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The Strange Star

by Anita N. Amin



Rosie loved watching the night sky. It shined with so many stars.

Sometimes, she would climb onto Papa's shoulders. She'd feel like a princess, sitting closer to those stars.

One afternoon, Papa said, "We're going to the beach! Won't that be fun?"

Rosie wasn't sure. "Will my stars be there, too?"

"Maybe," Papa said.

So they went to the beach. But it was foggy that night – no stars in sight.

"Let's see what happens tomorrow," Papa said.

"Okay..." Rosie frowned.

The next morning, they went back to the beach and Rosie gathered seashells.

Rosie found something strange. It looked like a big, orange, bumpy star. Had it fallen from the sky? And why wasn't it glowing?

"It's not a star." Papa smiled. "It's a starfish. It lives in the ocean."

Rosie put the starfish in the ocean. They watched the waves wash it back home.

Then Rosie looked for more starfish. She liked stars AND starfish.



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 - a. At the beach
 - b. At night
 - c. In her backyard
 - d. In the morning
2. What did Rosie do right after she found a starfish?
 - a. She gathered shells.
 - b. She went to the beach.
 - c. She climbed on papa's shoulders.
 - d. She put the starfish in the ocean.
3. What did Rosie do right before she found a starfish?
 - a. She looked up in the night sky.
 - b. She collected seashells.
 - c. She looked for more starfish.
 - d. She watched the waves take the starfish away.

4. When Papa first took Rosie to the beach at night, she didn't see any stars. Why?

5. About how old do you think Rosie is? How can you tell?

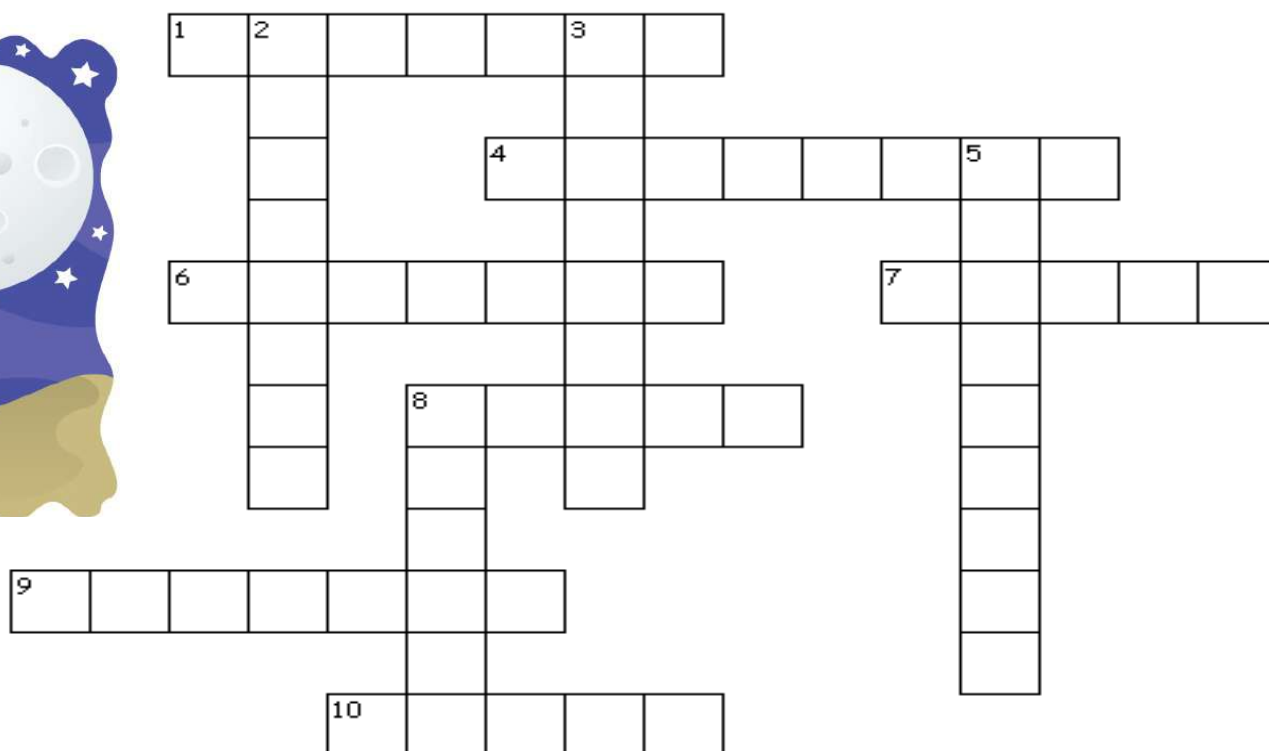
6. Think up another creative title for this story.

