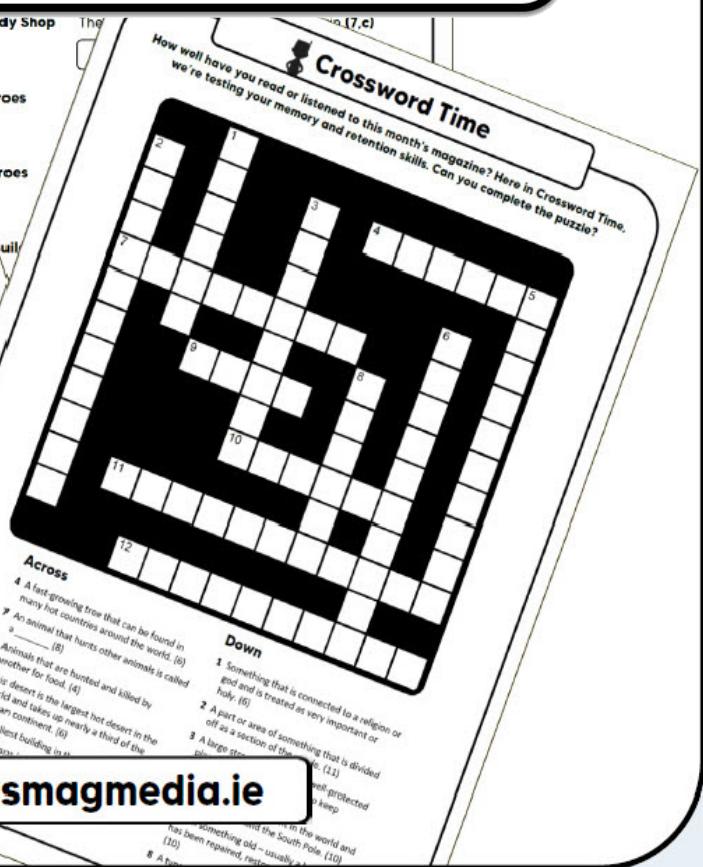
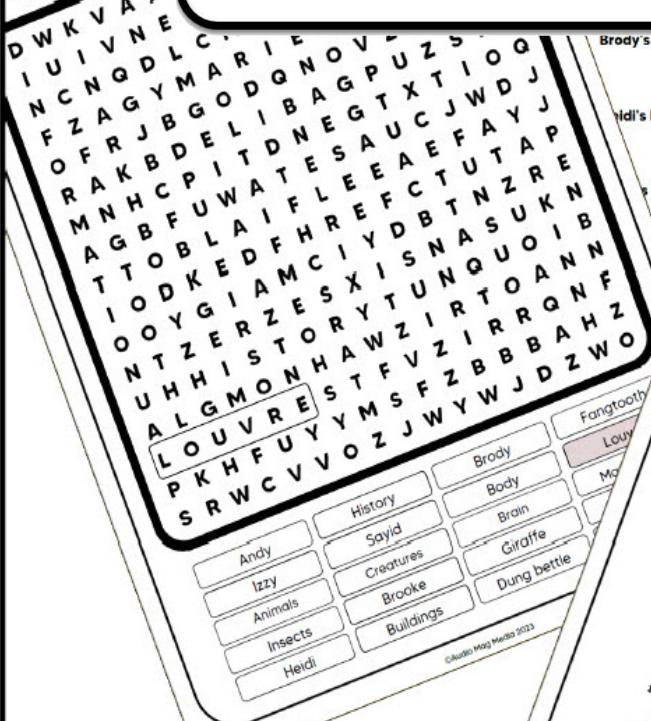


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Fill in the Blanks #1

Read through the words in the Word Bank first and make sure you understand them. Then, read the article. Make sure you think about the best place to put a word, not the first place. Careful as you go, as some words may fit in more than one place, while other words will only suit one.

