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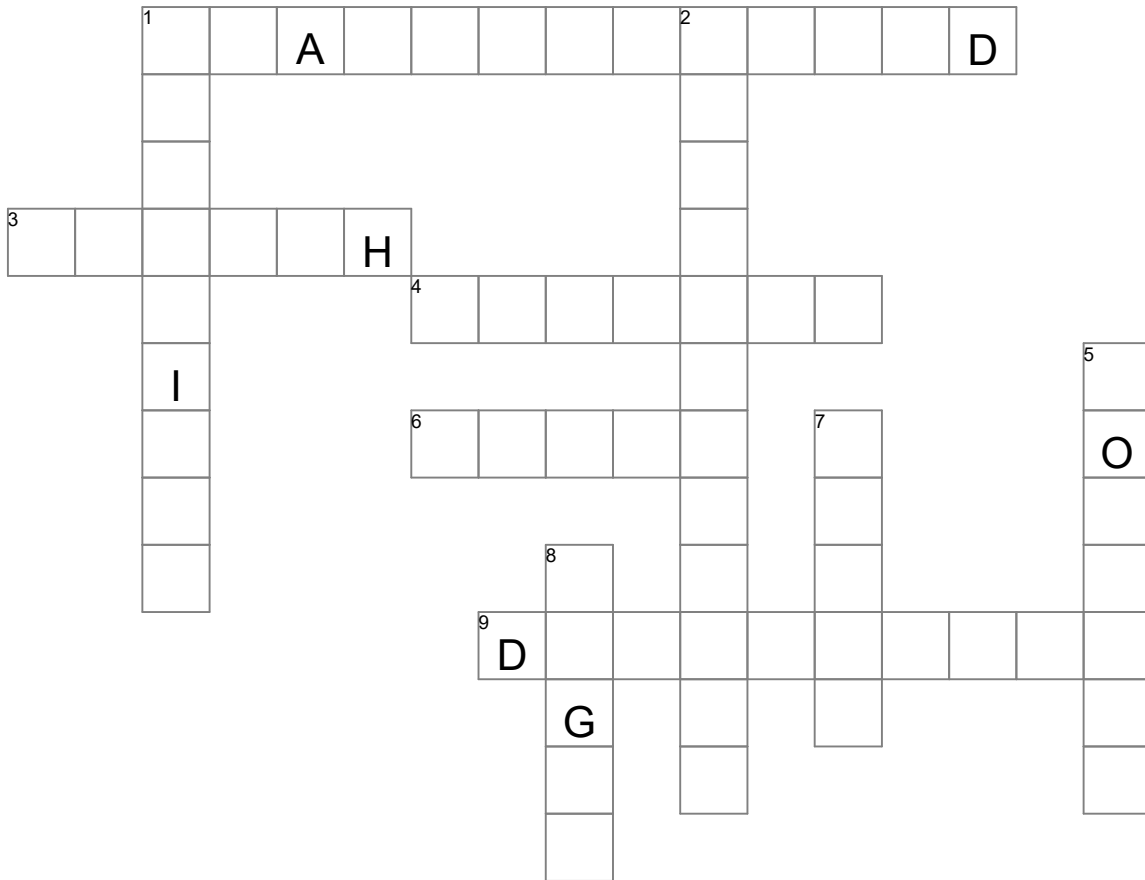


WORD POWER

THE TALE OF OSEBO'S DRUM

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7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
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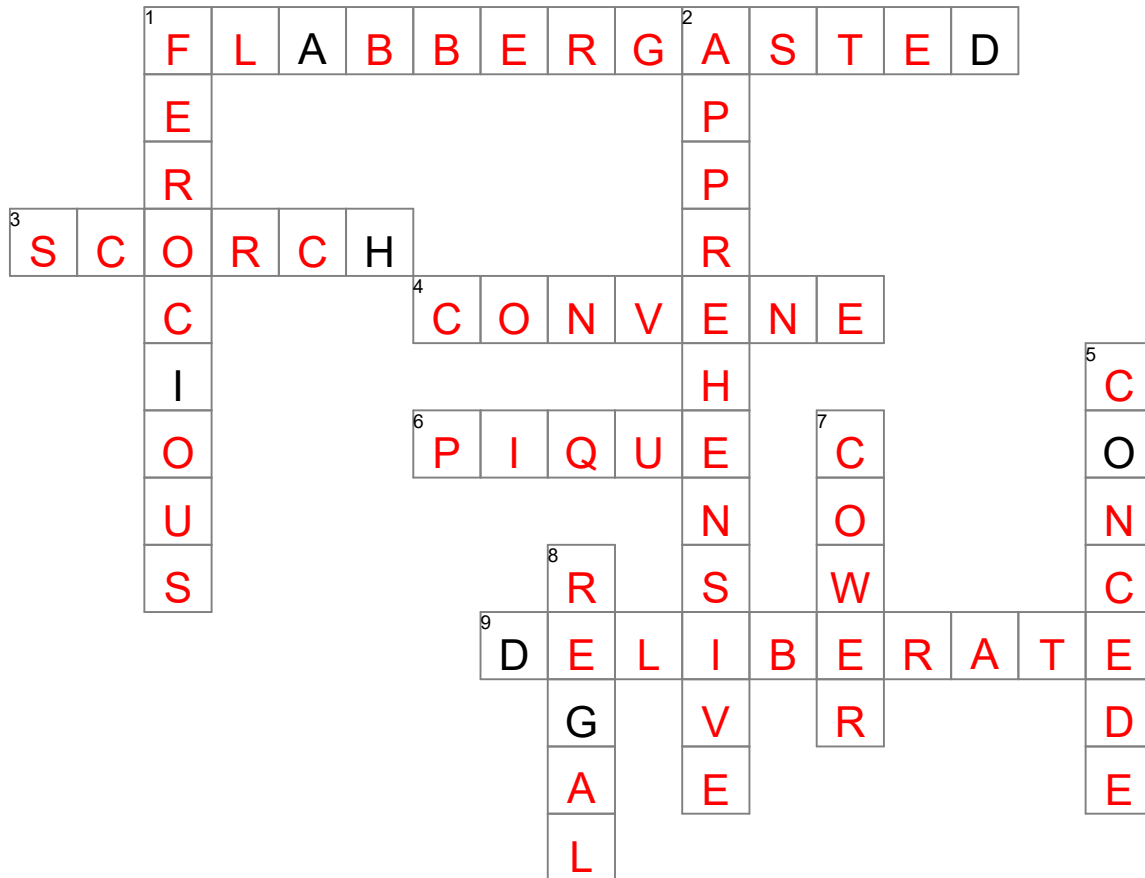
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Turtle presented the drum to Nyame with Osebo inside it. In exchange for his freedom, Osebo offered the drum to Nyame as a gift. As he hurried away, Osebo stumbled into the Sky God's fire and **scorched** himself in many places, leaving dark spots on his hide. As a reward, Nyame offered Turtle anything he desired. Fearing the other animals, Turtle asked for a hard cover to protect his back. And to this day, the turtle always travels with a hard shell on its back. 27. _____
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