

EDUCATIONAL CROSSWORDS

*A fun way to
learn for reading
ages 7+*



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Teachers' Notes

Kids love solving puzzles and so these crosswords will help children develop their reading and writing skills whilst still having fun. As students complete the crosswords in this book they will develop their knowledge of: phonic sounds, silent letters, homophones, grammatical rules, plurals, present and past tenses, nouns, adjectives, and common abbreviations. They will also increase and consolidate their general knowledge on a range of topics.

Age Recommendations:

- Start students below their ability levels to give them confidence before the clues get progressively harder.
- The reading levels are only a guide; consider your students' individual abilities.
- Encourage students' use of dictionaries and thesauruses.
- Suggest that students use pencil rather than pen as mistakes can be so easily made.

National Curriculum Links

Year 1 English

- Explore differences in words that represent people, places and things (nouns, including pronouns), happenings and states (verbs), qualities (adjectives) and details such as when, where and how (adverbs) (ACELA1452)
- Know that regular one-syllable words are made up of letters and common letter clusters that correspond to the sounds heard, and how to use visual memory to write high-frequency words (ACELA1778)
- Recognise and know how to use morphemes in word families for example 'play' in 'played' and 'playing' (ACELA1455)
- Manipulate sounds in spoken words including phoneme deletion and substitution (ACELA1457)

Year 2 English

- Understand how to use digraphs, long vowels, blends and silent letters to spell words, and use morphemes and syllabification to break up simple words and use visual memory to write irregular words (ACELA1471)

National Curriculum Links

- Recognise common prefixes and suffixes and how they change a word's meaning (ACELA1472)
- Recognise most sound–letter matches including silent letters, vowel/consonant digraphs and many less common sound–letter combinations (ACELA1474)

Year 3 English

- Understand how to use sound–letter relationships and knowledge of spelling rules, compound words, prefixes, suffixes, morphemes and less common letter combinations, for example 'tion' (ACELA1485)
- Recognise high-frequency sight words (ACELA1486)

Year 4 English

- Understand how to use strategies for spelling words, including spelling rules, knowledge of morphemic word families, spelling generalisations, and letter combinations including double letters (ACELA1779)
- Recognise homophones and know how to use context to identify correct spelling (ACELA1780)

Year 5 English

- Understand how to use banks of known words, as well as word origins, prefixes and suffixes, to learn and spell new words (ACELA1513)
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Year 6 English

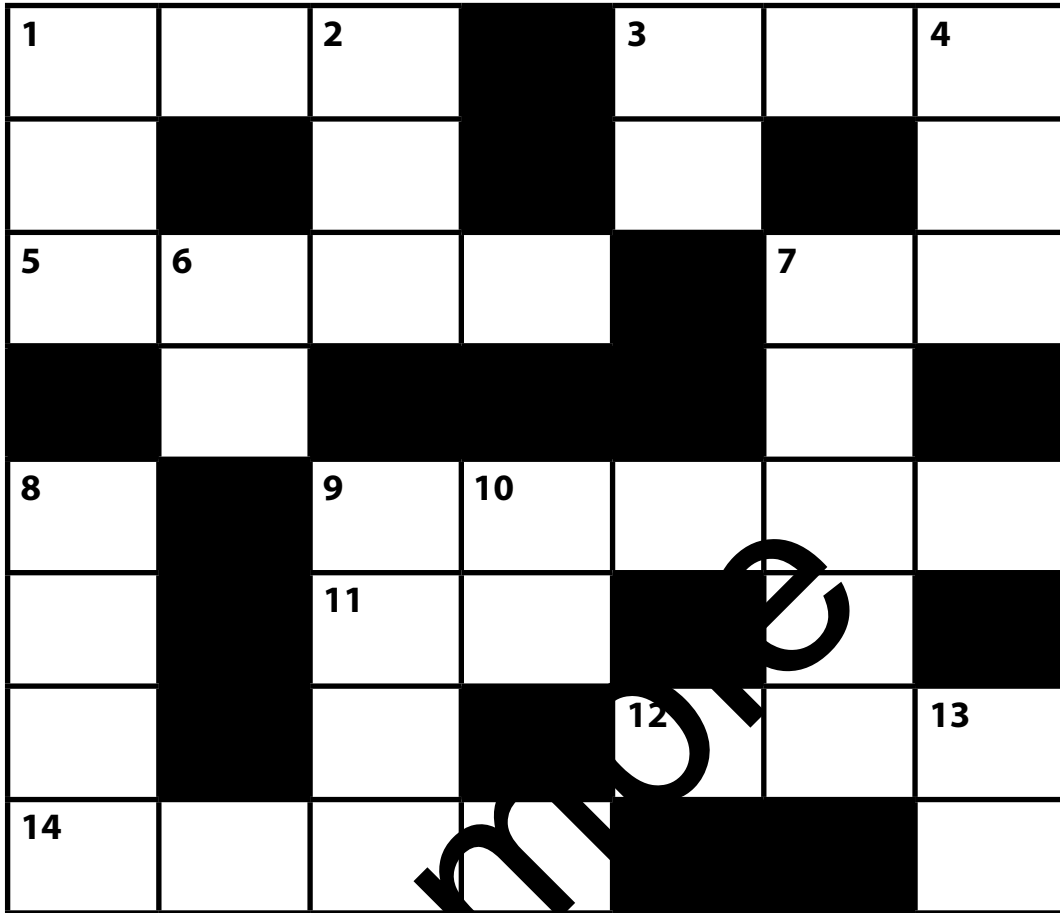
- Understand how to use banks of known words, word origins, base words, suffixes and prefixes, morphemes, spelling patterns and generalisations to learn and spell new words, for example technical words and words adopted from other languages (ACELA1526)