Sumo Wrestling

sport
seconds
Japan
years
rituals
ring
rikishi
culture
weight

Sumo wrestling is a traditional sport from (1) _____. It is one of the oldest sports in the world and has been around for hundreds of (2) _____. In sumo, two very strong wrestlers try to push each other out of a circular (3) _____ or make the other fall to the ground.

Sumo wrestlers are called (4) _____, and they follow a very strict lifestyle. They eat a special kind of stew called chanko-nabe, which helps them gain (5) _____. Most sumo wrestlers are very big and heavy because size and strength are important in the (6) _____.

Before each match, wrestlers perform special (7) _____ to show respect and to scare away evil spirits. One of these is throwing salt into the ring. Matches usually last only a few (8) _____, but they take a lot of training and skill.

Sumo is more than just a sport – it is also part of Japanese (9) _____, with many customs and traditions passed down through the years.



Fill in the Blanks #2

Read through the words in the Word Bank first and make sure you understand them. Then, read the article. Make sure you think about the best place to put a word, not the first place. Careful as you go, as some words may fit in more than one place, while other words will only suit one.

Middle Names

documents

first

meaning

member

last

middle

called

none

tradition

Many people have a middle name, but not everyone does. A middle name is the name that comes between your (1) _____ name and your (2) _____ name. For example, if someone is called 'Sarah Louise Carter,' then 'Louise' is the (3) _____ name.

Middle names can be used to honour a family (4) _____, such as a grandparent or parent. Some people have more than one middle name, while others may have (5) _____ at all. It depends on family (6) _____ or personal choice.

Most of the time, people don't use their middle names every day. They usually appear only on official (7) _____, like passports or birth certificates. However, some people like their middle name so much that they prefer to be (8) _____ by it.

Choosing a middle name can be fun and meaningful. Some parents pick names that sound nice, have a special (9) _____, or come from another culture or language.



Fill in the Blanks #3

Read through the words in the Word Bank first and make sure you understand them. Then, read the article. Make sure you think about the best place to put a word, not the first place. Careful as you go, as some words may fit in more than one place, while other words will only suit one.

The Eiffel Tower

Gustave
city
attractions
landmarks
stairs
Paris
iron
structure
strange

The Eiffel Tower is one of the most famous (1) _____ in the world. It is located in (2) _____, the capital city of France. The tower was built in 1889 and was named after the engineer (3) _____ Eiffel, whose company designed and built it.

At first, many people did not like the tower and thought it looked (4) _____, but today it is loved by millions of people. The Eiffel Tower is made of (5) _____ and stands over 300 metres tall. For more than 40 years, it was the tallest (6) _____ in the world.

Visitors can go up the tower by lift or by climbing the (7) _____. From the top, you can see amazing views of the whole (8) _____.

The Eiffel Tower lights up at night and sparkles every hour, which makes it even more magical. It is now one of the most visited tourist (9) _____ in the world.



All the Mistakes #1

Read through the article taken from this month's issue and see if you can spot the nine spelling mistakes.

Riding Up the Eiffel Tower!

French cyclist and social media star Aurélien Fontenoy has set a world record by doing something truly incredible – he rode his bike up the Eiffel Tower!

Aurélien pedaled his mountain bike up 686 steps to reach the second floor of the famous Paris landmark in just 12 minutes and 30 seconds – without letting his feet touch the ground once! That's nearly seven minutes faster than the previous record.

The challenge was part of his project called The Climb, where he tackles famous towers around the world.

In the past, he's cycled up the Trinity Tower in Paris and even Estonia's Tallinn TV Tower.

After finishing his daring ride, Aurélien said he couldn't believe how fast he'd done it.

'The Eiffel Tower is really a symbol,' he said. 'It's the one I always wanted to climb.'

Correct spelling

Choose three of these words and put them into sentences.



All the Mistakes #2

Read through the article taken from this month's issue and see if you can spot the nine spelling mistakes.

Our New President (Part 1)

Catherine Connolly has been chosen as Ireland's new President after winning the 2025 election. The 68-year-old from Galway got about 63% of the votes – a big win! She becomes Ireland's 10th President and only the third woman ever to have the job.

