

Do You Remember?



Synonym Matching: In the space provided, write the letter of the synonym on the right that corresponds to the word on the left.

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| 1. Placate _____ | A. Defiant |
| 2. Ratiocinate _____ | B. Appease |
| 3. Tedious _____ | C. Adept |
| 4. Tome _____ | D. Prance |
| 5. Recalcitrant _____ | E. Book |
| 6. Redact _____ | F. Think |
| 7. Burgeon _____ | G. Summary |
| 8. Synopsis _____ | H. Blossom |
| 9. Deft _____ | I. Boring |
| 10. Cavort _____ | J. Revise |



Reading Comprehension: Read the passage below and answer the questions based on the text.

The most popular kid in school was a rapper named Theo. He was the paragon of popularity at Attleboro High; so deft with a microphone that it rendered people silent with awe. He had a colossal entourage that faithfully followed him from class to class, and he dressed in the most cosmopolitan fashions. But if you asked Theo, he would have told you that he felt ostracized by one particular group: the chess club. Then, one day, Theo wasn't in school. When he came in the next day, something had changed. He wore thick, black-rimmed glasses. When someone asked Theo why, he said, "Why don't you ratiocinate for a minute? Could it be because I'm myopic? Oh, and call me Theodore." Needless to say, the school didn't know what to do. Theodore stopped rapping and joined the debate team to study elocution. He joined the Ant-Lovers Club to study entomology, and he walked the hallways with oversized Dungeons and Dragons tomes under his arm. There is a happy ending, however, for the chess club no longer treated him like a pariah. They welcomed Theodore as one of their own.

1. Which of the following does not attest or contribute to Theo's popularity early on in the passage?

- (A) He was a skilled rapper.
- (B) He had many followers.
- (C) He wore sophisticated clothes.
- (D) He was mostly silent.
- [(E) is missing?]

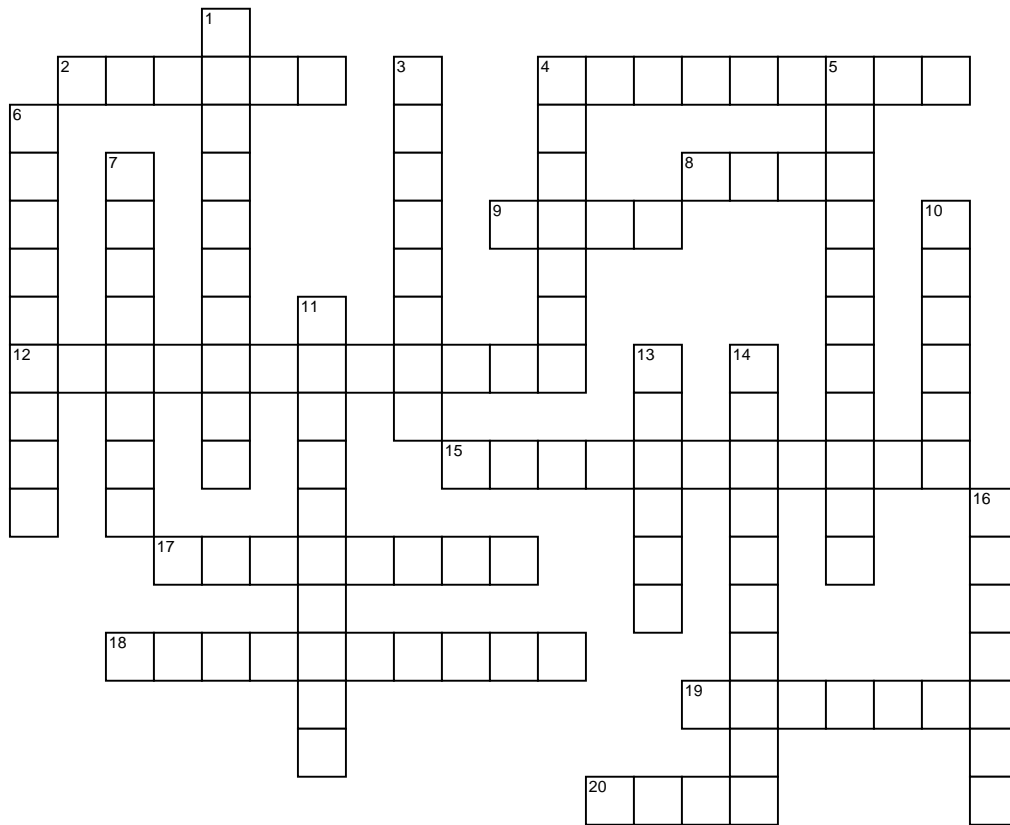
2. Which of the following most closely describes the reaction of the school in general to Theo's transformation?