Section 1:
For Reading Ages 7 - 8 Years

Sample



CROSSWORD 1



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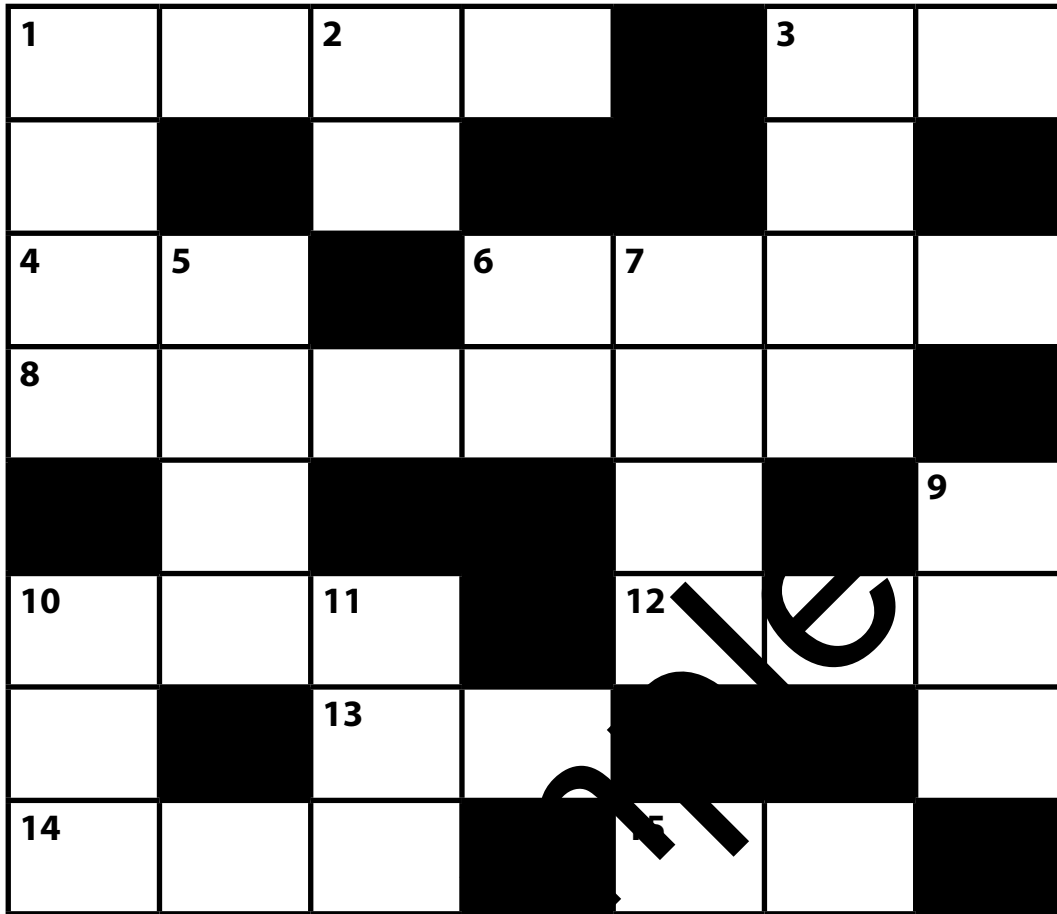
1. A house pet
3. Opposite of *in*
5. Moving air
7. Opposite of *down*
9. You have two of these on your body
11. Not old but **n**__
(the missing letters)
12. Your hand is attached to your ___
14. Anything made of this costs a lot of money

