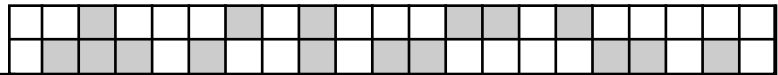


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Introduction

This book’s goal is to incorporate homonyms with cultural literacy information that is presented in calendar order, several for each month of the year. In this way, a lesson in language arts is combined with a lesson in cultural literacy. Students will interpret vocabulary in context, and practice reading and understanding passages, while focusing on homonyms and cultural literacy. This book features cultural literacy sentences for certain days and holidays of the year. Each sentence includes spaces that need to be filled in with homonyms. Students are instructed to circle the correct homonym.

In addition, a word search and crossword puzzle are provided for each month and for a special holiday section at the end. Not only are these exercises fun for the students, but they give them more practice with homonyms.

This Day in July



Directions: Circle the correct homonyms to complete each sentence. Remember that homonyms are words that sound alike but have a different meaning and a different spelling.

July 5

Tennis anyone? Arthur Ashe became the first African-American to win the men's tennis singles championship at Wimbledon. It was a (**grate, great**) day for (**hymn, him**) and it turned the (**tied, tide**) for other African-Americans in the field of tennis.

July 10

On this date in 1790, Washington, D.C., was chosen as the (**cite, sight, site**) of the (**capital, capitol**) of the United States of America.

July 13

Women began competing in the Olympics on this date in 1908. (**Yule, You'll**) be surprised to (**no, know**) that it was just twelve years after the first Olympics began in 1896.

July 15

"Twas the night before Christmas..." Clement Moore wrote the Christmas poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas." He was born on July 15, 1779. "And to (**all, awl**) a good (**knight, night**)."

July 16

Burr! Roald Amundsen discovered the South (**Pole, Poll**). He was born on this date (**inn, in**) 1872.

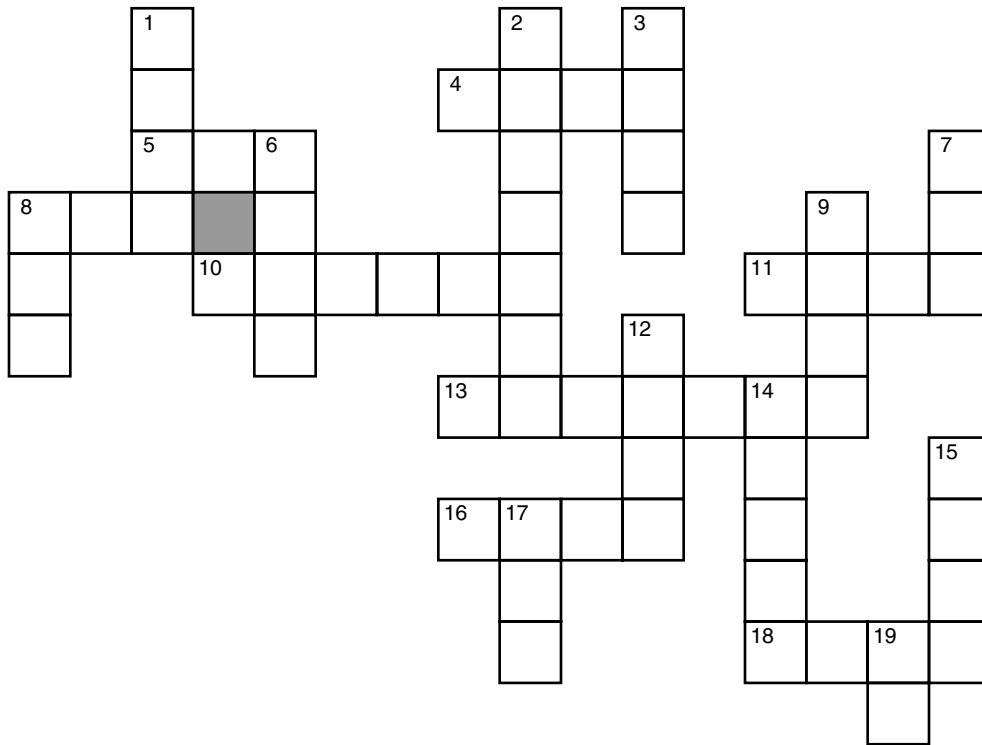
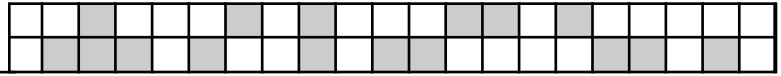
July 20

Counting 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, and blastoff! On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong stepped off Apollo 11 and became the first person (**too, to**) set his (**feet, feat**) on the moon. After he took the first step, he stated, "That's (**one, won**) small step for man and (**one, won**) giant leap for mankind." This happened just (**ate, eight**) years after Alan Shepard became the first American in space on May 5, 1961.

July 24

Amelia Earhart was born on this date in 1897. She (**maid, made**) the first solo flight (**buy, by**) a woman. The flight was across the Atlantic Ocean from Canada to Ireland.

July Crossword



Find the homonyms for . . .

Across

- 4. mail
- 5. hour
- 8. knew
- 10. night
- 11. him
- 13. aloud
- 16. pail
- 18. tied

Down

- 1. no
- 2. capital
- 3. sell
- 6. wring
- 7. son
- 8. knot
- 9. died
- 12. poll
- 14. ate
- 15. sight/cite
- 17. awl