Now Try This: On a sheet of white paper, make an illustration to go along with this story. Be sure you draw Rosie in your picture. Be sure your illustration is neat and colorful.

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Crossword Puzzle



Use words from the story, "The Strange Star" to complete the crossword.

Across

1. odd; unusual
4. ocean creature with 5 arms
6. made a sad face
7. type of weather in which a cloud covers the ground
8. giant body of saltwater
9. shining in the dark
10. sandy or rocky place where the ocean meets the shore

Down

2. day that follows today
3. collected
5. joints that connect arms to the body
8. color made by mixing red and yellow



ANSWER KEY

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2. What did Rosie do right after she found a starfish? **d**
 - a. She gathered shells.
 - b. She went to the beach.
 - c. She climbed on papa's shoulders.
 - d. **She put the starfish in the ocean.**

3. What did Rosie do right before she found a starfish? **b**
 - a. She looked up at the night sky.
 - b. **She collected seashells.**
 - c. She looked for more starfish.
 - d. She watched the waves take the starfish away.

4. When Papa first took Rosie to the beach at night, she didn't see any stars. Why?
It was a foggy night.

5. About how old do you think Rosie is? How can you tell?
Rosie is probably very young because she didn't know what starfish were. We can also tell she is young because she is light enough for her father to carry her on his shoulders.

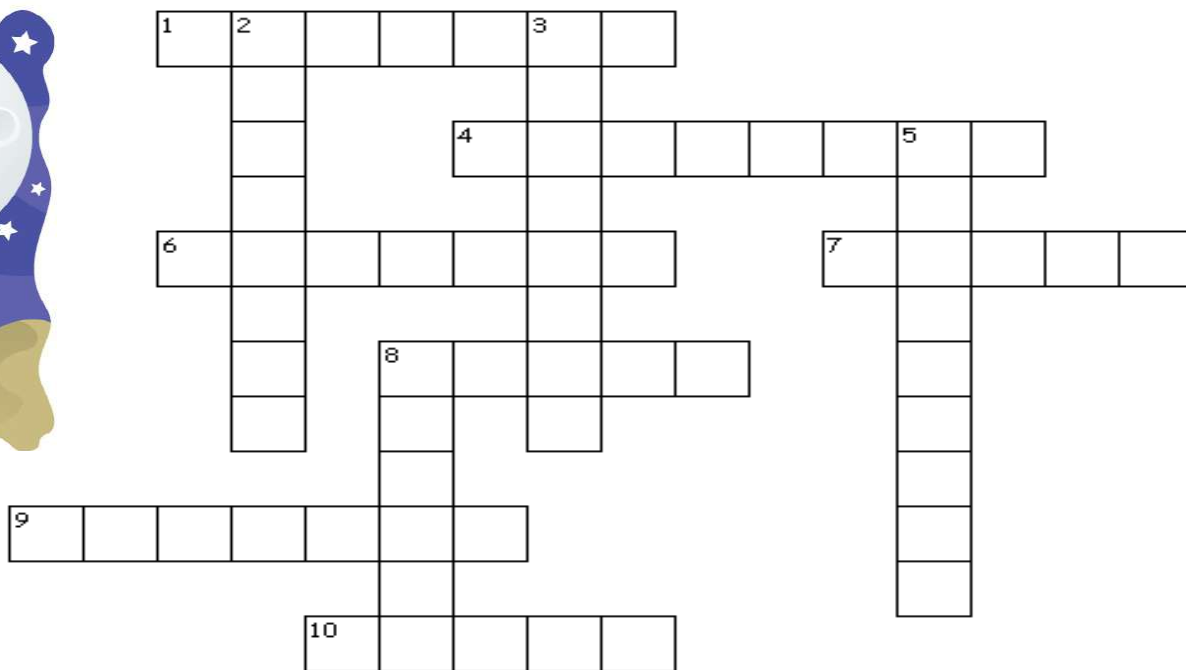
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Answers will vary. Possible answer: Rosie's Special Star

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6. made a sad face (**frowned**)
7. type of weather in which a cloud covers the ground (**foggy**)
8. giant body of saltwater (**ocean**)
9. shining in the dark (**glowing**)
10. sandy or rocky place where the ocean meets the shore (**beach**)

Down

2. day that follows today (**tomorrow**)
3. collected (**gathered**)
5. joints that connect arms to the body (**shoulders**)
8. color made by mixing red and yellow (**orange**)