DOWN

1. A farm animal
2. Six plus four
3. A piece __ cake
4. Water comes out of this
6. Opposite of *out*
7. Opposite of *over*
8. A phone does this
9. The back of your foot
10. Today I see it, yesterday I **s**__ it
(the missing letters)
13. Another word for *I*



CROSSWORD 4



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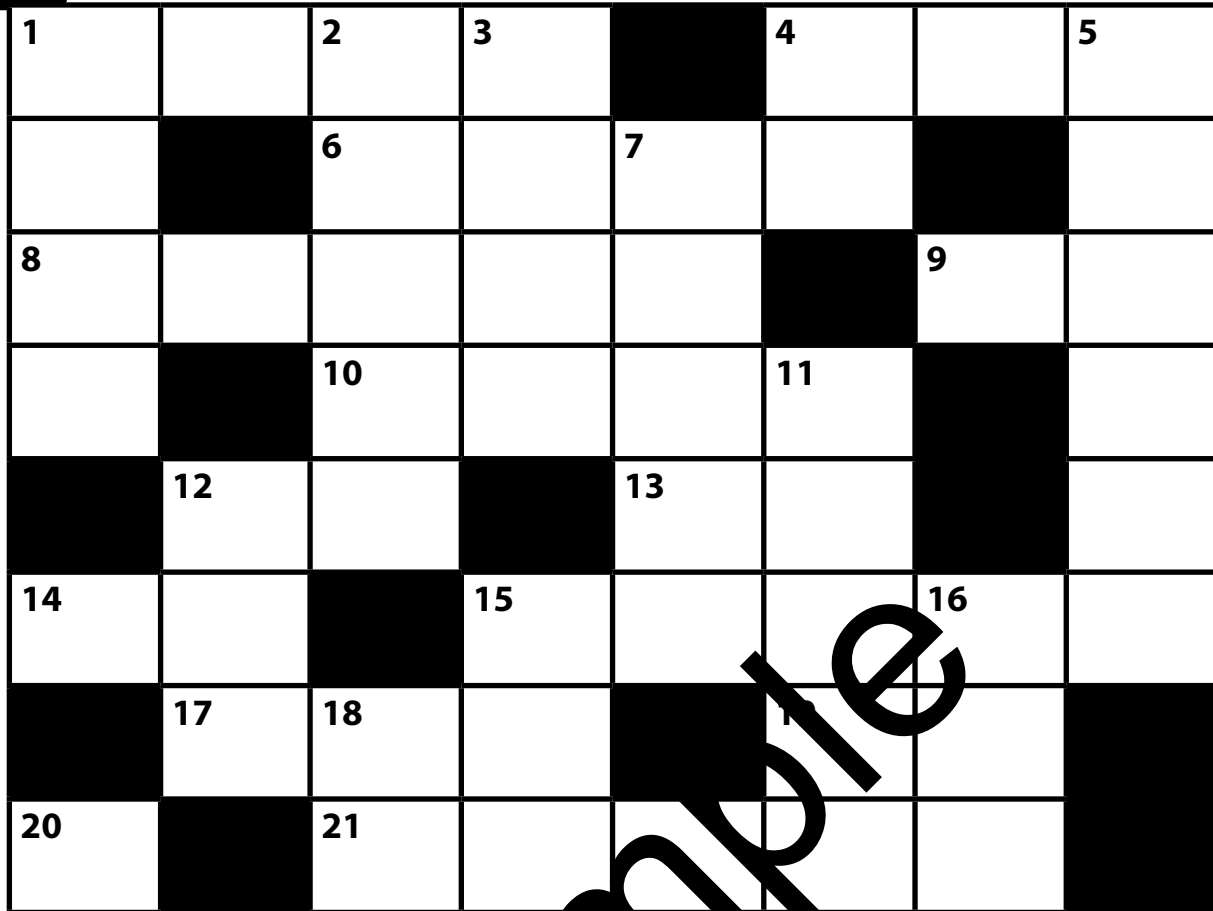
1. Will you _____ to my house?
3. A piece __ pie
4. When we mix water and dirt we get **m** __ (the missing letters)
6. We keep the lawn mower in the _____
8. We give each other chocolate eggs at this time
10. It is above us all the time
12. I will ___ a hole
13. We need to eat **f** __ **d** to live (the missing letters)
14. The letters of *use* jumbled up (doesn't make a new word)
15. Another word for *us*

