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Lesson Activity for Grade 4 Merriam Webster's Word of the Day

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What to do

1. This is a great website!! First, click on the "Grade 4" province. Next, select "Language Arts" (the white button). Finally, under the category of *Manage Ideas, Information* click on **Words of the Day**. This is the Merriam Webster site and you're good to go!



2. To access the homepage, click on the Merriam-Webster logo located in the top left-hand corner of the website. Directly underneath the logo (once the homepage loads), select the hotlink titled **Word of the Day**.

What is today's featured word? _____

What part of speech (noun, verb, etc.) is it? _____

Define the word (as it is explained online): _____

3. Look back to the menu list of links on the left-hand side of the webpage. Locate the hotlink **Word Games** and click on that.

What is "today's game" called? _____

Read through the brief instructions and *in your own words*, explain how to play this particular game (2-3 sentences):



4. Return to the menu list on the left-hand side of the webpage and select "Daily Crossword" (it's in the "Word Games" category). Click on it and take 5 minutes or so experimenting with this online game. Crosswords can be difficult....but they are extremely effective at keeping your brain active and your vocabulary varied.

On the next page, you will create a modified (smaller) version of a crossword - using today's word of the day, plus 9 other words of your choice.

Challenge: these 9 words must contain at least 6 letters each!!

Feel free to click on "today's word" archives (the list of previous words) to establish your word list. Write down the words you've chosen below:



1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____
7. _____ 8. _____ 9. _____

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5. Now you're ready to go! Using definitions for the 9 words you've chosen (hint: use the website!!), create 5 entries for "Across" and 5 for "Down". You are free to design your crossword puzzle however you like. (Look at the online one For setup/layout ideas!).

Across:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Down:

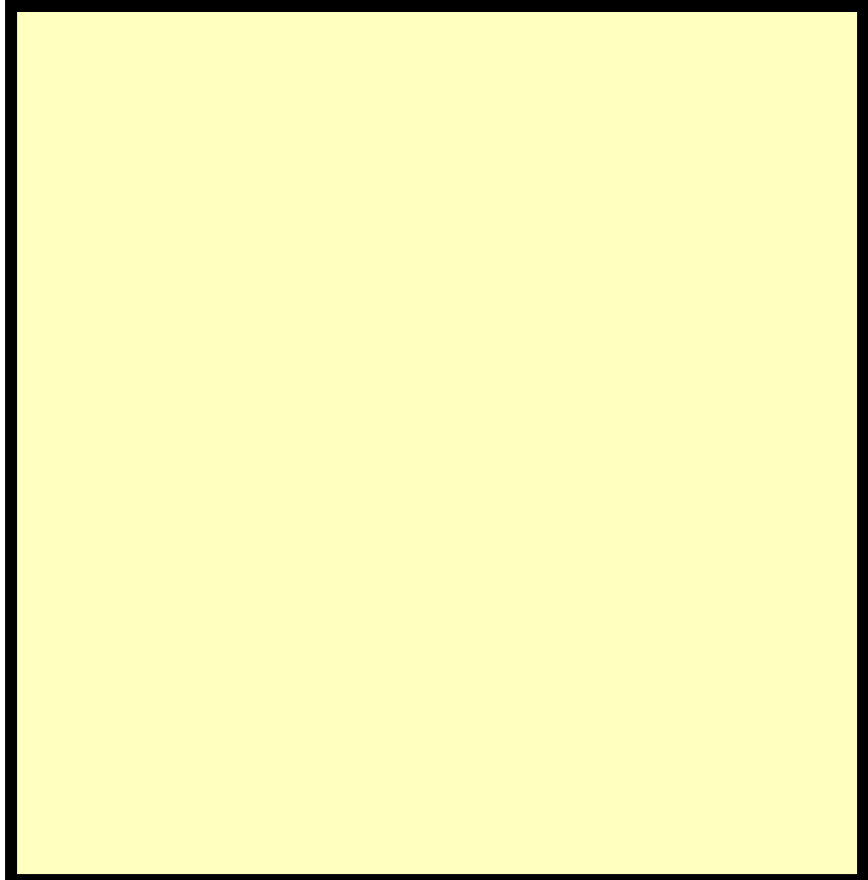
6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. _____



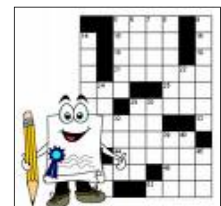
Crossword Follow-up!

Now that you've had an opportunity to design and plan your own crossword puzzle, what were 2 things that were difficult? What was fun?

These things were hard!

1. _____

2. _____



THIS was fun!

3. _____