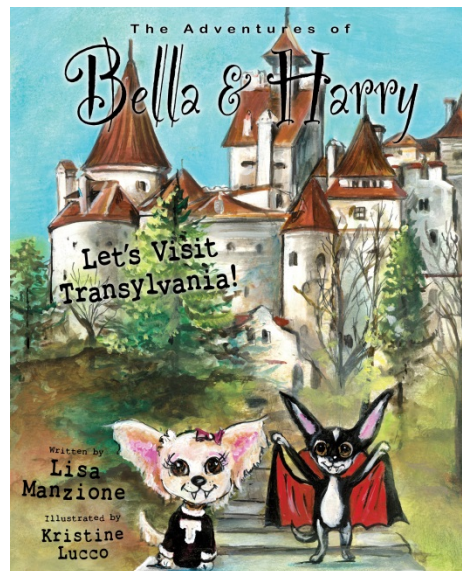


# The Adventures of Bella & Harry: Let's Visit Transylvania!

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The Adventures of Bella & Harry is a children's book series chronicling the escapades of a pup named Bella, her little brother Harry and their family, who travel the world exploring the sights and sounds of new, exciting cities.

The "Bella & Harry" series is an informative, interactive and exciting way to introduce children to travel, different countries, customs, history and landmarks with the educational value of the books cleverly disguised amidst dozens of illustrated pages.

Traveling the world with these two cute and cuddly sibling Chihuahuas will allow the young reader to gain an appreciation of the world and its cultural diversity.

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### **Activities:**

1. **Comprehension:** Use the attached sheet to answer questions about the story.
2. **True/False:** Read the attached sheet and determine whether or not Bella and Harry mentioned these vampire myths during their adventure in Transylvania.
3. **Drawing:** Have your students draw three things they might have seen in Transylvania.
4. **Crossword Puzzle:** Use the attached crossword puzzle and fill in the blanks.
5. **Compare and Contrast:** Have students use the attached Venn Diagram to compare and contrast Transylvania with a city in the United States. If you have read more than one adventure, you may want to compare and contrast those two cities as well.
6. **Writing Assignment:** Have your students use the attached sheet to express what they have learned.

### **Extensions:**

- Choose a landmark in Transylvania and research it.
- Use books and the internet to learn more about the country of Romania.
- Have students think of other places they would like to learn more about.
- Create a newspaper article about one of the castles in Transylvania.
- Look up and research other cities, regions or countries that begin with "T".
- Have a cultural day and prepare some of the traditional dishes of Transylvania.
- Have students create a journal pretending they are visiting Transylvania and have them document what they see and do.

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## Facts About Transylvania

**Directions:** Think back about the story and answer the following questions.

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2. What mountains border Transylvania?

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3. What is the official language of Transylvania? What other language is commonly spoken there?

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4. What ruler is the basis for many myths and legends about vampires?

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5. Besides Peles Castle and Poenari Castle, what other castle did Bella & Harry visit?

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6. What is the capital city of Romania?

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7. What are some things you remember about Poenari Castle?

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8. What bridge was Harry afraid to walk across?

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9. What food might someone eat during a visit to Transylvania?

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10. What are some things you remember about Peles Castle?

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**Directions:** Write “True” if the vampire myth below was talked about in the book and “False” if it was not.