DOWN

1. Each of the numbers under *across* and *down* give us a _____
2. That is __ mother
3. Opposite of *under*
5. At night it gets _____
6. Opposite of *west*: **ea** __ (the missing letters)
7. This sits on your neck
9. If you are eight years old, that is your _____
10. Opposite to *he*
11. ___ are my friend



CROSSWORD 8



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1. The colour you get when you mix red and white
4. Fifteen take away fourteen
6. It hurts if you **p**____ (the missing letters)
8. The noun of angry: He shows lots of _____ when he yells at us
9. When a cloud comes down to earth it is called **f**__ (the missing letters)
10. The back of your foot
12. I will go to bed __ eight o'clock
13. A farm animal: __ **g** (the missing letters)
14. The *opposite* of outside is __ **side** (the missing letters)
15. A fairy *tale* is a _____
17. You need to learn to ___ your shoelaces
19. The opposite of *somewhere* is __ **where** (the missing letters)
20. The silent letter in the word *listen*
21. Opposite of *most*

DOWN

1. A yellowy green fruit
2. Opposite of *day*
3. A part of your leg
4. __ dear!
5. Forty plus forty
7. Today I will *creep* up the stairs, yesterday I _____ up the stairs (the missing letters)
11. _____ and tigers are big cats
12. An insect
15. Another word for *look*
16. If you leave food lying around for weeks it will ____
18. There is a **p**__ **e** of clothes on the floor (the missing letters)



