

1. A number of words have been removed from the text and placed in a word bank. Use the words from the word bank to fill in the blanks in the text. Write the words in the blanks provided.

"You'll never [1] \_\_\_\_\_," they said,

"[2] \_\_\_\_\_ choose another."

"You are a loser - always were."

So I said, "Thank you mother."

But I am no contortionist,

I can't [3] \_\_\_\_\_ with a ball.

I haven't got a friendly pet.

I've got no friends at all.

Or I could do some magic,

Oh, that much is clear.

For when I [4] \_\_\_\_\_ a [5] \_\_\_\_\_ room,

the girls just [6] \_\_\_\_\_.

It doesn't really matter, though,

'Cause I'll try any trick,

just to get me on the show

to tell Piers he's a ...

a genius with his finger on the [7] \_\_\_\_\_ of popular culture.

I may go through tonight, or not,

of that I do not know.

But at least I can say to my girls

that Daddy's [8] \_\_\_\_\_.

A. crowded

D. enter

G. they are bound to

B. juggle

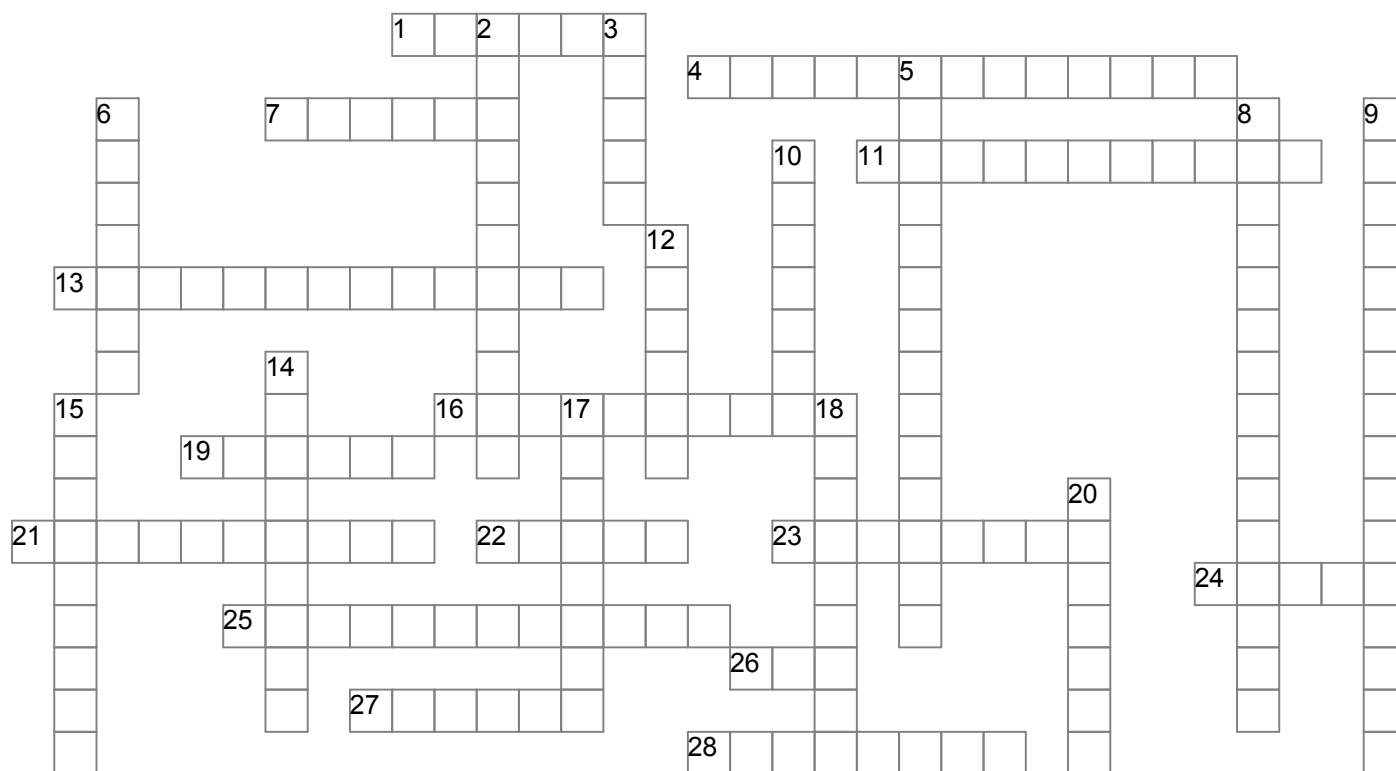
E. pulse

H. disappear

C. given it a go

F. make it through

2. Complete the crosswords.



**ACROSS**

1. to keep objects moving through the air by catching them as they fall and throwing them back into the air
4. to survive a difficult situation
7. in the past, a European soldier wearing a metal suit
11. The way someone behaves
13. someone who twists their body into unusual shapes or positions as a way of entertaining people
16. to make someone like you
19. to make a rough continuous sound
21. very interesting
22. the regular movement of blood as the heart pumps it round the body
23. to give something to someone
24. the place where you perform
25. in your life
26. a poem written for or about a particular person, thing, or event
27. to guess
28. a personal quality that makes other people like you

**DOWN**

2. to give your time to something and make progress with it
3. to come in
5. They are sure to do something
6. saying sorry
8. people stand and clap to show how much they enjoyed or approved of it
9. Nice to meet you.
10. strong love
12. poems
14. a person care about books in a library
15. to try
17. male horse
18. to move somewhere where you cannot be seen
20. full of people