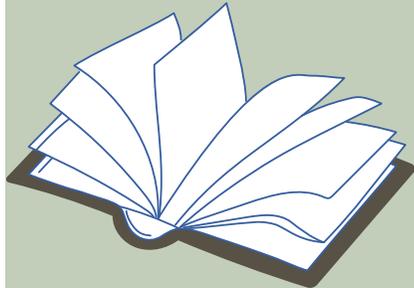


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Finding the Blaze

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Chapter Activity Pages



1

Why were fire towers built?

2

How did fire wardens get to work every day?

3

Why did fire towers stop being used in the 1990's?

**VOCABULARY
WORDS TO
KNOW**

Summit

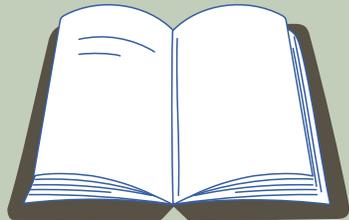
Disrepair

Preservation

Fundraise

Essential

Restoration



4

Can you hike any fire tower at any time? Why or Why not?

5

List 3 things a Group Leader needs on a hike:

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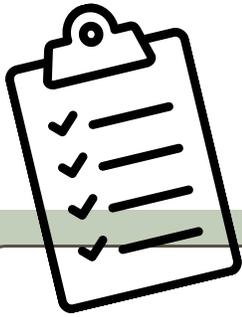
2.

3.

6

What tools are in the Table of Contents that might help you when you are reading the story?

Name: _____



Chapter 1: Hiker Prep

VOCABULARY WORDS TO KNOW

Firetower

Platform

Restored

1

What time of year does the story take place?

2

What is a T.O.M. treat?

3

Why might Jeremy be in trouble?

4

Mom agrees to take Alex hiking because:

- A. Alex and Jeremy are best friends
- B. Alex follows adult directions
- C. Alex hikes all the time
- D. Alex knows a lot about fire towers

5

Why does Jeremy think Alex might not do what Mom asks him to do?

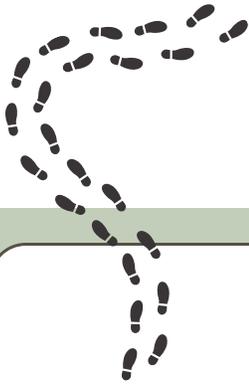
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Why were fire towers built in the first place?

7

Would you want to hike a fire tower?

Name: _____



Chapter 2: Trailhead

VOCABULARY WORDS TO KNOW

Blaze

Trailhead

Peak

1

What do you call a police officer of the woods?

- A. Trooper
- B. Deputy
- C. Ranger
- D. Guard

2

Why is a paper map important to a hiker?

3

What trail names does Jeremy give the two hikers with the dog?

4

What are some examples of descriptive language the author uses to help you 'see' the story (think about the season and descriptions of other hikers)?

5

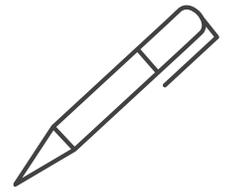
What is Jeremy worried might happen at the top of the mountain?

6

Would you climb a fire tower on the top of a mountain?

Name: _____

Chapter 3: Sign-In Log



VOCABULARY WORDS TO KNOW

Translate

Athlete

Brochure

Sweeper*

Hydrate

1

What type of 'blaze' is Alex thinking when Mom says, "follow red blazes"?

2

How do you think Alex knows so much about hiking when this is his first time?

3

Who is Escape man?

- A. A video game character in a game Alex and Jeremy Play**
- B. A hiker who runs away and gets the trail name "Escapeman"**
- C. Someone they met on the trail**
- D. A dog who escapes from home a lot**

4

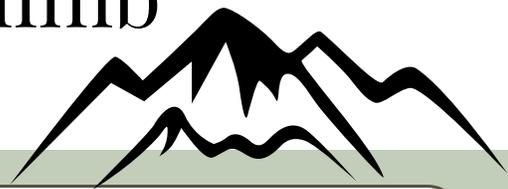
Why does Jeremy like to use a water bottle?

5

What does 'Leave No Trace' mean?

Name: _____

Chapter 4: The Ridge Climb



VOCABULARY WORDS TO KNOW

Trio

Steward

Hydrate

1

What animal comes down the trail at Jeremy?

2

What is the author describing when saying "ribbon of water"?