CROSSWORD 3



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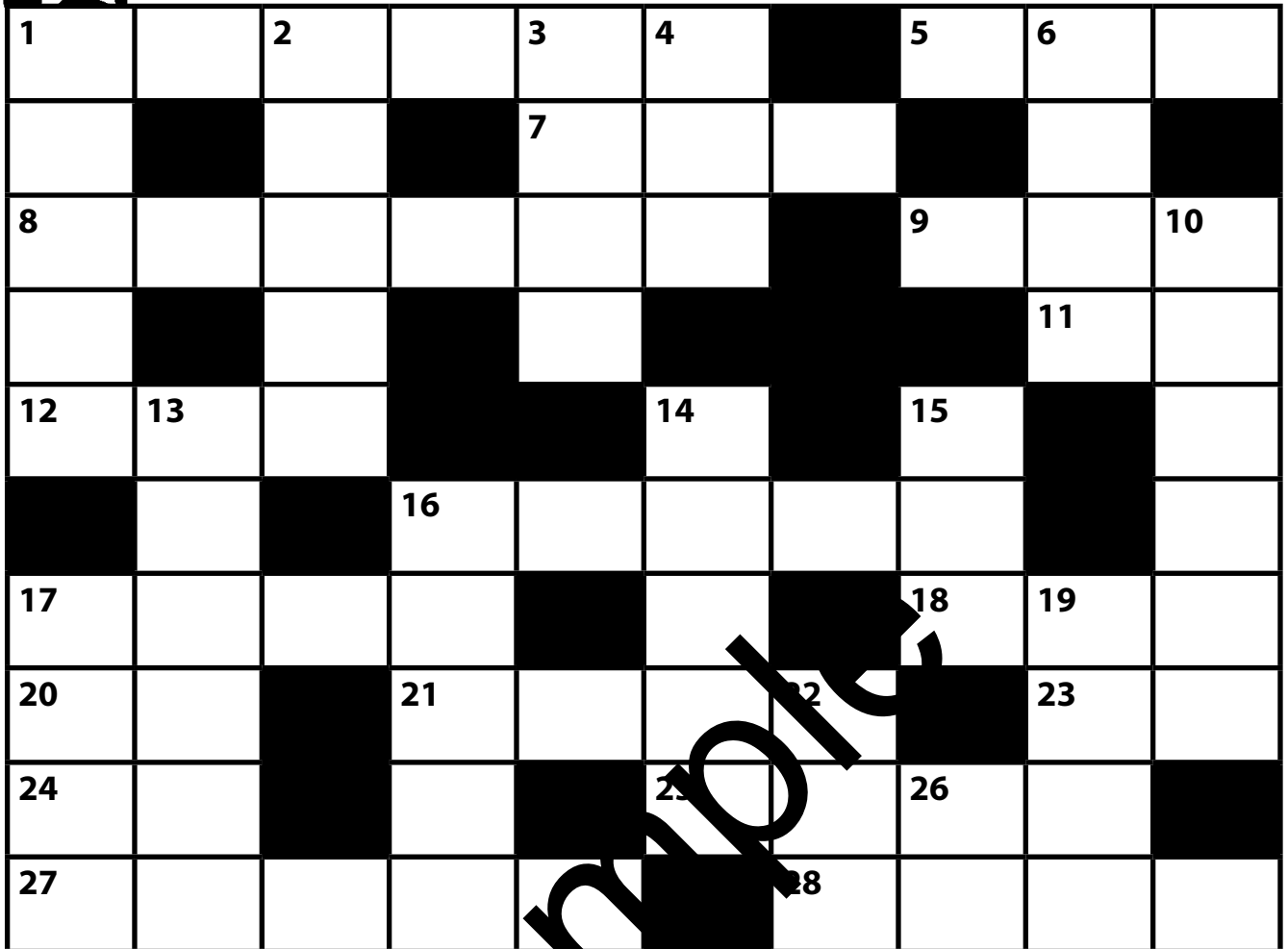
1. It is *there/ their/ they* house
4. A covering over the face called a **m**___ (the missing letters)
6. It is ___ turn now
9. I would like a meat **p**__ for lunch (the missing letters)
10. Another word for *tidy*
12. There are seven of these in a week
13. If you have a pet, you must ___ it regularly
16. To do it again is to __ **peat** it (the missing letters)
17. We use a match to start a ____
18. Today I will *say* it, yesterday I **s**___ it (the missing letters)
19. _____ **ay**, today and tomorrow are 3 days, one after the other (the missing letters)

DOWN

1. These are fun to play with
2. If food is not cooked, it is __ **w** (the missing letters)
3. This stops a car: **br**___ (the missing letters)
5. She ___ on a chair
7. In a storm there is often **th**_____ and lightning (the missing letters)
8. To understand words, is to know how to ____
11. Today I will lie down, yesterday I **l**__ down (the missing letters)
13. Twenty, thirty, _____
14. We have money so that we can _____ it on interesting things
15. There are five _____ **s** on a pentagon (the missing letters)
17. We wear clothes that ___ us well
18. I will go __ long as you come with me



