

Word Stories

album	ketchup	leotard	cyclone	dahlia
oxygen	manuscript	academy	zany	volcano

MANY WORDS HAVE INTERESTING **STORIES** ABOUT THEIR ORIGIN.

If someone is **zany**, that person is clownish.



An **album** is a book with blank pages for holding photos or other collections.

Ketchup is a tomato sauce. / A **leotard** is a bodysuit that dancers wear.

A **cyclone** is a violent, rotating windstorm. / A **dahlia** is a kind of flower.

Oxygen is a colorless gas in the air that people, animals, and plants need to breathe.

Manuscript is the text of a book or paper. / An **academy** is a school.

A **volcano** is a cone-shaped mountain that is formed by lava erupting from a crack in Earth's surface.

A. Write a vocabulary word for each word story.

- The Greek word *kyklos* refers to a circle. _____
- The Italian word *zanni* means a clown. _____
- In ancient Rome, public notices were posted on blank tablets named from the Latin word *albus*, meaning "white." _____
- The Greek philosopher Plato taught students in a grove called Akadçmeia. _____
- Long ago, people in China made a pickled fish sauce called ke-tsiap. _____
- Two Latin words, *manu* and *scriptus*, mean "hand" and "write." _____

B. Draw a line from each vocabulary word to the person associated with the word.

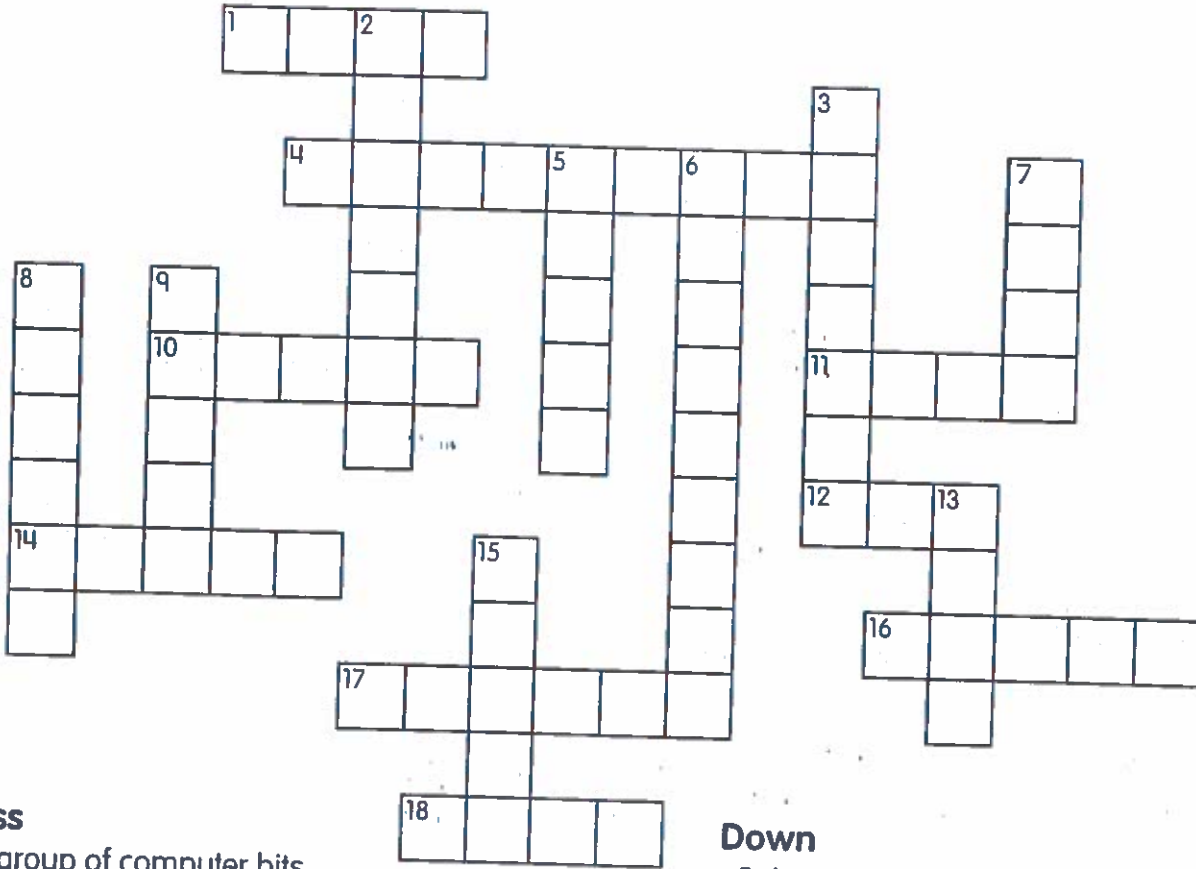
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| 1. oxygen | a. Vulcan was the Roman god of fire. |
| 2. volcano | b. Anders Dahl was a Swedish botanist in the 1700s. |
| 3. leotard | c. French chemist Antoine Laurent Lavoisier first used this word after an important element was identified in the 18th century. |
| 4. dahlia | d. Jules Léotard was a French tightrope walker. |

Word Meaning

Spelling

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Complete the crossword puzzle using spelling words.
There are two words not on the spelling list. See if you can figure them out.



Across

1. a group of computer bits
4. the head of a school
10. the period of time a king rules the country
11. a person who inherits property
12. an abbreviation for **submarine**
14. the place where an event or action occurs
16. thoughts expressed vocally are said _____
17. the contraction for **they are**
18. a small island

Down

2. in one end of a tunnel and out the other end
3. garments to wear on the body
5. a steep slide
6. a basic truth or law
7. a period of time
8. a trip by boat from place to place
9. to record thoughts in written form
13. something that makes a ringing sound
15. groups of people working together

My Spelling Dictation

Write the sentences. Circle the spelling words.

1. _____

2. _____