A. A pool B. A river C. A waterfall D. A blue ribbon

3

What is mom having a hard time getting Alex to do?

4

Why does Jeremy think mom will be 'good for a bit'?

4

What prediction did Mom make in the beginning of the story that is now happening?

4

Have you ever been up high, like a bird, looking down at the ground? What did you see?

Name: _____

Chapter 5: Summit



VOCABULARY WORDS TO KNOW

Structure

Jutted

Electrolyte

1

What do the boys want to visit first?

2

What is the job of a summit steward?

3

What do you think Jeremy plans to do a the top of the mountain?

- A. Climb the fire tower
- B. Check out the view
- C. Eat his T.O.M. treat
- D. All of the above

4

How do you think Mom feels about climbing up the fire tower?

What words does the author use to 'show' you?

5

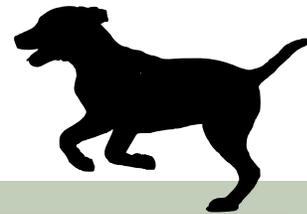
How does Mom help follow Leave No Trace ideas?

6

What does Alex think about the Hadley hike so far?

Name: _____

Chapter 6: Missing Blaze



VOCABULARY WORDS TO KNOW

Private

Glimpse

Alternative

1

Who is missing?

2

Can you find toilets that flush when hiking on a mountain?

3

How are Alex, Jeremy, and Mom going to help Salt and Pepper?

4

What kinds of things might Blaze be interested in chasing in the woods?

5

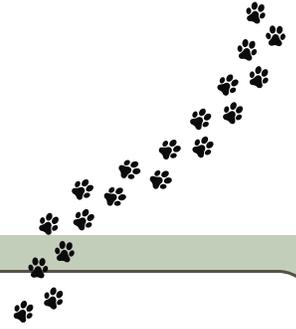
Where did Gary think Blaze might have gone?

6

How would you find a lost dog?

Name: _____

Chapter 7: A Stuck Blaze



VOCABULARY WORDS TO KNOW

Lattice

Beeline

Scenario

1

Where do they find Blaze?

2

Why can't Blaze get out?

3

Why is Jeremy out of breath?

4

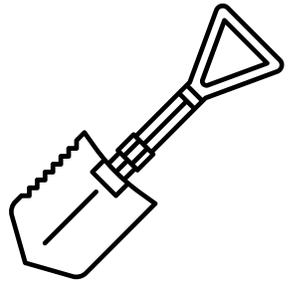
What might happen if they use a saw to get Blaze out?

5

If you were Jeremy, what ways might you think of to rescue Blaze?

Name: _____

Chapter 8: Big Cat Holes



VOCABULARY WORDS TO KNOW

Trowel

Captive

Uneventful

1

Why don't they use a saw to get Blaze out?

2

How can they get Blaze out without cutting the lattice?

3

What does the author mean by, 'the dirt the next to it grew from an ant hill to a sand castle'?

4

How does Blaze feel about being free? How do you know?

5

What does Jeremy feel proud about?

6

What does Pepper think about Jeremy?

Name: _____

Chapter : Descent



FIND THE FACT

How tall is Mt. Marcy?

1

Is the hike down the same as the hike up, according to Jeremy?

2

Why does Mom stop for another food break?

- A. She says she is hungry
- B. Alex wants to eat
- C. It's important to keep your energy up the whole hike
- D. Both A and B

3

Why do you think Jeremy might not want to climb the rock he climbed on the way up the mountain?