CROSSWORD 4



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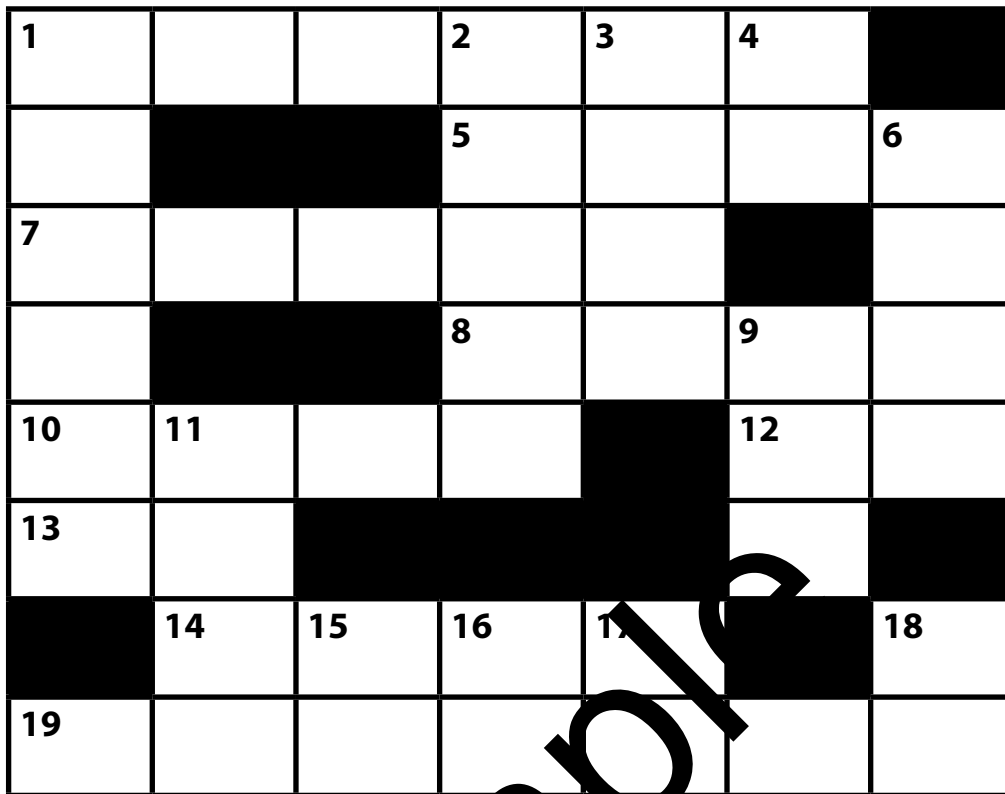
1. Six plus five
5. A haunted house has a ____ st
(the missing letters)
7. One hundred divided by ten
8. A furry animal about the size of a cat
9. This holds a lot of water on a farm
11. Baby animals are very **cu** ____
(the missing letters)
12. ____ are you today?
16. A reptile
17. We eat this part of the celery plant
18. The past tense of *eat*
20. One person, two **p** ____ **ple**
(the missing letters)
21. A **w** ____ can cast spells
(the missing letters)
23. A gift: a **p** ____ **e** ____ **ent** (the missing letters)
24. The 1st two letters of the alphabet
25. Bees live in this
27. Seventeen minus ten
28. *Keep* spelt backwards

DOWN

1. Our planet
2. A joint in your arm
3. We use our front teeth to do this
(spelt backwards)
4. This can be used to catch fish
6. When it is cold we need to ____ our
houses
10. There are 1,000 of these in a kilometre
13. The 10th month of the year ____ ____ **r**
(the missing letters)
14. This can tell you what time it is
15. A hot drink
16. You do this when you are pleased
17. Large areas of salt water
19. A very tall plant
22. The joint at the top of your leg
26. He is ____ **ry** happy (the missing letters)



CROSSWORD 6



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1. Today I will buy it, yesterday I _____ it
5. If you are dishonest, you tell _____
7. The present tense of *broke*
8. A black marine mammal with flippers that swims very fast
10. You can eat these boiled, fried or scrambled
12. When a plant starts to die, it will **w__t** (the missing letters)
13. A homophone (sounds the same but is spelt differently) of *sew* = **__w** (the missing letters)
14. A male lion has this and a lioness doesn't (the letters are jumbled up)
19. It is nice to _____ presents at Christmas time

DOWN

1. The plural (more than one) of *baby*
2. Window panes are made of this
3. A word for a long walk in the country
4. The present tense of *told*: **__ll** (the missing letters)
6. To give something to someone in exchange for money
9. Frozen rain: **h__** (the missing letters)
11. Today I will go to school, but he has already _____ to school
15. The front part of your head: **f__e** (the missing letters)
16. Opposite of *sour*: **sw__t** (the missing letters)
17. I own it so it is **__ne** (the missing letters)
18. The past tense of *hear*: **__ard** (the missing letters)