

# ENGLISH PLUS

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ANSWER  
KEY

## PRACTICE WORKSHEETS



### LISTENING

### MAGIC

# Listening | Magic

## Comprehension

1. *Put the headings where they belong in the text below.*

[1]

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Can you fly like a bird by saying certain words? Or change ordinary metals into gold with a **potion**? Or cause a rainstorm by dancing in a special way? Of course not-that would be magic!

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Most magic tricks depend on a practice called misdirection. Misdirection happens when a magician fools the audience into looking the wrong way at key moments. Magicians also use **sleight** of hand. This means they move their hands too quickly for people to see. Finally, magicians use special equipment. That is why people sometimes say magic is done with "smoke and mirrors."

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- A. MAGIC AND RELIGION
- B. MAGIC AS A CAREER?
- C. MAGIC
- D. MAGIC FOR FUN
- E. MAGICIANS OF THE PAST

# Key Vocabulary Practice

2. Beginning with the circled letter, use the clues to find and mark the trail of letters of all the connected words through the maze to the last letter. The path can wander up, down, left, right, and diagonally.

R	V	B	D	X	A	A	A	Z	Q	H	V	H	D	Z	K	N	A	L	Z
E	Y	R	Z	S	Z	H	B	F	K	H	J	W	Z	R	M	O	W	S	E
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G	F	Q	L	N	U	Z	W	U	C	R	C	H	Q	S	A	S	Q	R	C
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D	E	U	M	E	I	P	Y	M	L	W	A	D	L	F	Q	A	U	S	E
C	O	Z	A	L	O	Q	X	L	W	J	P	U	A	X	D	N	P	V	Y
E	F	Z	N	S	J	N	F	G	P	U	P	I	M	D	O	R	E	J	B
V	N	Q	K	Z	Q	R	P	M	Y	U	N	J	U	S	U	Q	N	S	U

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a situation in which events are controlled by a magical power.
2. a priest or medicine man, esp. among N Asian peoples, who is believed able to heal and to foretell the future through communication with good and evil spirits
3. \_\_\_\_\_ of hand is the deceiving of someone in a skillful way.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ activities happen as part of a \_\_\_\_\_ or tradition.
5. Something that \_\_\_\_\_s in or through the air hangs in it or moves slowly and gently through it.
6. any of various hand tools for cutting wood, metal, etc, having a blade with teeth along one edge
7. If someone turns on the \_\_\_\_\_, they behave in a way that seems very friendly but which you think is insincere, often in order to obtain something or deceive someone.
8. historically, in mythology and fiction, a woman believed to practise magic or sorcery, esp black magic

9. You can describe stories or reports as \_\_\_\_\_ if you disapprove of them because they present facts in a way that is intended to cause feelings of shock, anger, or excitement.
10. In fairy stories, a \_\_\_\_\_ is a person who performs magic by using the power of evil spirits.
11. puzzle, amaze, confuse
12. paranormal, mysterious, unearthly, uncanny
13. \_\_\_\_\_ is something which has very bad consequences for you.
14. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a drink that contains medicine, poison, or something that is supposed to have magic powers.

**For each question below a number of similar words appear, but only one is spelled correctly and matches the clue that is provided. Write the letter of the correctly spelled word in the space by the question number.**