Catherine will take over from Michael D. Higgins, who has been President since 2011. Presidents in Ireland serve for seven years and can be elected twice – so she could be President until 2039!

Catherine grew up in Shantalla, Galway, as one of 14 children. Before becoming a politician, she worked as a clinical psychologist (helping people with their feelings and worries) and as a barrister (a lawyer who speaks in court).

Correct spelling



All the Mistakes #3

Read through the article taken from this month's issue and see if you can spot the nine spelling mistakes.

Our New President (Part 2)

Catherine was Mayer of Galway from 2004 to 2005. She has been a TD (membur of the Dáil) for Galway West sinse 2016.

She is a fluent Irish speakur and cares deeply about the Irish language.

She also spoke about important issues such as housing and making sure everyone pheels included.

Catherine will offishally become President at a special seremony in Dublin Castle on 11 November.

In her victory speech, she promised to be a president who lishens to everyone.

She said: 'Together we can shape a new republic that values everybody.'

Correct spelling

Choose three of these words and put them into sentences.



Word Workout #1

Find the page, fact or story to find the word that solves the clue to its meaning. The number of letters and the starting letter of the word are in brackets after each clue.

Page	Article/Paragraph	CLUE (number of letters, first letter)	
1	Front Cover	It has eight legs and lives in the sea	(7, o)
3	The Nature Notebook	Flowers, buds, grows	(6, b)
3	The Nature Notebook	A flower that grows in summer	(9, s)
4	... By Storm	Something you wear on your finger, or something used by boxers and wrestlers	(4, r)
5	... Middle Names	Lawfully	(7, l)
6	... Shown on TV	Education for very young children	(9, p)
7	Art to Heart	An infectious disease	(12, t)
8	A University Professor	Incredibly old	(7, a)
8	A University Professor	A pastime	(5, h)





Word Workout #2

Find the page, fact or story to find the word that solves the clue to its meaning. The number of letters and the starting letter of the word are in brackets after each clue.

Page	Article/Paragraph	CLUE (number of letters, first letter)	
9	NF Book Club	Extremely funny	(9, h)
10	Farm Life	In charge, answerable, accountable	(11, r)
12	Brain Power	Found	(10, d)
14	Brain Games	To get back, recapture	(10, r)
15	Feel Good!	To feel calm and at ease	(5, r)
18	Around the World	Countries surrounded by land and not sea	(10, l)
19	Around the World	Amazing, fantastic, wonderful	(10, i)
20	World of Science	Marks made when sand or snow is walked on	(10, f)
22	Sports Desk	Worn to keep people safe in a car, bus or plane	(9, s)





Quiz 24

This month's 24-question quiz is based on the 24 pages of *News Flash*. The question number corresponds to the page it is taken from. For example, the answer to Q.7 can be found on page 7 and the answer to Q.14 can be found on page 14.

1. Which page is the joke section on?
2. What has Flashy lost this month?
3. Which other flower is a cyclamen similar to?
4. What is a real sumo wrestling ring made from?
5. How many words are in Laurence Hopkins' name?
6. Who came up with the idea for *Sesame Street*?
7. Where did Marie Bashkirtseff study painting?
8. What is the final qualification you need to get to become a university professor?
9. Who wrote *Adventure Duck Vs. Power Pug*?
10. How many times a day do you need to check a horse's rug?
11. How much does an AG MAG one-year subscription cost?
12. How big is a hummingbird's brain?
13. Aside from dream what else does your brain do while you sleep?
14. What is Challenge 6?
15. What do scientists say gratitude does?
16. How many true or false statements are there?
17. What's red and smells like blue paint?
18. What is the population of the Republic of Zambia?
19. When did Dr. David Livingstone first see Victoria Falls?
20. What did Jamie Smart take a photo of?
21. Which country is a wombat from?
22. Who do Ireland play on November 9?
23. Where is Papa Mata Sarr from?
24. How old was Eddie Lowery in 1913?



