

# ENGLISH PLUS

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ANSWER  
KEY

## PRACTICE WORKSHEETS



### WORD POWER

## INVENTORS AND INVENTIONS

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

## ACROSS

1. A \_\_\_\_ was a king of ancient Egypt.
5. If you refer to an action, or the result of an action, as a \_\_\_\_, you admire it because it is an impressive and difficult achievement.
6. A \_\_\_\_ is a pointed piece of stone or rock that is high above the ground.
8. \_\_\_\_ means covered or highlighted with gold or something of a golden color.
9. Something that is \_\_\_\_ has a special quality or feature which makes it easily recognizable and different from other things of the same type.

## DOWN

1. Someone who is \_\_\_\_ continues trying to do something, even though it is difficult or other people are against it.
2. If you \_\_\_\_ the benefits or the rewards of something, you enjoy the good things that happen as a result of it.
3. If you \_\_\_\_ to do something or \_\_\_\_ for something, you make a great effort to do it or get it.
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