3. \_\_\_ a. SORCIRIR b. SORCERER c. SORCEHER d. SERCERER  
In fairy stories, a \_\_\_\_\_ is a person who performs magic by using the power of evil spirits.
4. \_\_\_ a. SAN b. SOW c. SAW d. SAV  
If you \_\_\_\_\_ something, you cut it with a \_\_\_\_\_.
5. \_\_\_ a. POTON b. POCIAN c. POTION d. POSION  
A \_\_\_\_\_ is a drink that contains medicine, poison, or something that is supposed to have magic powers.
6. \_\_\_ a. RIBUAL b. RITUAL c. RITAUUL d. RITUAD  
A \_\_\_\_\_ is a religious service or other ceremony which involves a series of actions performed in a fixed order.
7. \_\_\_ a. SPELLE b. SPELL c. SPEL d. SPPELL  
A \_\_\_\_\_ is a situation in which events are controlled by a magical power.
8. \_\_\_ a. FLOAT b. FLUAT c. FLOATE d. FLOAL  
Something that \_\_\_\_\_s in or through the air hangs in it or moves slowly and gently through it.
9. \_\_\_ a. SLEIT b. SLEIGPT c. SLEIGHT d. SLLEIGHT  
\_\_\_\_\_ of hand is the deceiving of someone in a skillful way.
10. \_\_\_ a. WITCHE b. WHITCH c. WITCH d. WETCH  
In fairy stories, a \_\_\_\_\_ is a woman, usually an old woman, who has evil magic powers. Witches often wear a pointed black hat, and have a pet black cat.
11. \_\_\_ a. CKARM b. CHORM c. CHARM d. CHARRM  
A \_\_\_\_\_ is an act, saying, or object that is believed to have magic powers.
12. \_\_\_ a. CHAMAN b. SHAGAN c. SHAMAS d. SHAMAN  
Among some Native American peoples, a \_\_\_\_\_ is a person who is believed to have powers to heal sick people or to remove evil spirits from them.

13. \_\_\_ a. SENSATIONL b. CENSATIONAL c. SENSATIONALL d. SENSATIONAL  
A \_\_\_\_\_ result, event, or situation is so remarkable that it causes great excitement and interest.
14. \_\_\_ a. SUPERNATURALL b. SUPERNATURAL c. SUPERNATUJAL d. SUPERNATURAL  
Supernatural creatures, forces, and events are believed by some people to exist or happen, although they are impossible according to scientific laws.
15. \_\_\_ a. BAFLE b. BAFFLE c. BAFFLEE d. BAFFL  
If something \_\_\_\_\_s you, you cannot understand it or explain it.
16. \_\_\_ a. DISASTER b. DESASTER c. DISASTIR d. DISASCER  
A \_\_\_\_\_ is a very bad accident such as an earthquake or a plane crash, especially one in which a lot of people are killed.

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

17. \_\_\_ Something that \_\_\_\_\_s lies on or just below the surface of a liquid when it is put in it and does not sink.  
a. sorcerer b. float c. sleight d. potion e. witch
18. \_\_\_ to perplex; bewilder; puzzle  
a. ritual b. shaman c. float d. saw e. baffle
19. \_\_\_ historically, in mythology and fiction, a woman believed to practise magic or sorcery, esp black magic  
a. spell b. sensational c. supernatural d. charm e. witch
20. \_\_\_ You can describe something as \_\_\_\_\_ when you think that it is extremely good.  
a. disaster b. sensational c. witch d. ritual e. disaster
21. \_\_\_ a priest or medicine man, esp. among N Asian peoples, who is believed able to heal and to foretell the future through communication with good and evil spirits  
a. saw b. shaman c. spell d. baffle e. potion
22. \_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ is a way of behaving or a series of actions which people regularly carry out in a particular situation, because it is their custom to do so.  
a. shaman b. sorcerer c. supernatural d. ritual e. sensational
23. \_\_\_ any of various hand tools for cutting wood, metal, etc, having a blade with teeth along one edge  
a. saw b. float c. sleight d. sleight e. charm
24. \_\_\_ a person who seeks to control and use magic powers; wizard or magician  
a. saw b. spell c. sensational d. shaman e. sorcerer
25. \_\_\_ of or relating to things that cannot be explained according to natural laws  
a. charm b. potion c. witch d. supernatural e. disaster
26. \_\_\_ skill or dexterity  
a. sleight b. ritual c. sorcerer d. float e. baffle
27. \_\_\_ a drink, esp. of medicine, poison, or some supposedly magic beverage  
a. sensational b. spell c. potion d. disaster e. sleight

28. \_\_\_\_ If you are under someone 's \_\_\_\_\_, you are so fascinated by them that you cannot think about anything else.  
 a. float b. potion c. saw d. spell e. charm
29. \_\_\_\_ If you say that something worked like a \_\_\_\_\_, you mean that it was very effective or successful.  
 a. charm b. baffle c. supernatural d. witch e. sorcerer
30. \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ is something which has very bad consequences for you.  
 a. charm b. spell c. disaster d. shaman e. ritual
31. **Using the Across and Down clues, write the correct words in the numbered grid below.**