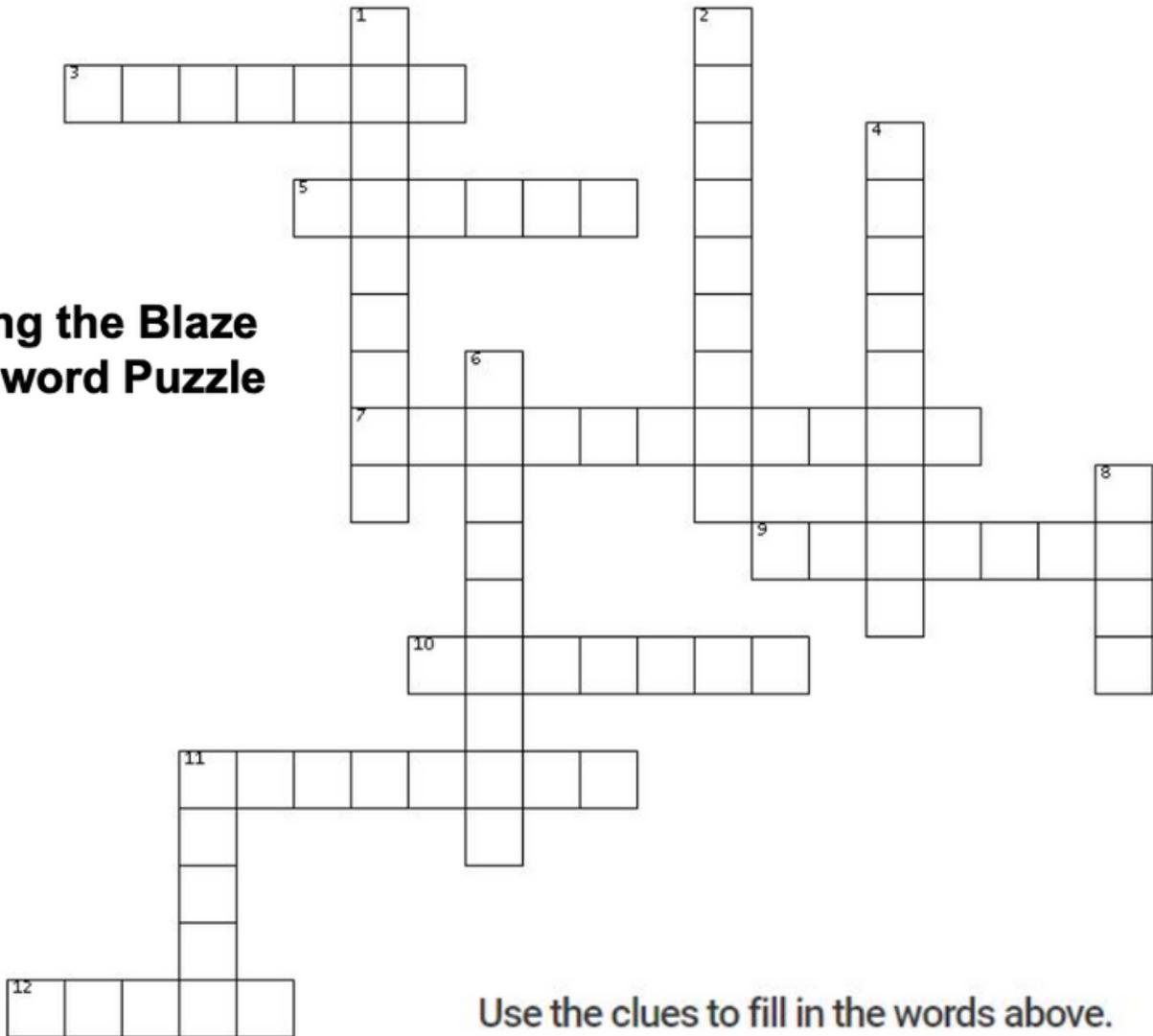
4

What things surprised Mom on the hike?

5

What do Pepper and Salt leave for the boys?

Finding the Blaze Crossword Puzzle



Use the clues to fill in the words above.

Words can go across or down.

Letters are shared when the words intersect.

ACROSS

3. drinking water
5. top of the mountain
7. to return to original form
9. last hiker in the group
10. someone who looks after property
11. a bag carried on one's shoulders
12. a person who walks a long way

DOWN

1. construction following a plan
2. start of a trail
4. a tall structure that allows an observe to stand at a high point and look for fires
6. something you can't do without
8. three
11. A marker for a trail

Name:

Finding the Blaze Word Search

P Q J J T R A I L H E A D T B
D O T L D B S A A N S H P I A
V I L L M U L W H W A Z B M C
D D G E M K M A E G P W N M K
Y T T M S A E T A R D Y H U P
W Q I A T V S E F O O D O S A
E T F C O S U R Q J I T B U C
T D H A A C C I S F J U M E K
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O O A D F R X G A Z U N J R N
C L P M C M O N V R J A B X Y
B J T M F B T W J H O W J P O
P H E N K S L E E H L J N V A
Z P U V Y L O H G L W N Y I N

Find the word in the puzzle.

Words can go in any direction.