Word Search Maker

Here's your chance to create a word search for your friend or classmate to complete. Fill in the 12 words in the word search grid (they can go backward, forward or diagonally) and then list them in the word boxes underneath the puzzle. Fill in all the other squares with random letters so your words become hidden. Perhaps you could include a secret word (not in the list) that your friend must try and find on their own.

A 10x10 grid of black lines on a white background. The grid consists of 9 horizontal rows and 9 vertical columns, creating a total of 81 equal-sized squares. The lines are thin and black, with the grid centered on the page.



Sudoku Time

Each of the 9 boxes must contain the numbers 1 – 9. When you fill them in, you will then see that each line going across and each line going down also contains the numbers 1 – 9.

								7
	7	8				2		
	9	5	8		2			
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	3	9				5		6
8				6				
			3	4	7	1		
	3	6						
				1	6		3	

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3	2						7	
		8					5	4
8			5	1	9	4	6	3
1				2	3			
	3		8					
	5					7	4	
4			2			9	3	
2				7	1		8	



Poster Print Time

For this month's poster challenge, we want you to create a poster for a Science Week concert. It can be whatever you want it to be! Remember to be both informative and creative – you want people to know about it AND look forward to it!



Crack the Joke

In this month's Crack the Joke on Page 17, a funny joke is waiting to be cracked. When you solve the code and reveal the gag, see if you can come up with a drawing/illustration that you think best captures the joke.



My Favourite Facts

Every issue of **News Flash** is packed full of facts and figures. Why not record the top four things that you learned from this issue? When you do, make sure to draw an illustration to go with each one. When you are finished, share and discuss your choices with your classmates. We have added one of our favourite ones below.

Hollywood actress Angelina Jolie once worked as a professor at the London School of Economics in the UK. She taught students about how war affects women and girls. You don't have to be a professor your whole life – some people teach for a few years and then do other things!



1

2

3

4



Talk Time

Based on articles from this month's magazine, we want you to think about some of the issues that arise. Remember, when you are trying to put forward an opinion, or an argument, make sure you know your facts and figures and be clear in how you feel about a certain topic and why.

Here are some questions and statements you and your class might like to consider thinking about and discussing. Some you will agree with, some you clearly won't!

1. There should be garbage cafes in Ireland.

2. Middle names are pointless.

3. *Sesame Street* is the best children's TV show ever!

4. We don't need to know about any more planets beyond the solar system.

5. The telephone is the most important modern invention.



What's in the News?

How well have you read this month's paper? Here in 'What's in the News', as well as testing your memory and retention skills, we also test your imagination and creative skills. We base this activity on our News Desk section on pages 3, 4 & 5. Read the articles and answer the following

1. What was the name of The Beatles' famous 1969 album?

2. How old is sumo wrestling?

3. Where is The Garbage Café?

4. How much plastic waste does India produce a day?

5. How long did it take Aurélien Fontenoy to ride up to the second floor of the Eiffel Tower?

6. How many floors does the Eiffel Tower have?

7. Where did Laurence Watkins work back in 1990?

8. How long did it take the celebrant at Laurence's wedding to read out his full name?



Know Your Sport

How well have you read this month's sports news? Here, in Know Your Sport, we're testing your memory and retention skills. We base this activity on the pages from our sports section. Read the articles and answer the following questions.

1. Who are Manchester City playing on November 9?
2. Where will the Irish men's rugby team play three matches this month?
3. Who is battling it out for the drivers' championship in Formula One this season?
4. When does the 2026 men's soccer World Cup start?
5. Which team do the Irish men's soccer team have to beat this month?
6. What is happening to Juliet Murphy on November 15?
7. Who won the DP World India Championship?
8. Which position does Lamine Yamal play?