**ACROSS**

4. concoction, mixture, brew, tonic
5. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a tool for cutting wood, which has a blade with sharp teeth along one edge. Some \_\_\_\_\_s are pushed backwards and forwards by hand, and others are powered by electricity.
6. If you refer to something as a \_\_\_\_\_, you are emphasizing that you think it is extremely bad or unacceptable.
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13. cunning or craft used in deceiving

**DOWN**

1. If something or someone is \_\_\_\_\_ing in a liquid, they are in the liquid, on or just below the surface, and are being supported by it. You can also \_\_\_\_\_ something on a liquid.
2. You can describe stories or reports as \_\_\_\_\_ if you disapprove of them because they present facts in a way that is intended to cause feelings of shock, anger, or excitement.
3. A \_\_\_\_\_ is someone who claims to have magic powers and to be able to use them for good or bad purposes.
5. magician, witch, wizard, magus
7. If something or someone casts their \_\_\_\_\_ on you or casts a \_\_\_\_\_ on you, you are fascinated or charmed by them.



- 8. a medicine man of a similar religion, esp. among certain tribes of Native Americans
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_ activities happen as part of a \_\_\_\_\_ or tradition.

32. **Find the hidden words. The words have been placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. When you locate a word, draw a circle around it.**

E	W	V	E	B	Y	K	R	S	E	N	S	A	T	I	O	N	A	L	L
F	S	L	E	I	G	H	T	I	K	Z	H	T	C	T	M	D	H	H	A
Y	Q	D	Q	U	T	X	C	W	T	J	A	M	Q	J	C	C	P	X	R
C	F	T	I	A	A	M	S	L	J	U	M	J	Q	A	T	R	P	P	U
M	U	J	O	S	Y	L	L	K	U	E	A	E	Q	I	J	E	I	B	T
B	Z	L	L	R	A	E	L	P	I	Q	N	L	W	N	W	R	O	J	A
S	F	Z	K	B	P	S	M	X	P	A	P	Q	E	H	Q	E	C	A	N
N	E	Y	H	S	A	R	T	K	T	L	O	W	K	Y	L	C	S	Y	R
R	E	L	H	Z	A	F	Y	E	Y	V	T	P	S	A	W	R	S	K	E
J	H	O	Q	H	S	E	F	T	R	K	I	X	K	E	H	O	R	A	P
F	U	K	C	S	Y	T	O	L	R	Y	O	Y	V	E	X	S	I	R	U
D	F	Y	L	N	X	D	E	U	E	D	N	G	E	A	U	O	N	X	S

witch  
disaster  
supernatural

sleight  
baffle  
spell

sorcerer  
ritual  
charm

potion  
float  
sensational

saw  
shaman



## Listening Practice | Intermediate

33. Fill in the blanks while you listen to the episode.

### MAGIC

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In those days, magic and religion [7] \_\_\_\_\_ together. For many people, spells and **rituals** were a part of their religious beliefs. They believed that if certain spells or [8] \_\_\_\_\_ were performed the right way, the gods or spirits [9] \_\_\_\_\_ grant their wishes.

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|-----------------|------------|----------------|
| A. civilization | B. today   | C. magic       |
| D. Thurston     | E. special | F. Henning     |
| G. called       | H. appear  | I. blended     |
| J. dancing      | K. magical | L. practice    |
| M. metals       | N. words   | O. woman       |
| P. rituals      | Q. Stage   | R. would       |
| S. Magic        | T. Selbit  | U. magician    |
| V. science      | W. famous  | X. communicate |
| Y. while        |            |                |

# Listening Practice | Advanced

34. Fill in the blanks while you listen to the episode.

## MAGIC

Can you fly like a bird by [1] \_\_\_\_\_ certain words? Or change [2] \_\_\_\_\_ metals into gold with a [3] \_\_\_\_\_? Or [4] \_\_\_\_\_ a rainstorm by [5] \_\_\_\_\_ in a special way? Of course not-that would be [6] \_\_\_\_\_ !

