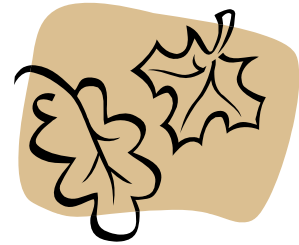


*"Have you finished your **homework**?"*

*"Did you turn in your **homework** today?"*

*"You can do that after you finish your **homework**!"*



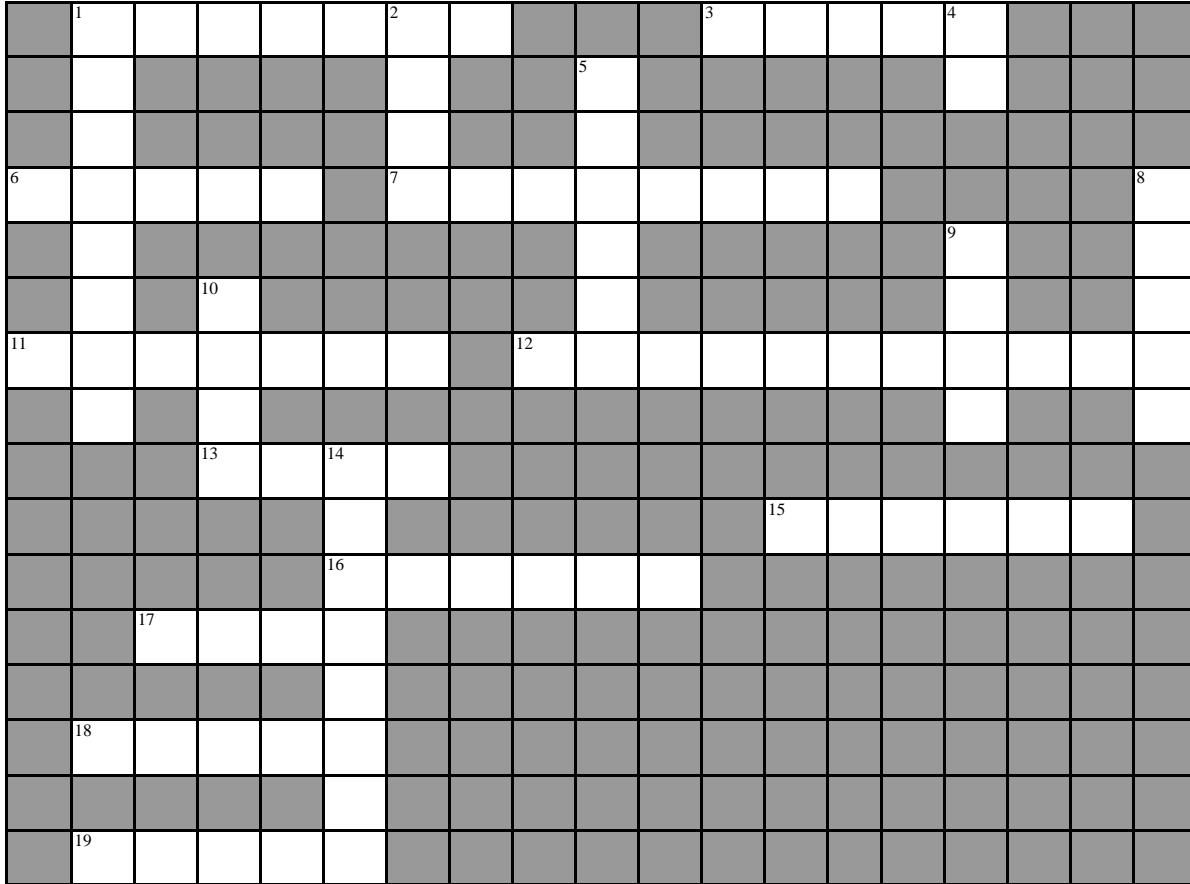
You have probably heard these words a zillion-billion times, haven't you? Why do parents and teachers make such a big deal over homework? The bottom line is this: **Everyone wants to make sure you're learning.**

It may not seem possible, but many have survived homework! In fact, over the years, many students have left behind little "hints" in order to make your job easier. I know you are interested in these clues aren't you? Well, here are some of the top discovered secrets.

- 1) The number one reason for giving homework is to help you learn! Many teachers believe that practice makes perfect. Homework is important.
- 2) Keep a calendar with important upcoming dates and set goals for yourself.
- 3) Don't wait until the last minute to study. Start studying for a test early. If you wait until the night before, you are more likely to rush. If you rush, you're more likely to make mistakes. It's important to take your time.
- 4) You will need a quiet place when you do your homework. It's also important to do homework in the same spot every time - it trains your brain! Your favorite spot may be by a lamp or window. Everyone is different.
- 5) Make sure you choose healthy snacks to munch on!
- 6) Choose your best work time. You may work better after school or after you've eaten dinner. Either way works but by all means, *turn off the TV!*
- 7) *Get your homework done.* Tackle it before it gets to you! When you turn in your homework, it shows others you're responsible and that's a good thing!
- 8) If you don't understand your homework, ask for help. The longer you sit, the more discouraged you will become. Have courage, be brave! If you're falling behind, speak up!
- 9) Sometimes it's nice to study with friends but make sure you're getting your work done.
- 10) Homework is part of going to school. After you're finished with homework, relax and have some fun!



Think about the homework clues you just read.
Using these homework tips, complete the crossword puzzle



ACROSS

- 1. Choose _____ snacks to munch on.
- 3. You will need a _____ place.
- 6. Homework helps you _____.
- 7. Many say, "_____ makes perfect!"
- 11. Sometimes it's nice to study with _____.
- 12. Turn in homework; it shows you're _____.
- 13. It's important to take your _____.
- 15. You may read by a lamp or a _____.
- 16. Homework is part of going to _____.
- 17. Always do homework in the same _____.
- 18. If you're falling behind, _____ up!
- 19. Keep a calendar and set _____.

DOWN

- 1. _____ is important.
- 2. If you don't understand, ask for _____.
- 4. Turn off the _____!
- 5. _____ your homework before it gets to you!
- 8. _____ you're finished, relax and have some fun.
- 9. Don't _____ until the last minute to study.
- 10. Start studying for a _____ early.
- 14. If you rush, you're more likely to make _____.