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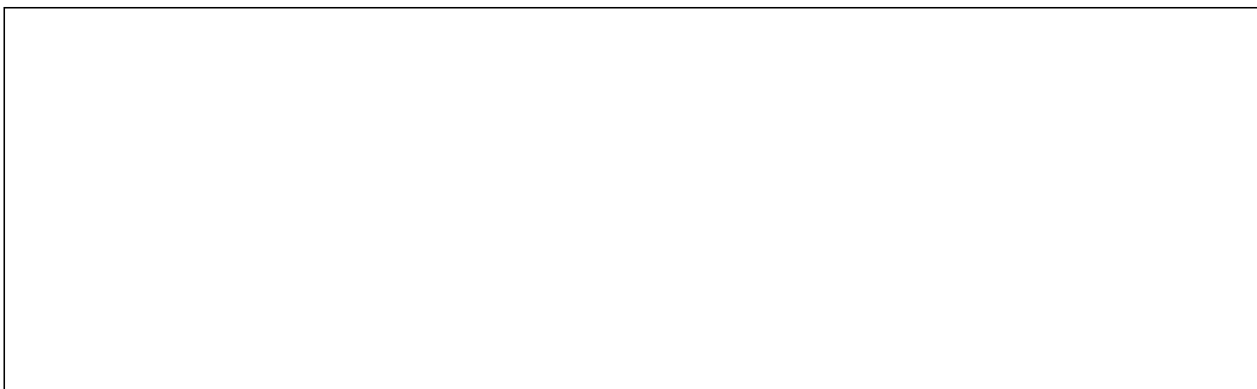
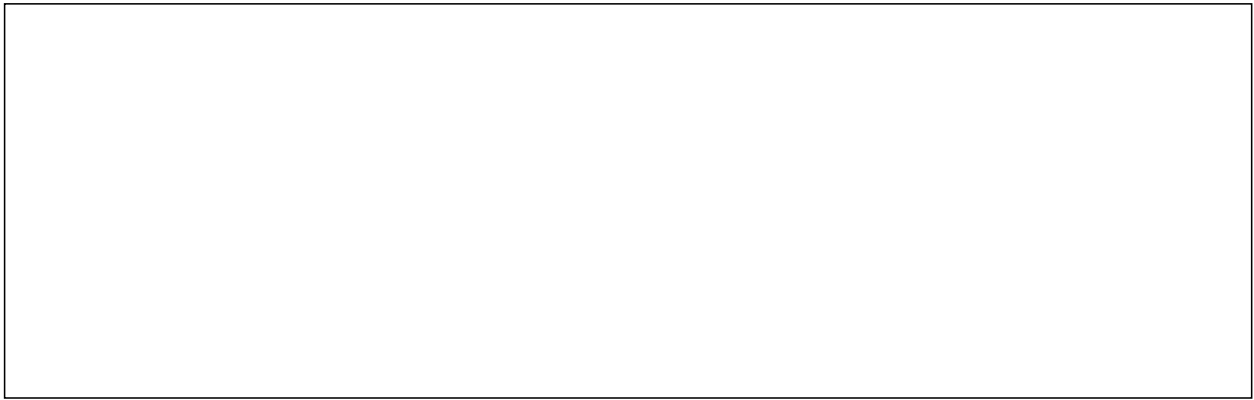
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**Let's Visit Transylvania!**

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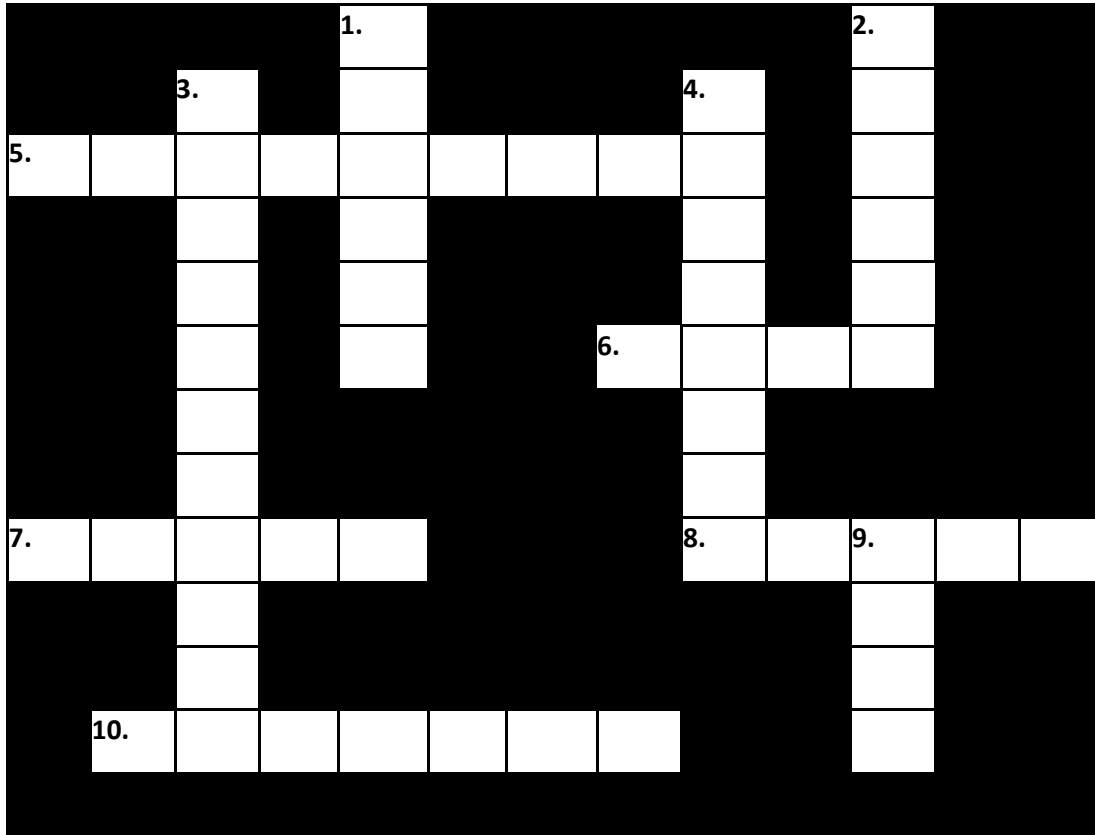