Word Search

This word search contains words to do with Zambia! Can you find them all ... including the secret term not listed below. Clue: *What Zambia was known as before gaining independence in 1964.*



Landlocked	Great River	Victoria Falls	African fish Eagle	Flood Season
Plateau	Tonga	Lusaka	Bemba	Black rhino
Mafinga Hills	Maize	Kafue	Nyanja	Zambian Kwacha
Zambezi	National Parks	Shoebill Stork	David Livingstone	Mulishani

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Answers

Fill in the Blanks #1

1. Japan
2. years
3. ring
4. rikishi
5. weight
6. sport
7. rituals
8. seconds
9. culture

Fill in the Blanks #2

1. first
2. last
3. middle
4. member
5. none
6. tradition
7. documents
8. called
9. meaning

Fill in the Blanks #3

1. landmarks
2. Paris
3. Gustave
4. strange
5. iron
6. structure
7. stairs
8. city
9. attractions

All the Mistakes #1

1. cyclist
2. record
3. pedalled
4. ground
5. tackles
6. Tower
7. believe
8. done
9. one

All the Mistakes #2

1. chosen
2. becomes
3. job
4. president
5. seven
6. until
7. grew
8. worries
9. court

All the Mistakes #3

1. Mayor
2. member
3. since
4. speaker
5. language
6. feels
7. officially
8. ceremony
9. listens

Word Workout #1

1. Octopus
2. Blooms
3. Sunflower
4. Ring
5. Legally
6. Preschool
7. Tuberculosis
8. Ancient
9. Hobby

Word Workout #2

1. Hilarious
2. Responsible
3. Discovered
4. Retrieving
5. Relax
6. Landlocked
7. Incredible
8. Footprints
9. Seatbelts



Answers

Word Search



Eye Spy



In the News

Quiz 24

- 16
- His water bottle
- A primrose
- Japanese soil
- 2,253
- Joan Ganz Cooney
- Académie Julian in Paris
- PhD/Doctorate
- Steve Cole
- Twice
- €49.50
- The size of a pea
- Cleans itself
- The Backwards Alphabet
- Trains your brain to notice good things more often
- Five
- Red paint
- About 18.4 million
- 1855
- An orb weaver spider
- Australia
- Japan
- Senegal
- 10

- 14
- Westside
- The Saja Boys
- Seven years
- 2021
- 'Little white one' in Spanish
- Heather Humphries, Jim Gavin and Catherine Connolly
- October 24

Know Your Sport

- Three
- Group F
- At the World Athletics Championships in Tokyo, Japan
- 800m
- Canada, Mexico and the United States
- Roscommon
- Chicago
- Captain



Answers

From Puzzler Pages (pages 16 & 17 of News Flash)

Crack the Joke

*Why did the sky
laugh at the
mountains?
Because they
were hill-areas!*

FIGURE IT OUT

1. The human brain stops growing at age ten.
False – it keeps developing until around age 25.
2. Lightning is hotter than the surface of the Sun.
True – lightning can reach 30,000°C, while the temperature of the sun is estimated to be 5,500°C!
3. A group of crows is called a murder.
True – spooky but true!
4. Honey never goes off.
True – it can last thousands of years if sealed.
5. Space smells like burnt steak and metal.
True – astronauts have described it that way!

Sudoku

2	6	1	5	4	9	3	7	8
4	7	8	1	6	3	2	5	9
3	9	5	8	7	2	4	6	1
6	2	7	3	1	5	8	9	4
1	3	9	4	8	7	5	2	6
8	5	4	9	2	6	1	3	7
9	8	6	2	3	4	7	1	5
7	1	3	6	5	8	9	4	2
5	4	2	7	9	1	6	8	3

9	6	5	3	4	7	2	1	8
3	2	4	1	8	5	6	7	9
7	1	8	6	9	2	3	5	4
8	7	2	5	1	9	4	6	3
1	4	6	7	2	3	8	9	5
5	3	9	8	6	4	1	2	7
6	5	1	9	3	8	7	4	2
4	8	7	2	5	6	9	3	1
2	9	3	4	7	1	5	8	6

Word Search (magazine)

