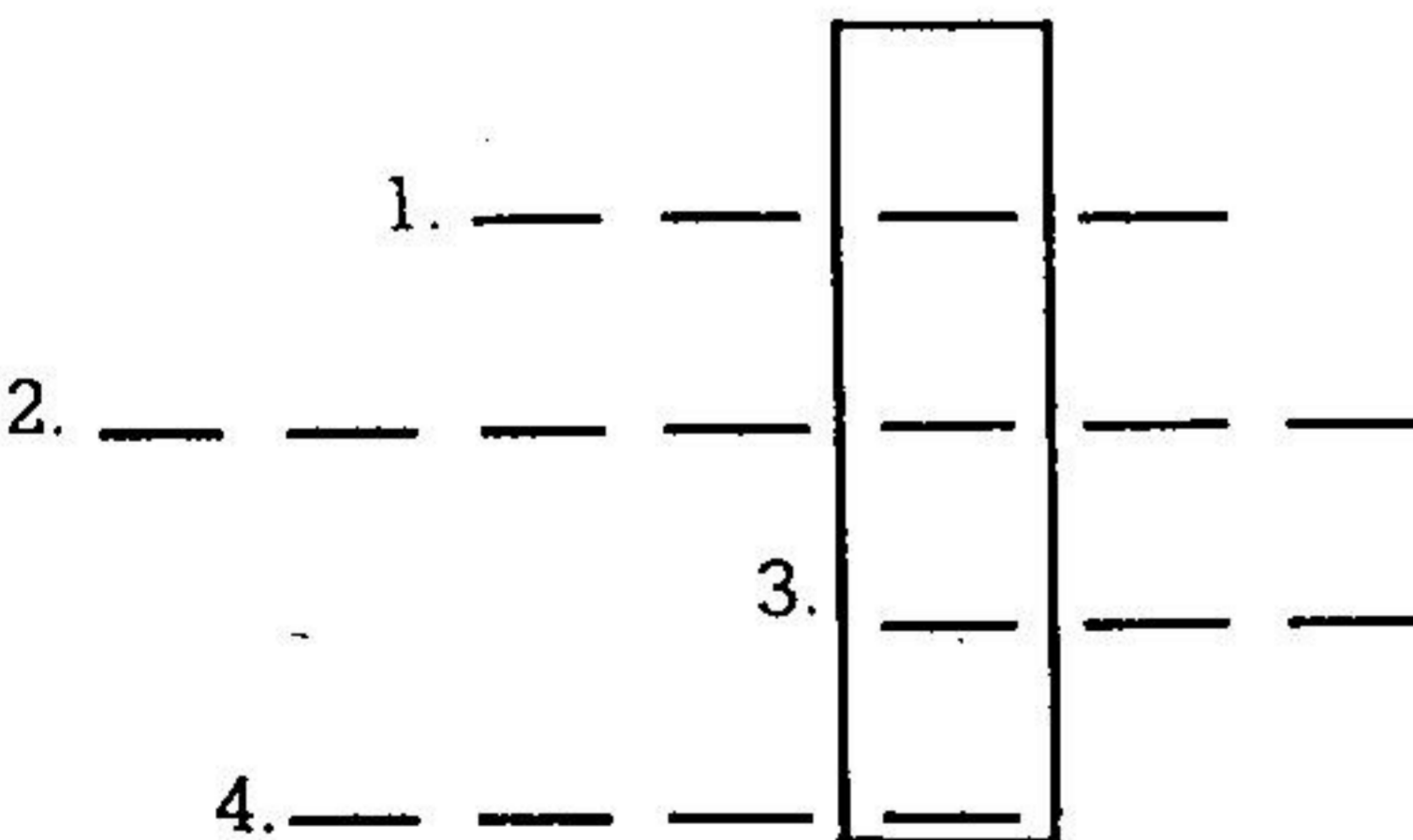


1 The magician's word "hocus-pocus" comes from the name of a mythological sorcerer, Oehus Bochus, who appears in Norse folktales and legends.