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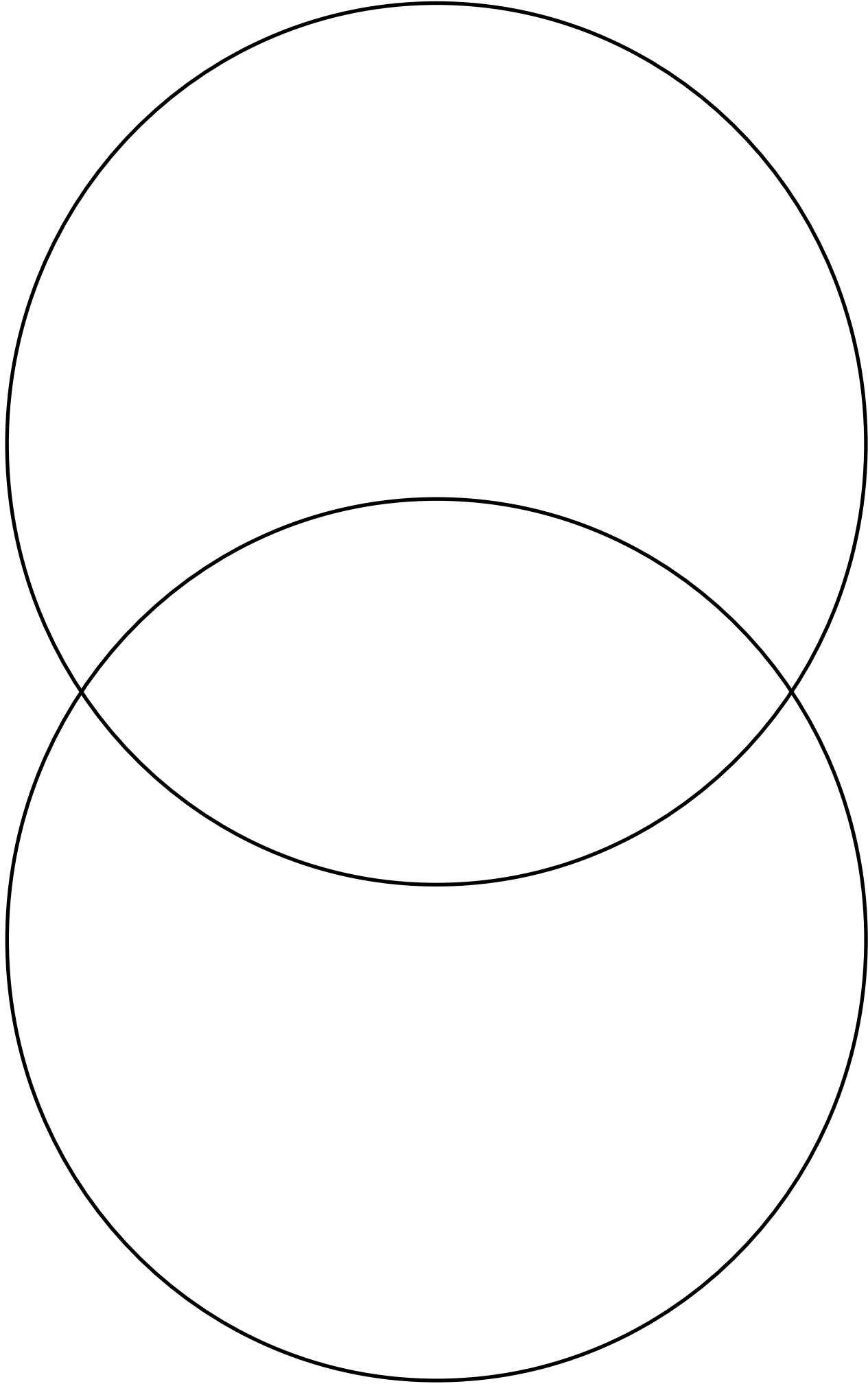
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5. Vlad III Dracula was the ruler of an area called \_\_\_\_\_
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7. \_\_\_\_\_ bears can be seen in the Carpathian Mountains
8. The "Bridge of Lies" is located in the city of \_\_\_\_\_
10. Vlad III \_\_\_\_\_ is the basis for many stories about vampires

