

# ENGLISH PLUS

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ANSWER  
KEY

## PRACTICE WORKSHEETS

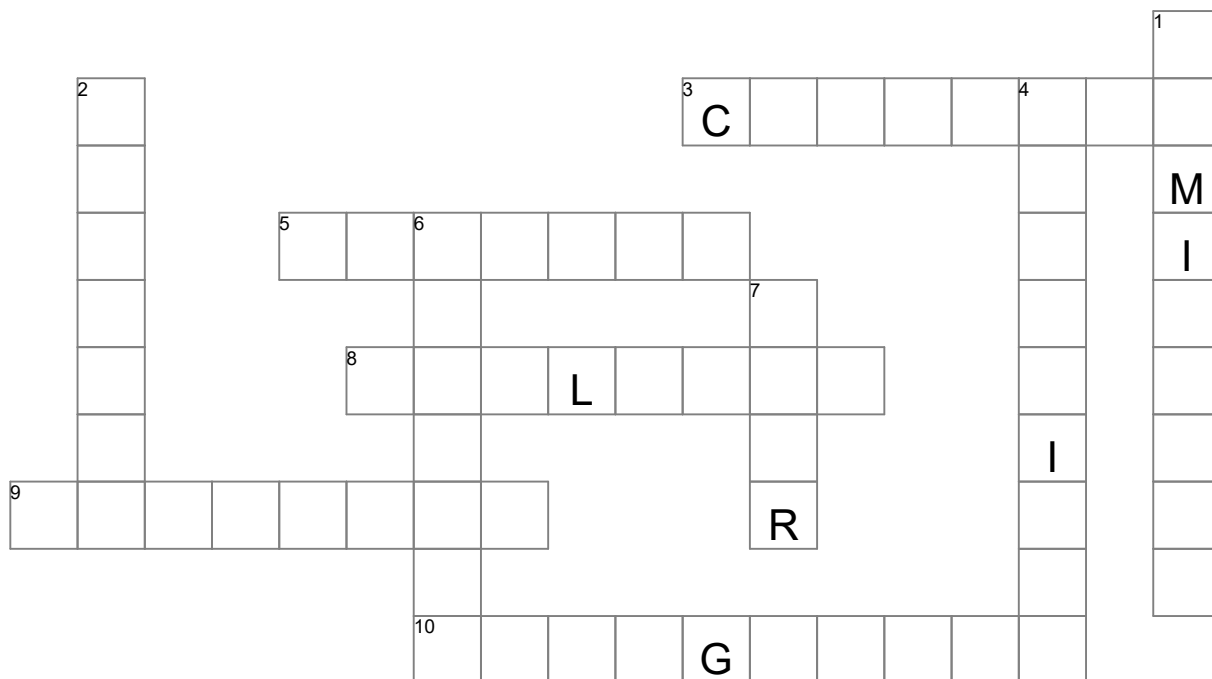


### WORD POWER

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1. *Using the Across and Down clues, write the correct words in the numbered grid below.*



## ACROSS

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5. dried out or up, dry, withered, scorched
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10. overstatement, inflation, emphasis, excess

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1. recall, remember, look back, hark
2. make up, design, prepare, manufacture
4. get round, clear, pass, cross
6. decide, determine, undertake, make up your mind
7. raise up, lift, hold up, elevate

**Choose the best option the completes the sentences below:**

2. \_\_\_\_ If you \_\_\_\_ an excuse or explanation, you invent one that is not true.  
a. rear   b. convince   c. negotiate   d. resolve   e. concoct
3. \_\_\_\_ If your mouth, throat, or lips are \_\_\_\_, they are unpleasantly dry.  
a. exaggerate   b. concoct   c. reminisce   d. parched   e. straddle
4. \_\_\_\_ An \_\_\_\_ place is a long way away from large towns and is difficult to reach.  
a. parched   b. rear   c. reminisce   d. isolated   e. exaggerate
5. \_\_\_\_ to think, talk, or write about remembered events or experiences  
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6. \_\_\_\_ If someone or something \_\_\_\_s you to do something, they persuade you to do it.  
a. convince   b. isolated   c. exaggerate   d. reminisce   e. straddle
7. \_\_\_\_ The \_\_\_\_ of something such as a building or vehicle is the back part of it.  
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8. \_\_\_\_ If people \_\_\_\_ with each other or \_\_\_\_ an agreement, they talk about a problem or a situation such as a business arrangement in order to solve the problem or complete the arrangement.  
a. reminisce   b. negotiate   c. resolve   d. concoct   e. parched

