



# *Strega Nona*

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## Vocabulary Word Search



Find the words.

g p k l t t n e m h s i n u p  
 m r x d z p l v w t a o f a o  
 v o g c i g f o n s i l p f t  
 w t r o u b l e s t p p t k i  
 j e q s k f m o n e l v v l o  
 o c z r r i h e p a c h v b n  
 e t w e l y t q u m v n x z s  
 q u v p l t x s m i z q a l k  
 p o m s a c e h a n o c f h j  
 g o m i s p p u u g e m i r c  
 c n j h h z a s l w r z s r b  
 t w v w a r t s p i u i d q z  
 h l m c x a a y t a k x v g c  
 r a i d z w p w l a u d m i t



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|-----------|-------------|----------|------------|----------|
| applause  | compliments | overflow | protect    | troubles |
| attention | crime       | pasta    | punishment | warts    |
| chance    | halt        | potions  | steaming   | whispers |



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## Words and Their Meanings



Read each of the following. Circle the letter in front of the correct answer.

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| <p>1. The word <b>attention</b> means ____.</p> <p>a. mind your own business<br/>                     b. cook with a recipe<br/>                     c. listen and look carefully<br/>                     d. wonder</p> | <p>2. The word <b>protect</b> means ____.</p> <p>a. to begin<br/>                     b. to keep from harm<br/>                     c. to sell<br/>                     d. to complete</p> |
| <p>3. To <b>halt</b> means to ____.</p> <p>a. look<br/>                     b. cook<br/>                     c. stop<br/>                     d. leave</p>   | <p>4. The word <b>troubles</b> means ____.</p> <p>a. hungry<br/>                     b. smart<br/>                     c. careful<br/>                     d. problems</p>                 |
| <p>5. The word <b>crime</b> means ____.</p> <p>a. ordinary<br/>                     b. special<br/>                     c. perfect<br/>                     d. wrong doing</p>   | <p>6. The word <b>applause</b> means ____.</p> <p>a. visit<br/>                     b. clap<br/>                     c. magical<br/>                     d. friend</p>                     |
| <p>7. To <b>overflow</b> is to ____.</p> <p>a. believe<br/>                     b. listen carefully<br/>                     c. spill over the top<br/>                     d. get a job</p>                             | <p>8. The word <b>compliment</b> means ____.</p> <p>a. smart<br/>                     b. hunger<br/>                     c. pictures<br/>                     d. praise</p>                |





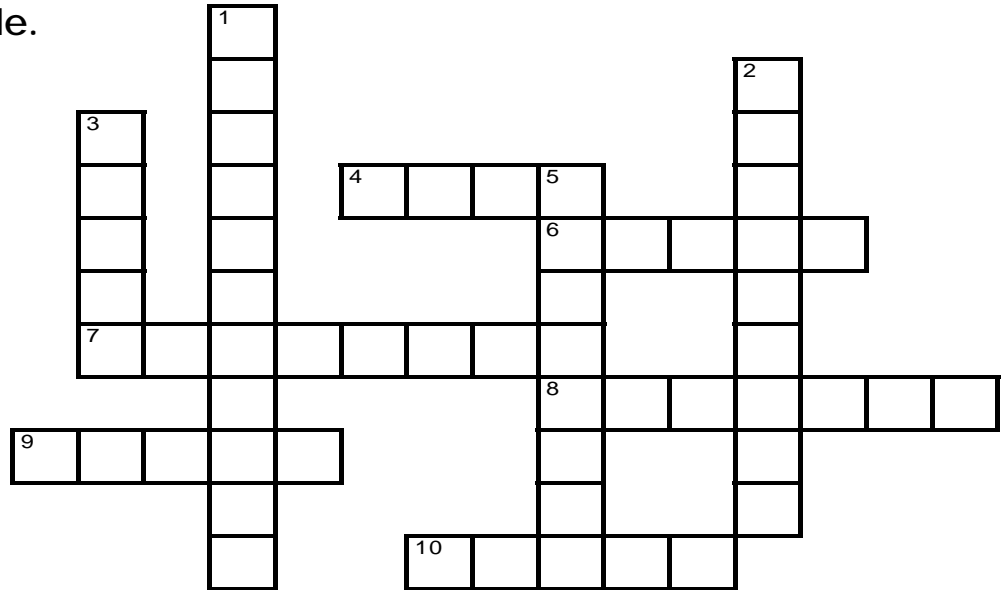
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## Crossword Puzzle



Complete the puzzle.



**Across**

4. Big Anthony did not see Strega Nona \_\_\_ three kisses at the pot.
6. Strega Nona \_\_\_ Big Anthony to help her around the house.
7. People came to Strega Nona to tell her their \_\_\_.
8. Strega Nona made special \_\_\_ for the girls.
9. Big Anthony said Strega Nona's pot was surely a \_\_\_ pot.
10. Strega Nona told Big Anthony to leave her \_\_\_ pot alone.

**Down**

1. The pasta was \_\_\_\_\_ when Anthony used the pot.
2. Big Anthony never paid \_\_\_\_\_ to anything.
3. Strega Nona went to \_\_\_ Strega Amelia.
5. The people in the town talked about Strega Nona in \_\_\_\_\_.

**Word Bank**

overflowing  
whispers  
troubles  
pasta  
visit  
blow  
attention  
potions  
magic  
hired





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Comprehension



Circle the letter in front of the best answer.

- The name **Strega Nona** means \_\_\_\_.
  - magic one
  - Grandma Witch
  - Sweet Grandma
  - Magic Witch
- Why did Strega Nona put a sign in the town square?
  - She needed to buy pasta.
  - She needed to travel.
  - She needed someone to help.
  - She wanted to cook.
- Strega Nona used oil, water, and a \_\_\_\_ to cure headaches.
  - wart
  - match
  - pickle
  - hairpin
- How did Strega Nona stop the magic pot from making pasta?
  - She poured oil in the pot.
  - She blew three kisses.
  - She said three words.
  - She whispered twice.
- When Big Anthony told the magic pot to make pasta, the people in the town \_\_\_\_\_ the pasta.
  - enjoyed
  - threw away
  - were sad about
  - none of these
- Big Anthony took a bow when he heard \_\_\_\_.
  - the crowd complain
  - when he went home
  - when he heard applause
  - when it overflowed
- The word **grazia** in this story means \_\_\_\_.
  - good bye
  - hello
  - thank you
  - stop
- Strega Nona made the punishment fit the crime when she \_\_\_\_.
  - sent Big Anthony to jail
  - made him eat the pasta
  - fired him
  - put him in the pasta pot



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**Art and Writing Activity**



Think about the things Strega Nona needed help with. Make a sign that Strega Nona could put in the town square asking for help in her home. Decorate your sign.





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## Answers to Strega Nona

Page 1: no answers needed

Page 2:

1. c
2. b
3. c
4. d
5. d
6. b
7. c
8. d

Page 3:

**Across:** 4. blow, 6. hired, 7. troubles, 8. potions,  
9. magic, 10. pasta.

**Down:** 1. overflowing, 2. attention, 3. visit, 5. whispers.

Page 4:

1. b
2. c
3. d
4. b
5. a
6. c
7. c
8. b

Page 5: Art and Writing Activity