#### DOWN

1. Poenari Castle has 1,480 \_\_\_\_\_
2. The Royal \_\_\_\_\_ of Romania once lived in Peles Castle
3. Bella and Harry drank \_\_\_\_\_ juice while visiting Transylvania
4. Harry thinks he is going to see \_\_\_\_\_ while visiting Transylvania
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Castle is located near the city of Brasov

# Venn Diagram







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## Answer Key

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Transylvania is a region in the country of Romania.

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The Carpathian Mountains border Transylvania.

3. What is the official language of Transylvania? What other language is commonly spoken there?

Romanian is the official language but Hungarian is also widely spoken in Transylvania.

4. What ruler is the basis for many myths and legends about vampires?

Vlad III Dracula is the basis for the many myths and legends about vampires.

5. Besides Peles Castle and Poenari Castle, what other castle did Bella & Harry visit?

Bella & Harry also visited Bran Castle.

6. What is the capital city of Romania?

Bucharest is the capital city of Romania.

7. What are some things you remember about Poenari Castle?

There are multiple correct answers: Vlad III Dracula actually lived there / not many people visit this castle because it has not been well cared for / you have to climb 1,480 stairs to reach the castle / it's high up on a steep rock so it makes a great fortress / there is a river below it / you can see all around the countryside so it's great for seeing your enemy approaching.

8. What bridge was Harry afraid to walk across?

Harry was afraid to walk across the "Bridge of Lies" in Sibiu, Romania.

9. What food might someone eat during a visit to Transylvania?

Some typical dishes are "sarmale" (stuffed cabbage) with sour cream, "mici" (grilled minced/ground meat rolls), "mamaliga cu branza si smantana" (polenta with cheese and sour cream) and "papanasi" (fried cheese doughnuts) with sour cream and jam.

10. What are some things you remember about Peles Castle?

There are multiple correct answers: The Royal Family of Romania once lived there / it was the first castle in Romania to have electricity (lights), along with hot and cold water / it has many rooms including a Secret Passageway, Great Armory Room, Library, Grand Staircase and King's Apartment / it's a beautiful castle.