## MAGIC AND RELIGION

Long ago, [7] \_\_\_\_\_ [8] \_\_\_\_\_ developed, most [9] \_\_\_\_\_ believed in magic. They [10] \_\_\_\_\_ **supernatural** forces [11] \_\_\_\_\_ different parts of the world. They believed some people, [12] \_\_\_\_\_ **sorcerers** and **witches**, had magical powers. They could use special [13] \_\_\_\_\_, **spells**, or **charms** to call on [14] \_\_\_\_\_ forces and make wonderful-or terrible-things happen.

In those days, [15] \_\_\_\_\_ and religion blended [16] \_\_\_\_\_. For many [17] \_\_\_\_\_, spells and **rituals** were a part of their religious [18] \_\_\_\_\_. They believed that if [19] \_\_\_\_\_ spells or [20] \_\_\_\_\_ were [21] \_\_\_\_\_ the right way, the gods or spirits [22] \_\_\_\_\_ grant their [23] \_\_\_\_\_.

The first priests were [24] \_\_\_\_\_ [25] \_\_\_\_\_ called **shamans**. Ancient hunting and gathering people [26] \_\_\_\_\_ to shamans to help them [27] \_\_\_\_\_. They [28] \_\_\_\_\_ [29] \_\_\_\_\_ had the [30] \_\_\_\_\_ to heal the sick. Shamans were thought to communicate with the spiritual world. They led rituals to make hunting expeditions successful, keep crops growing, and prevent **disasters**. As civilization advanced, such ideas were left behind.

## MAGIC FOR FUN

Few people [31] \_\_\_\_\_ in magic [32] \_\_\_\_\_. Yet many still enjoy magic [33] \_\_\_\_\_. [34] \_\_\_\_\_ [35] \_\_\_\_\_ are popular [36] \_\_\_\_\_. Magicians [37] \_\_\_\_\_ to do the [38] \_\_\_\_\_, such as make objects [39] \_\_\_\_\_ or **float** in the air. Audiences know the magic isn't real, but even so, they [40] \_\_\_\_\_ being **baffled**. How do magicians do it?

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Magic is fun, but is it [69] \_\_\_\_\_? Some famous and [70] \_\_\_\_\_ [71] \_\_\_\_\_ include Harry Blackstone, Doug Henning, and David [72] \_\_\_\_\_. Tens of thousands of magicians perform magic acts in the United [73] \_\_\_\_\_. [74] \_\_\_\_\_. However, only about 500 of them actually make a living as [75] \_\_\_\_\_.

# Spelling Practice

35. In each line of text below there is one word that has been misspelled. Circle the misspelled word and then write the correct spelling of the word on the line on the right side of the page.

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# Listening | Magic

## Comprehension

1. *Put the headings where they belong in the text below.*

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In those days, magic and religion blended together. For many people, spells and **rituals** were a part of their religious beliefs. They believed that if certain spells or rituals were performed the right way, the gods or spirits would grant their wishes.

The first priests were religious magicians called **shamans**. Ancient hunting and gathering people looked to shamans to help them survive. They believed shamans had the power to heal the sick. Shamans were thought to communicate with the spiritual world. They led rituals to make hunting expeditions successful, keep crops growing, and prevent **disasters**. As civilization advanced, such ideas were left behind.

### [3] MAGIC FOR FUN

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Few people believe in magic anymore. Yet many still enjoy magic shows. Stage magicians are popular entertainers. Magicians appear to do the impossible, such as make objects disappear or **float** in the air. Audiences know the magic isn't real, but even so, they enjoy being **baffled**. How do magicians do it?

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### **[5] MAGIC AS A CAREER?**

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- A. MAGIC AND RELIGION
- B. MAGIC AS A CAREER?
- C. MAGIC
- D. MAGIC FOR FUN
- E. MAGICIANS OF THE PAST

# Key Vocabulary Practice

2. Beginning with the circled letter, use the clues to find and mark the trail of letters of all the connected words through the maze to the last letter. The path can wander up, down, left, right, and diagonally.