Words can share letters as they cross over each other.

backpack

flashlight

matches

summit

trowel

blaze

food

poles

summit

water

compass

hydrate

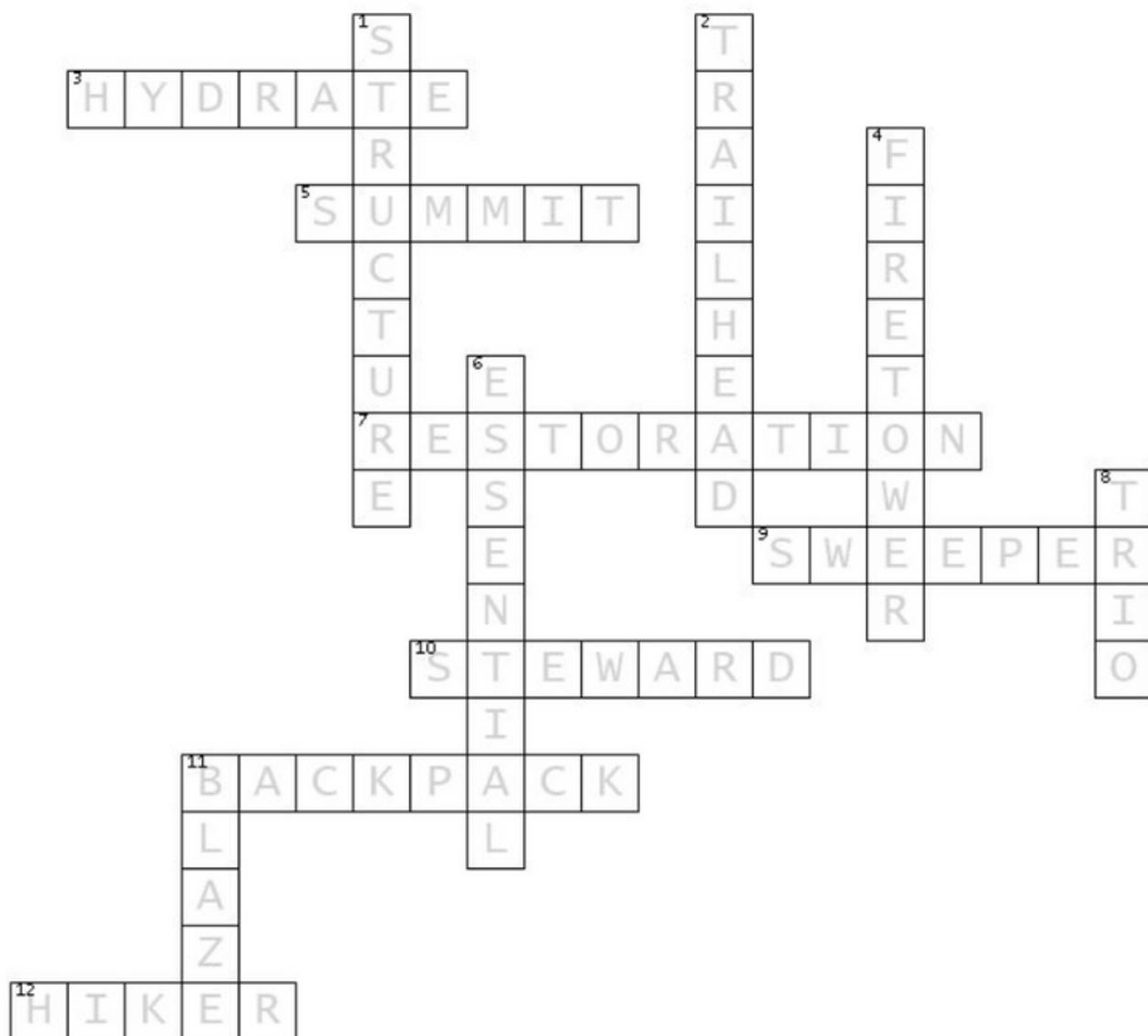
raincoat

trailhead

Check Your Knowledge



Finding the Blaze Crossword Puzzle Answers



Answers to *Finding the Blaze* word search

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D	D	G	E	M	K	M	A	E	G	P	W	N	M	K
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S	N	M	Z	T	H	G	I	L	H	S	A	L	F	J
O	O	A	D	F	R	X	G	A	Z	U	N	J	R	N
C	L	P	M	C	M	O	N	V	R	J	A	B	X	Y
B	J	T	M	F	B	T	W	J	H	O	W	J	P	O
P	H	E	N	K	S	L	E	E	H	L	J	N	V	A
Z	P	U	V	Y	L	O	H	G	L	W	N	Y	I	N