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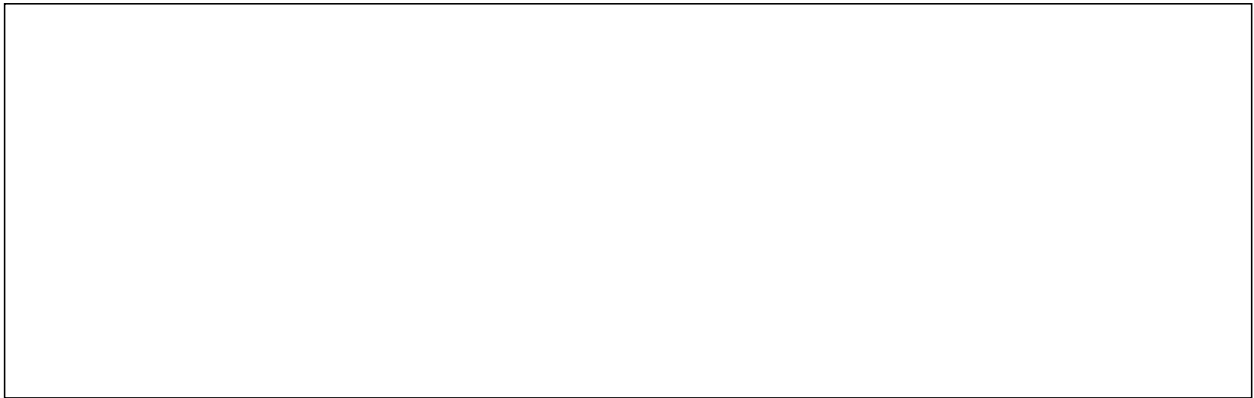
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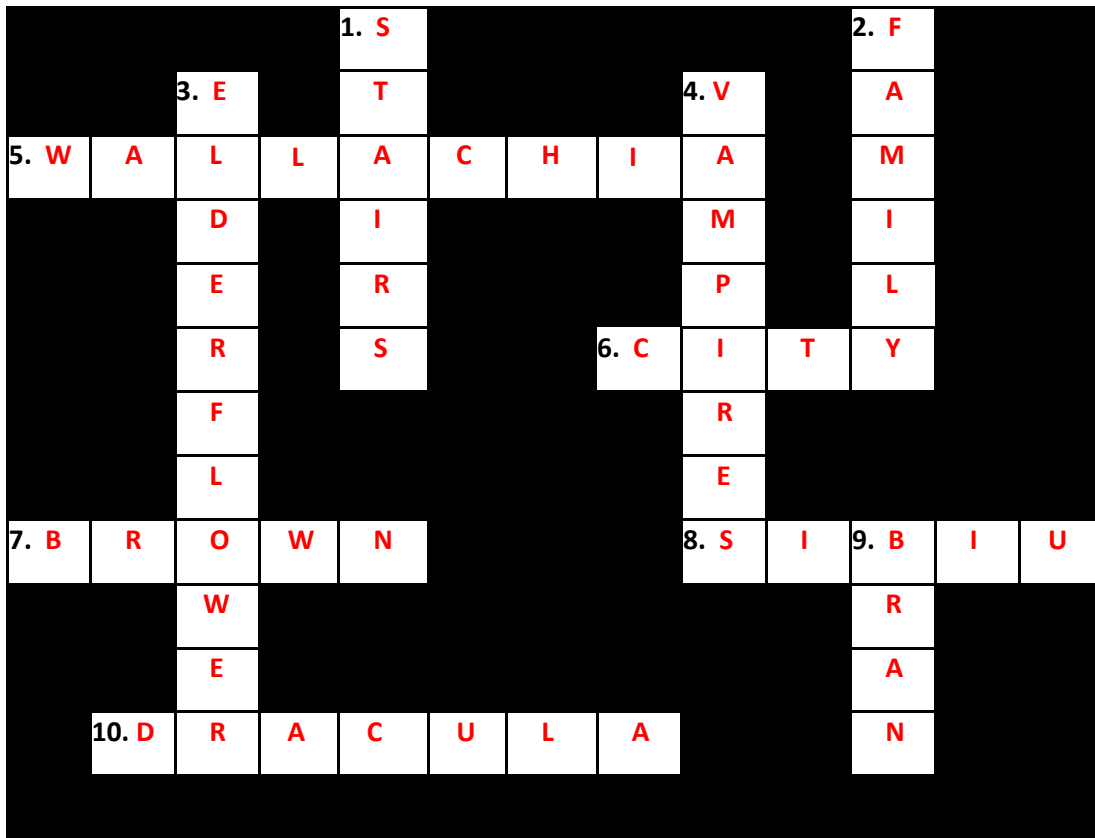
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