R	V	B	D	X	A	A	A	Z	Q	H	V	H	D	Z	K	N	A	L	Z
E	Y	R	Z	S	Z	H	B	F	K	H	J	W	Z	R	M	O	W	S	E
D	Z	X	Y	Z	Y	D	U	P	C	V	I	S	E	N	T	I	S	O	Z
G	F	Q	L	N	U	Z	W	U	C	R	G	H	Q	S	A	S	Q	R	C
Q	P	I	L	Z	V	K	B	T	S	G	T	Y	S	W	X	K	E	C	E
F	W	S	I	D	Q	I	G	A	A	W	I	Z	I	O	N	B	R	F	G
F	V	H	J	G	N	R	Y	O	H	C	W	M	T	M	X	R	E	T	D
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M	P	S	M	I	I	J	J	F	L	T	O	R	E	T	F	A	F	F	G
L	E	Z	P	L	J	G	L	S	A	U	T	S	A	S	Y	Z	E	L	H
L	S	H	A	M	G	H	T	R	I	T	Y	I	A	R	U	T	U	E	D
D	E	U	M	E	I	P	Y	M	L	W	A	D	L	F	Q	A	U	S	E
C	O	Z	A	L	O	Q	X	L	W	J	P	U	A	X	D	N	P	V	Y
E	F	Z	N	S	J	N	F	G	P	U	P	I	M	D	O	R	E	J	B
V	N	Q	K	Z	Q	R	P	M	Y	U	N	J	U	S	U	Q	N	S	U

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a situation in which events are controlled by a magical power.
2. a priest or medicine man, esp. among N Asian peoples, who is believed able to heal and to foretell the future through communication with good and evil spirits
3. \_\_\_\_\_ of hand is the deceiving of someone in a skillful way.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ activities happen as part of a \_\_\_\_\_ or tradition.
5. Something that \_\_\_\_\_s in or through the air hangs in it or moves slowly and gently through it.
6. any of various hand tools for cutting wood, metal, etc, having a blade with teeth along one edge
7. If someone turns on the \_\_\_\_\_, they behave in a way that seems very friendly but which you think is insincere, often in order to obtain something or deceive someone.
8. historically, in mythology and fiction, a woman believed to practise magic or sorcery, esp black magic

9. You can describe stories or reports as \_\_\_\_\_ if you disapprove of them because they present facts in a way that is intended to cause feelings of shock, anger, or excitement.
10. In fairy stories, a \_\_\_\_\_ is a person who performs magic by using the power of evil spirits.
11. puzzle, amaze, confuse
12. paranormal, mysterious, unearthly, uncanny
13. \_\_\_\_\_ is something which has very bad consequences for you.
14. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a drink that contains medicine, poison, or something that is supposed to have magic powers.

**For each question below a number of similar words appear, but only one is spelled correctly and matches the clue that is provided. Write the letter of the correctly spelled word in the space by the question number.**

3. b a. SORCIRIR b. SORCERER c. SORCEHER d. SERCERER  
In fairy stories, a \_\_\_\_\_ is a person who performs magic by using the power of evil spirits.
4. c a. SAN b. SOW c. SAW d. SAV  
If you \_\_\_\_\_ something, you cut it with a \_\_\_\_\_.
5. c a. POTON b. POCIAN c. POTION d. POSION  
A \_\_\_\_\_ is a drink that contains medicine, poison, or something that is supposed to have magic powers.
6. b a. RIBUAL b. RITUAL c. RITAUUL d. RITUAD  
A \_\_\_\_\_ is a religious service or other ceremony which involves a series of actions performed in a fixed order.
7. b a. SPELLE b. SPELL c. SPEL d. SPPELL  
A \_\_\_\_\_ is a situation in which events are controlled by a magical power.
8. a a. FLOAT b. FLUAT c. FLOATE d. FLOAL  
Something that \_\_\_\_\_s in or through the air hangs in it or moves slowly and gently through it.
9. c a. SLEIT b. SLEIGPT c. SLEIGHT d. SLLEIGHT  
\_\_\_\_\_ of hand is the deceiving of someone in a skillful way.
10. c a. WITCHE b. WHITCH c. WITCH d. WETCH  
In fairy stories, a \_\_\_\_\_ is a woman, usually an old woman, who has evil magic powers. Witches often wear a pointed black hat, and have a pet black cat.
11. c a. CKARM b. CHORM c. CHARM d. CHARRM  
A \_\_\_\_\_ is an act, saying, or object that is believed to have magic powers.
12. d a. CHAMAN b. SHAGAN c. SHAMAS d. SHAMAN  
Among some Native American peoples, a \_\_\_\_\_ is a person who is believed to have powers to heal sick people or to remove evil spirits from them.

