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## OCTOBER WORKSHEETS

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### News Highlights & In the Spotlight (page 3)

Did you know that you can become a Young Reporter and start writing for *Bear Essential News*? Young Reporters are all about gathering facts for their story, and one way to get them is by interviewing someone in the know. Read one of the News Highlights or In the Spotlight, and come up with two good questions you'd like to ask if you were covering that story:



1. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### Main Feature: What Scares You?

1. Are there any creatures large or small that creep you out or make you want to run away? What are they, and what do you find so creepy or scary about 'em?

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\_\_\_\_\_

2. The feature talks about superstitions surrounding cats, but also covers critters like s-s-s-snakes, spiders, bats and rats. After reading the feature, do you find any of these cool? How so?

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\_\_\_\_\_



### Boomer Bear's Field Trips & Family Outings for 2025-26

From the listings in the newspaper or online, pick your most liked and least liked field trips.



Most liked: \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Least liked: \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_



## VOCABULARY

### Power Word & Halloween Crossword Challenge

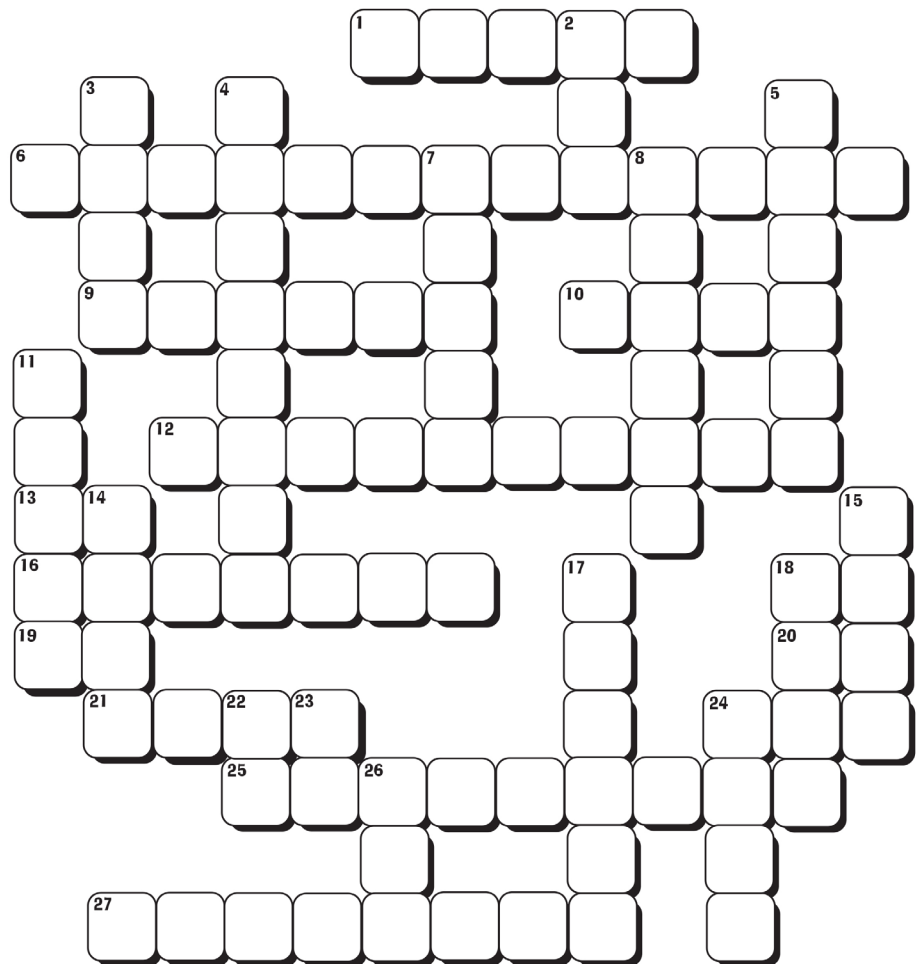
This puzzle is highly puzzling, so have fun and work with a classmate or in teams, if that helps!

#### ACROSS Clues!

1. Wicked \_\_\_\_\_
6. Believes in omens
9. Search for food
10. Chamber
12. Renown or recognition
13. Yuck
16. Halloween outfit
18. Greeting
19. Letter before em
20. Opposite off
21. Sharp tooth
24. Quagmire
25. Night glow
27. Bone structure

#### DOWN Clues!

2. Feline
3. Body of water
4. Strangest
5. Call or beckon
7. Trick or \_\_\_\_\_
8. Symbolic or very famous
11. Small part
14. Were \_\_\_\_\_
15. Bat appendage
17. Quit
18. Owl call
22. AZ neighbor
23. Opposite of stop
24. Foot apparel
26. Before two



#### Answers

ACROSS: 1 WITCH, 6 SUPERSTITIOUS, 9 FORAGE, 10 ROOM, 12 REPUTATION, 13 EW, 16 COSTUME, 18 HI, 19 EL, 20 ON, 21 FANG, 24 SOG, 25 MOONLIGHT, 27 SKELETON  
DOWN: 2 CAT, 3 GULF, 4 WEIRDEST, 5 SUMMON, 7 TREAT, 8 ICONIC, 11 PIECE, 14 WOLF, 15 WING, 17 RESIGN, 18 HOOT, 22 NM, 23 GO, 24 SHOE, 26 ONE