2 In parts of Japan, if a black cat crosses one's path, it is

## SUMMER MAGIC

Reading for pleasure during the summer months is one of Alfie's favorite activities. But Alfie has to be able to say the *magic word* to get in the library and check out books over the summer. Help him discover the magic word by writing the correct word for each clue in the spaces.



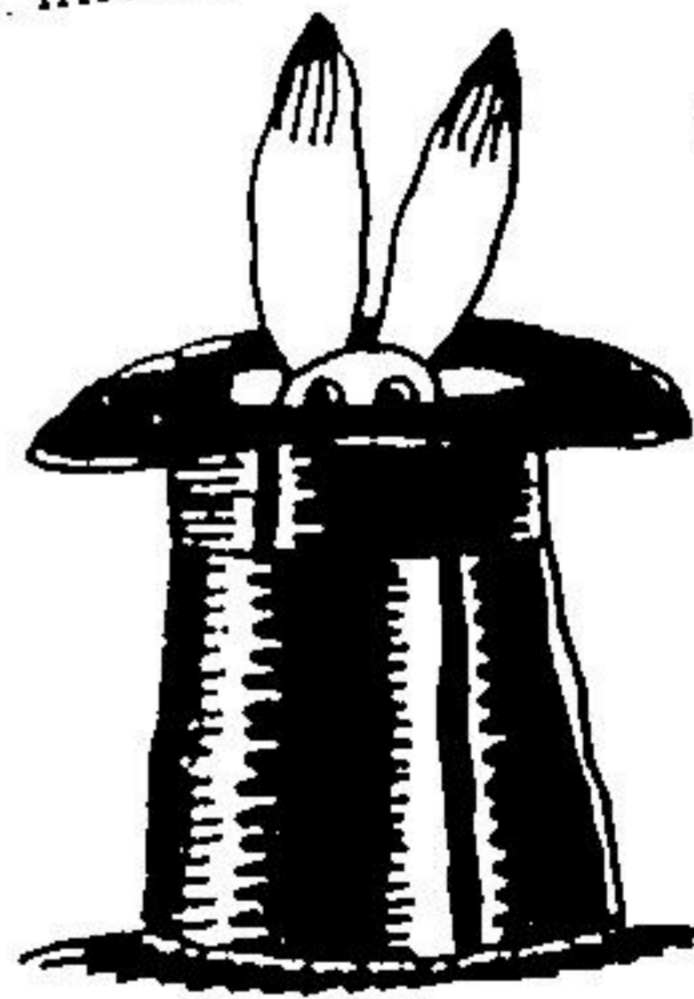
- 1. special paper to check out library books
- 2. to make believe; many books use make believe or \_\_\_\_\_ situations
- 3. alligator's name on Bubble Gum Rapper page
- 4. a stick used by a magician

Answers: 1: card, 2: pretend, 3: Alfie, 4: wand; the magic word is READ.

## FAIRY TALE FUN

Fairy tales are full of magic. Help this funny bunny unscramble the titles of the fairy tales he has pulled out of his magic hat.

- 1. epgnslei taebyu \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. eapznrly \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. lardiencle \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. nhelsa nda terelg \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. abtyeu dna hte sbaet \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. teh lygu kudgicln \_\_\_\_\_



Answers: 1: Sleeping Beauty, 2: Rapunzel, 3: Cinderella, 4: Hansel and Gretel, 5: Beauty and the Beast, 6: The Ugly Duckling.

## A Little Bit of HUMOR

Jack: I'm studying to be a barber.  
 Kay: Will it take long?  
 Jack: No, I'm learning all the short cuts.

Visitor: What a glorious painting!  
 I wish I could take those colors

home!  
 Artist: You will - you're sitting on my palette.

Lynne: What did you think of the new play that opened last night?  
 Oscar: Very refreshing - I felt like a new man when I woke up.

Cora: I had to throw away my alarm clock last week.

Nora: Why? Was it broken?

Cora: No. It kept going off while I was asleep.