13. d a. SENSATIONL b. CENSATIONAL c. SENSATIONALL d. SENSATIONAL  
A \_\_\_\_\_ result, event, or situation is so remarkable that it causes great excitement and interest.
14. b a. SUPERNATURALL b. SUPERNATURAL c. SUPERNATUJAL d. SUPERNATURAL  
Supernatural creatures, forces, and events are believed by some people to exist or happen, although they are impossible according to scientific laws.
15. b a. BAFLE b. BAFFLE c. BAFFLEE d. BAFFL  
If something \_\_\_\_\_s you, you cannot understand it or explain it.
16. a a. DISASTER b. DESASTER c. DISASTIR d. DISASCER  
A \_\_\_\_\_ is a very bad accident such as an earthquake or a plane crash, especially one in which a lot of people are killed.

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

17. b Something that \_\_\_\_\_s lies on or just below the surface of a liquid when it is put in it and does not sink.  
a. sorcerer b. float c. sleight d. potion e. witch
18. e to perplex; bewilder; puzzle  
a. ritual b. shaman c. float d. saw e. baffle
19. e historically, in mythology and fiction, a woman believed to practise magic or sorcery, esp black magic  
a. spell b. sensational c. supernatural d. charm e. witch
20. b You can describe something as \_\_\_\_\_ when you think that it is extremely good.  
a. disaster b. sensational c. witch d. ritual e. disaster
21. b a priest or medicine man, esp. among N Asian peoples, who is believed able to heal and to foretell the future through communication with good and evil spirits  
a. saw b. shaman c. spell d. baffle e. potion
22. d A \_\_\_\_\_ is a way of behaving or a series of actions which people regularly carry out in a particular situation, because it is their custom to do so.  
a. shaman b. sorcerer c. supernatural d. ritual e. sensational
23. a any of various hand tools for cutting wood, metal, etc, having a blade with teeth along one edge  
a. saw b. float c. sleight d. sleight e. charm
24. e a person who seeks to control and use magic powers; wizard or magician  
a. saw b. spell c. sensational d. shaman e. sorcerer
25. d of or relating to things that cannot be explained according to natural laws  
a. charm b. potion c. witch d. supernatural e. disaster
26. a skill or dexterity  
a. sleight b. ritual c. sorcerer d. float e. baffle
27. c a drink, esp. of medicine, poison, or some supposedly magic beverage  
a. sensational b. spell c. potion d. disaster e. sleight

- 28. **d** If you are under someone 's \_\_\_\_\_, you are so fascinated by them that you cannot think about anything else.  
a. float b. potion c. saw d. spell e. charm
- 29. **a** If you say that something worked like a \_\_\_\_\_, you mean that it was very effective or successful.  
a. charm b. baffle c. supernatural d. witch e. sorcerer
- 30. **c** \_\_\_\_\_ is something which has very bad consequences for you.  
a. charm b. spell c. disaster d. shaman e. ritual

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

**ACROSS**

- 4. concoction, mixture, brew, tonic
- 5. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a tool for cutting wood, which has a blade with sharp teeth along one edge. Some \_\_\_\_\_s are pushed backwards and forwards by hand, and others are powered by electricity.
- 6. If you refer to something as a \_\_\_\_\_, you are emphasizing that you think it is extremely bad or unacceptable.
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- 12. paranormal, mysterious, unearthly, uncanny
- 13. cunning or craft used in deceiving

**DOWN**

- 1. If something or someone is \_\_\_\_\_ing in a liquid, they are in the liquid, on or just below the surface, and are being supported by it. You can also \_\_\_\_\_ something on a liquid.
- 2. You can describe stories or reports as \_\_\_\_\_ if you disapprove of them because they present facts in a way that is intended to cause feelings of shock, anger, or excitement.
- 3. A \_\_\_\_\_ is someone who claims to have magic powers and to be able to use them for good or bad purposes.
- 5. magician, witch, wizard, magus
- 7. If something or someone casts their \_\_\_\_\_ on you or casts a \_\_\_\_\_ on you, you are fascinated or charmed by them.

