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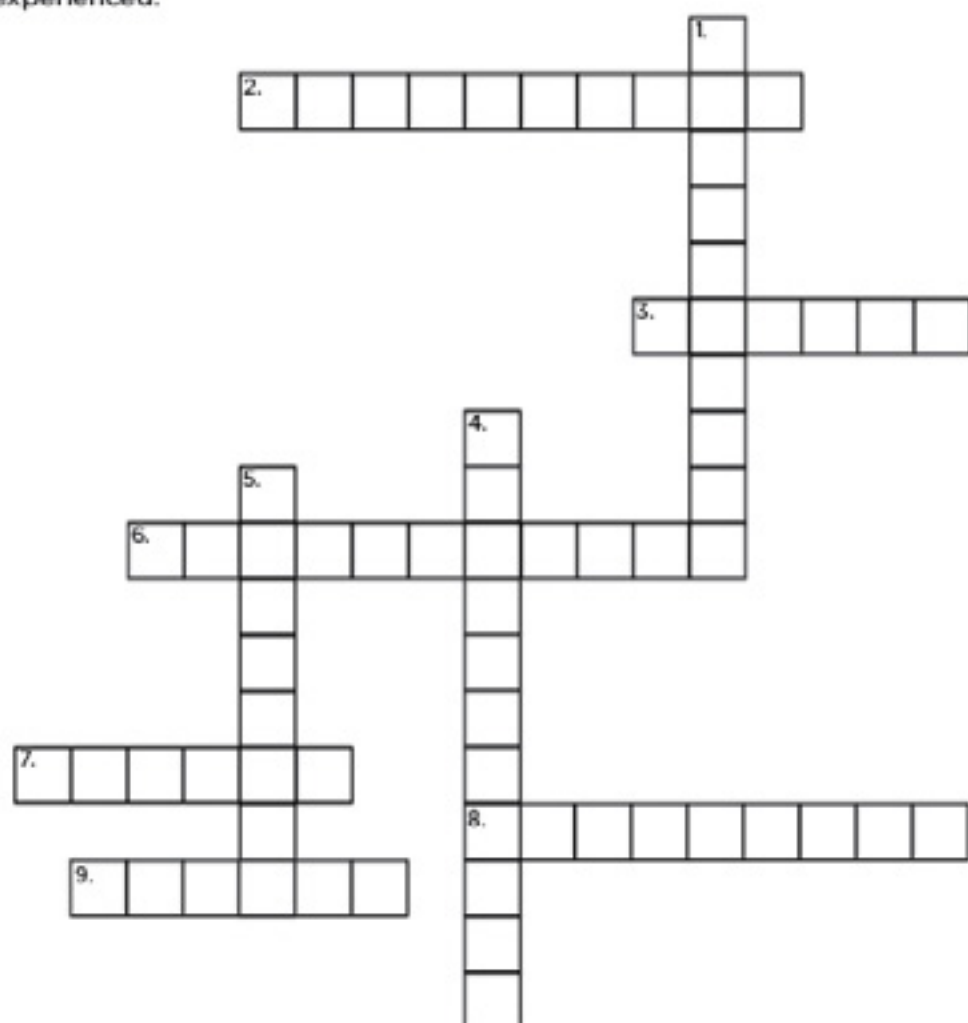


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Gold Search

In *Goldfields Girl*, it's 1892 and amid a fevered gold rush, 14-year-old Clara Saunders is in search of adventure in the WA goldfields. Complete the crossword below to understand some of what Clara would have experienced.



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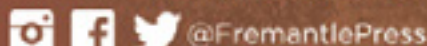
1. Name of a town where gold was found in WA.
4. An instrument used to check for gold.
5. Clara Saunders was _____ years old when she moved to WA.

ACROSS

2. Someone who searches for gold.
3. _____'s Reward the gold site that prompted the foundation of Coolgardie.
6. The name of a famous WA convict who escaped from jail multiple times.
7. A traditional bread that could be cooked on the camp fire.
8. A common illness of the nineteenth century that caused fatigue, abdominal pain, fever and chills.
9. The surname of the man who gave Clara Saunders a gold nugget in return for saving his life.

To find the answers for this crossword puzzle, please visit the Fremantle Press website.