- (A) Hatred
- (B) Bewilderment
- (C) Appreciation
- (D) Apprehension
- (E) Disgust



Transformation Puzzle #2

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ACROSS

- 2 to prance, dance about
- 4 to persist, remain constant
- 8 skilled, adept
- 9 enormous, immense
- 12 worldly, sophisticated
- 15 able to see and detect things that others cannot
- 17 careful, showing care
- 18 spacious, roomy
- 19 rhythm
- 20 insane, foolish

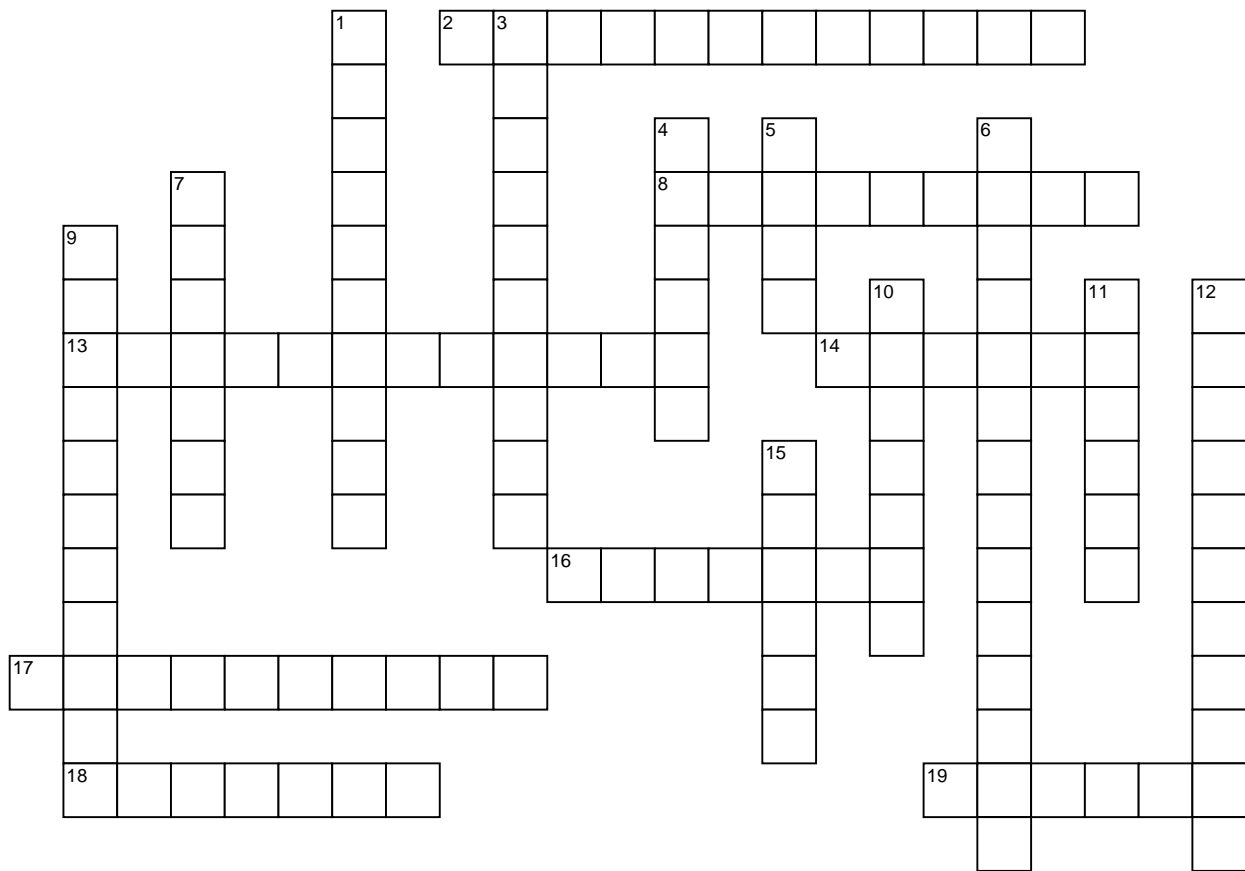
DOWN

- 1 loud, energetic
- 3 a summary
- 4 model of perfection
- 5 excessive, over-the-top
- 6 to exclude from a community
- 7 an enormous structure
- 10 present but hidden
- 11 large, ample
- 13 an outcast
- 14 excessive
- 16 to come forth, blossom

WORD BANK: Boisterous, burgeon, cadence, cavort, clairvoyant, colossus, commodious, cosmopolitan, daft, deft, diligent, exorbitant, extravagant, latent, ostracize, paragon, pariah, persevere, synopsis, vast, voluminous.

Transformation Puzzle #1

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ACROSS

- 2 defiant
- 8 the art of public speaking
- 13 to repeat, reiterate
- 14 to examine carefully
- 16 boring, dull
- 17 talkative
- 18 original, ground-breaking
- 19 intelligent, viable

DOWN

- 1 sociable
- 3 the study of insects
- 4 to say, or to make
- 5 a large book
- 6 indirect language
- 7 to soothe, appease
- 9 deserving of praise or merit
- 10 wordy
- 11 to revise, edit
- 12 to think, contemplate
- 15 short-sighted

WORD BANK: Circumlocution, cogent, elocution, entomology, gregarious, loquacious, meritorious, myopic, peruse, placate, ratiocinate, recalcitrant, recapitulate, redact, render, seminal, tedious, tome, verbose.