- 8. a medicine man of a similar religion, esp. among certain tribes of Native Americans
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_ activities happen as part of a \_\_\_\_\_ or tradition.

32. **Find the hidden words. The words have been placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. When you locate a word, draw a circle around it.**

E	W	V	E	B	Y	K	R	S	E	N	S	A	T	I	O	N	A	L	L
F	S	L	E	I	G	H	T	I	K	Z	H	T	C	T	M	D	H	H	A
Y	Q	D	Q	U	T	X	C	W	T	J	A	M	Q	J	C	C	P	X	R
C	F	T	I	A	A	M	S	L	J	U	M	J	Q	A	T	R	P	P	U
M	U	J	O	S	Y	L	L	K	U	E	A	E	Q	I	J	E	I	B	T
B	Z	L	L	R	A	E	L	P	I	Q	N	L	W	N	W	R	O	J	A
S	F	Z	K	B	P	S	M	X	P	A	P	Q	E	H	Q	E	C	A	N
N	E	Y	H	S	A	R	T	K	T	L	O	W	K	Y	L	C	S	Y	R
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J	H	O	Q	H	S	E	F	T	R	K	I	X	K	E	H	O	R	A	P
F	U	K	C	S	Y	T	O	L	R	Y	O	Y	V	E	X	S	I	R	U
D	F	Y	L	N	X	D	E	U	E	D	N	G	E	A	U	O	N	X	S

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|--------------|---------|----------|-------------|--------|
| witch        | sleight | sorcerer | potion      | saw    |
| disaster     | baffle  | ritual   | float       | shaman |
| supernatural | spell   | charm    | sensational |        |

## Listening Practice | Intermediate

33. Fill in the blanks while you listen to the episode.

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### MAGIC AND RELIGION

Long ago, before [5] **science** \_\_\_\_\_ developed, most people believed in magic. They thought **supernatural** forces connected different parts of the world. They believed some people, called **sorcerers** and **witches**, had [6] **magical** \_\_\_\_\_ powers. They could use special chants, **spells**, or **charms** to call on supernatural forces and make wonderful-or terrible-things happen.

In those days, magic and religion [7] **blended** \_\_\_\_\_ together. For many people, spells and **rituals** were a part of their religious beliefs. They believed that if certain spells or [8] **rituals** \_\_\_\_\_ were performed the right way, the gods or spirits [9] **would** \_\_\_\_\_ grant their wishes.

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|-----------------|------------|----------------|
| A. civilization | B. today   | C. magic       |
| D. Thurston     | E. special | F. Henning     |
| G. called       | H. appear  | I. blended     |
| J. dancing      | K. magical | L. practice    |
| M. metals       | N. words   | O. woman       |
| P. rituals      | Q. Stage   | R. would       |
| S. Magic        | T. Selbit  | U. magician    |
| V. science      | W. famous  | X. communicate |
| Y. while        |            |                |

# Listening Practice | Advanced

34. Fill in the blanks while you listen to the episode.

## MAGIC

Can you fly like a bird by [1] **saying** \_\_\_\_\_ certain words? Or change [2] **ordinary** \_\_\_\_\_ metals into gold with a [3] **potion** \_\_\_\_\_? Or [4] **cause** \_\_\_\_\_ a rainstorm by [5] **dancing** \_\_\_\_\_ in a special way? Of course not-that would be [6] **magic** \_\_\_\_\_ !

## MAGIC AND RELIGION

Long ago, [7] **before** \_\_\_\_\_ [8] **science** \_\_\_\_\_ developed, most [9] **people** \_\_\_\_\_ believed in magic. They [10] **thought** \_\_\_\_\_ **supernatural** forces [11] **connected** \_\_\_\_\_ different parts of the world. They believed some people, [12] **called** \_\_\_\_\_ **sorcerers** and **witches**, had magical powers. They could use special [13] **chants** \_\_\_\_\_, **spells**, or **charms** to call on [14] **supernatural** \_\_\_\_\_ forces and make wonderful-or terrible-things happen.