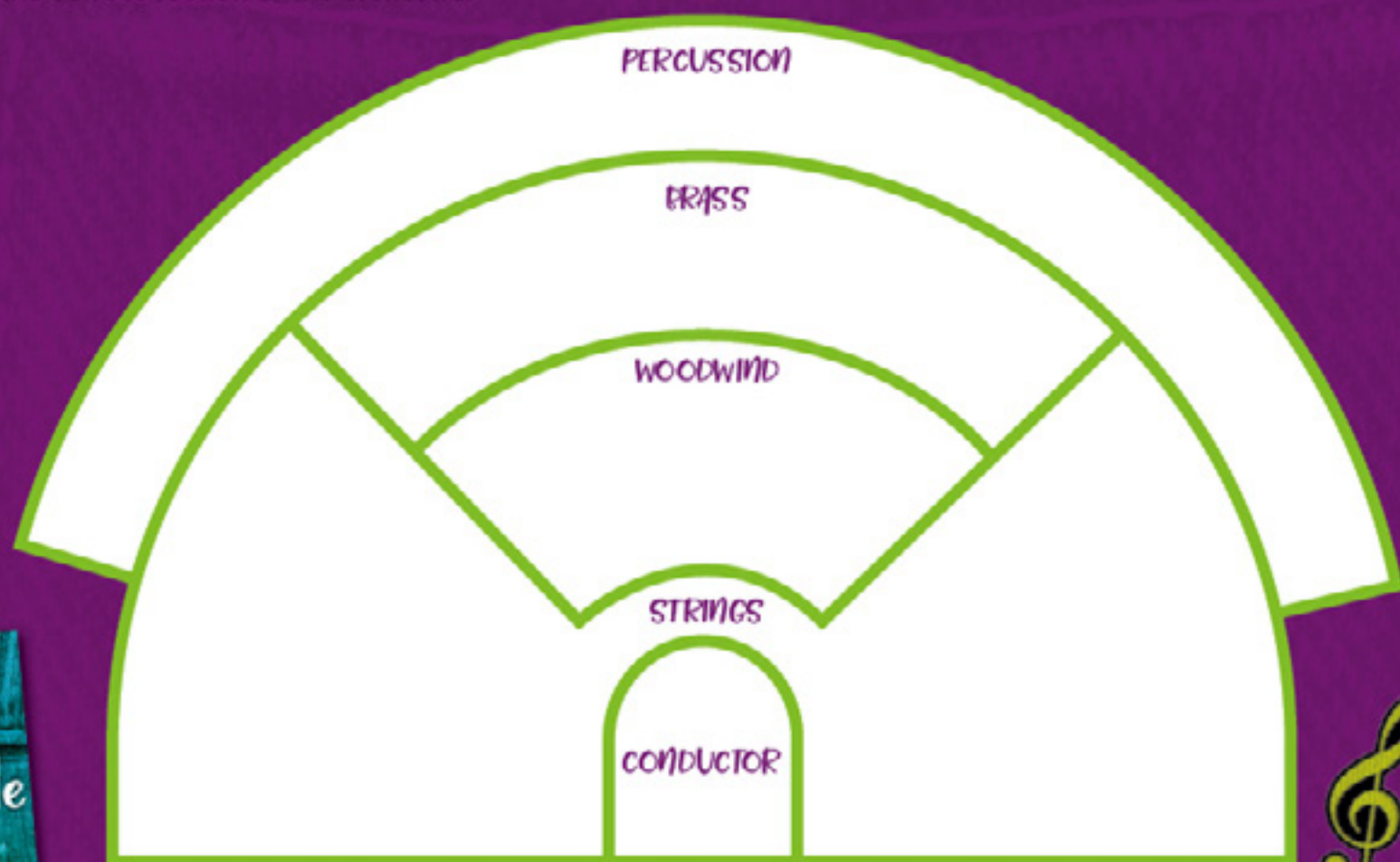
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Where does each instrument sit in an orchestra?

Maddie and Katy used to be best of friends, but now they're drifting apart. So when new girl Samara comes along, Maddie sees a chance to make a new best friend. But Samara has a secret, and soon Maddie is drawn into something she knows is wrong, but she desperately wants to help her new friend.

Maddie gets caught in the middle of a rivalry between Katy and Samara in music class, in which Katy plays the flute, Maddie plays the clarinet and Samara plays the piano. Organise the musical instruments below into their instrument families - brass, woodwind, strings or percussion - and write them in the correct section of the orchestra.



Bass drum

Bassoon

Cello

Clarinet

Cowbell

Double bass

Flute

French horn

Piano

Saxophone

Timpani

Trombone

Trumpet

Tuba

Viola

Violin

Xylophone



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Shipwreck Survival

The Cocos Islands are an archipelago of tropical islands approximately 3,000 kilometres north-west of Perth that include Direction Island, where Red Read and Captain Black Bowen with the crew of the Black Dragon are shipwrecked. Research the kinds of things that might be found on the Cocos Islands and create a survival kit for Red and the Captain.

Food

What food is there to eat on the island?

Dangers

Name two dangerous critters that you might find on the island.

Water

Research how a nineteenth century sailor might find or collect drinking water on a tropical island.

Signals for help

What did nineteenth century sailors use to signal for help?

Shelter

What would you use to make a shelter if you were stranded on a tropical island?

★ Red's Camp

Direction Island

Weapons

How might the crew of the Black Dragon protect themselves with the materials available on the island?

Warmth

How might you keep warm at night on a deserted island?



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Conquer Dragon Mountain!

In the Lost Stone of SkyCity, Sunaya and Praseep have to find their way up Dragon Mountain in order to save Danam from having to complete the deadly Dragon Tests. Thanks to their powers they can climb up there themselves, but what would you need as a mere mortal to get to the top of a mountain like this. You'll need a dice and some counters.

- 3 You forgot your food pack and water. Go back two places to pick them up.
- 4 You use a ladder to cross a crevasse, getting you out of a dangerous icefall.
- 8 The snow has turned icy in the late sun, but luckily you packed crampons and rope! Climb straight up the ridgeline.
- I2 A blizzard suddenly surrounds you, you can't see and the temperature is plummeting! Go down and wait until it has passed.

- I3 You've remembered to drink lots of water, and are feeling great. Keep climbing instead of having to rest.
- I4 Your scarf is wet, and your nose is freezing! You don't want frostbite! Go back to the cave you spotted earlier, and warm up.
- 20 You didn't take long enough to acclimatise to the high altitude and are experiencing altitude sickness - descend at once and wait until you feel better.



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