9. \_\_\_\_ If something \_\_\_\_\_s a river, road, border, or other place, it stretches across it or exists on both sides of it.  
a. straddle b. exaggerate c. convince d. resolve e. isolated
10. \_\_\_\_ If something \_\_\_\_\_s a situation, quality, or feature, it makes the situation, quality, or feature appear greater, more obvious, or more important than it really is.  
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12. \_\_\_\_ a. RSOLV b. RASOLVE c. RESOLVE d. RESOZVE  
If you \_\_\_\_\_ to do something, you make a firm decision to do it.
13. \_\_\_\_ a. RMINISC b. REMINISCE c. REMMINISCE d. REMINISE  
If you \_\_\_\_\_ about something from your past, you write or talk about it, often with pleasure.
14. \_\_\_\_ a. CONNCOCT b. CONCOCT c. KONKOCOT d. CONCOCTE  
If you \_\_\_\_\_ something, especially something unusual, you make it by mixing several things together.
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If you feel \_\_\_\_\_, you feel lonely and without friends or help.
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When a horse \_\_\_\_\_s, it moves the front part of its body upwards, so that its front legs are high in the air and it is standing on its back legs.
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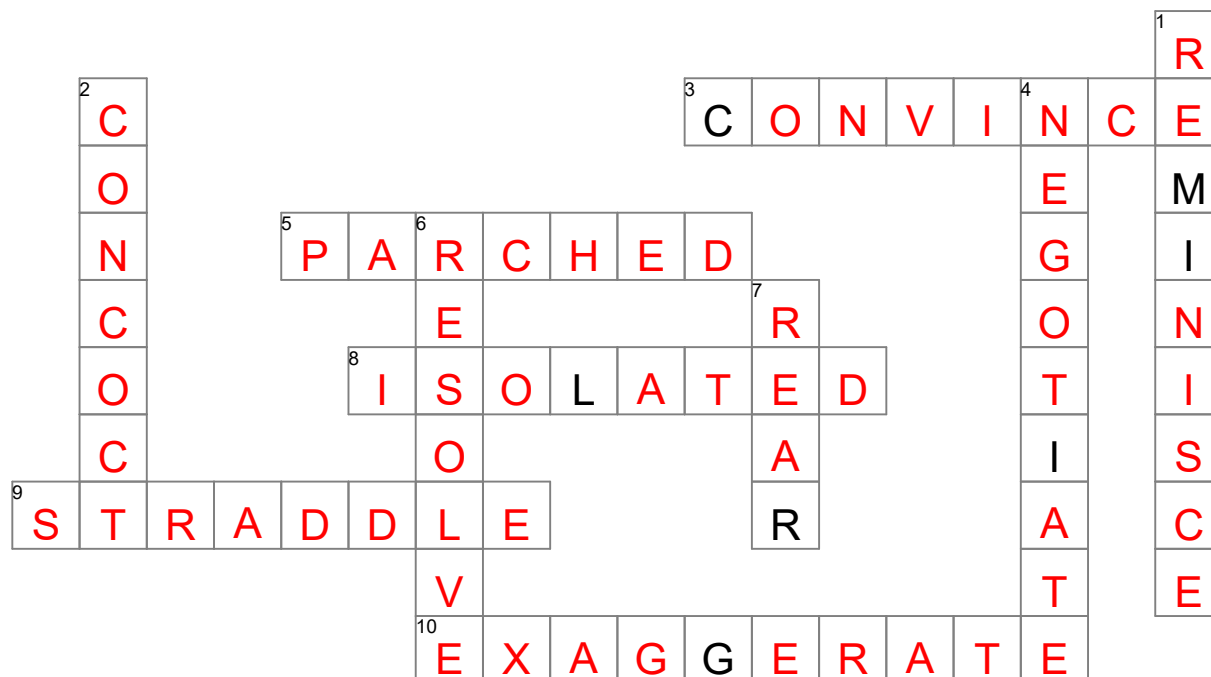
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