In those days, [15] **magic** \_\_\_\_\_ and religion blended [16] **together** \_\_\_\_\_. For many [17] **people** \_\_\_\_\_, spells and **rituals** were a part of their religious [18] **beliefs** \_\_\_\_\_. They believed that if [19] **certain** \_\_\_\_\_ spells or [20] **rituals** \_\_\_\_\_ were [21] **performed** \_\_\_\_\_ the right way, the gods or spirits [22] **would** \_\_\_\_\_ grant their [23] **wishes** \_\_\_\_\_.

The first priests were [24] **religious** \_\_\_\_\_ [25] **magicians** \_\_\_\_\_ called **shamans**. Ancient hunting and gathering people [26] **looked** \_\_\_\_\_ to shamans to help them [27] **survive** \_\_\_\_\_. They [28] **believed** \_\_\_\_\_ [29] **shamans** \_\_\_\_\_ had the [30] **power** \_\_\_\_\_ to heal the sick. Shamans were thought to communicate with the spiritual world. They led rituals to make hunting expeditions successful, keep crops growing, and prevent **disasters**. As civilization advanced, such ideas were left behind.

## MAGIC FOR FUN

Few people [31] **believe** \_\_\_\_\_ in magic [32] **anymore** \_\_\_\_\_. Yet many still enjoy magic [33] **shows** \_\_\_\_\_. [34] **Stage** \_\_\_\_\_ [35] **magicians** \_\_\_\_\_ are popular [36] **entertainers** \_\_\_\_\_. Magicians [37] **appear** \_\_\_\_\_ to do the [38] **impossible** \_\_\_\_\_, such as make objects [39] **disappear** \_\_\_\_\_ or **float** in the air. Audiences know the magic isn't real, but even so, they [40] **enjoy** \_\_\_\_\_ being **baffled**. How do magicians do it?

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### [49] **MAGICIANS** \_\_\_\_\_ **OF THE PAST**

Even as [50] **entertainment** \_\_\_\_\_, magic has a long [51] **history** \_\_\_\_\_. A magician named Dedi lived and worked in Egypt [52] **around** \_\_\_\_\_ 2700 B.C. His most [53] **famous** \_\_\_\_\_ trick [54] **involved** \_\_\_\_\_ cutting the [55] **heads** \_\_\_\_\_ off two chickens and an ox. He then appeared to restore the animals' [56] **heads** \_\_\_\_\_ and bring them back to life.

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# Spelling Practice

35. In each line of text below there is one word that has been misspelled. Circle the misspelled word and then write the correct spelling of the word on the line on the right side of the page.

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1. MAGIC

2. Or

3. a

4. not-that

5. MAGIC

6. in

7. supernatural

8. some

9. call

10. terrible-things

11. together

12. part

13. certain

14. wishes

15. magicians

16. survive

17. They

18. communicate

19. successful

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21. FUN

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**MAGICIANS OF THE PASTE**

Even as entertainment, magic has a long history. I magician named Dedi lived and worked in Egypt around 2700 B.C. His most famous trikk involved cutting the heads off two chickens and an ox. He then appered to restore tha animals’ heads and bring them back to life.

In 1921, a British magician named P. T. Selbit created one of tha best-known acts in magic. He shut a woman into a box and sawd the box in half. Afterward, the weman got out of the box, still alive and whole. About the same time inn America, Howard Thurston made the Indian Rop Trick famous. First, he seemed to make a rope rise into the air. Than he climbed the rope-and disappeared!

The American magician and scap artist Harry Houdini amazed audiences with hiz sensational escapes from seemingly impossible situations. In one act, he escaped from a lockd metal box underwater while wearing handcufs!

**MAGIC AS A CAREER?**

Magic is fun, but is it profitable? Some famous end successful magicians include Harry Blackston, Doug Henning, and David Copperfield. Tens of thosands of magicians perform magic acts in the United States today. However, only about 500 of them actually maek a living as professsionals.

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