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Celebrating its 40th year, **Bear Essential News** is here and is written just for you! Use the October edition to complete these activities!

News Highlights & In the Spotlight

Read the News Highlights story (page 5) about naming the Mars 2020 Rover or the story about the polka-dotted zebra foal. Can you find the 5W's & H in the story?



Who _____ Where _____

What _____ When _____

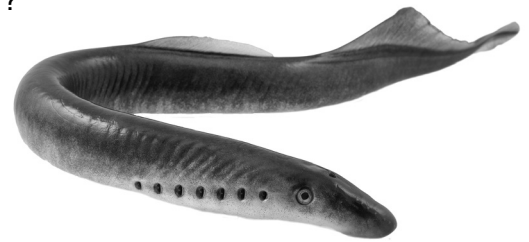
Why _____ How _____

What would you like to name the next Mars Rover, and explain if there's any special meaning associated with that name!

Main Feature: Bloodsuckers!

Read the feature on blood sucking animals and answer these questions.

1. Which creature in this feature fascinates you the most? Why?
2. Which of these bloodsuckers seems the sneakiest to you and why?



Write a Letter to Boomer

Boomer Bear, the mascot of **Bear Essential News**, wants to hear from you! Is something good happening at your school? Maybe you or a friend has a problem. Or maybe ask a question or two about Boomer!

Dear Boomer,





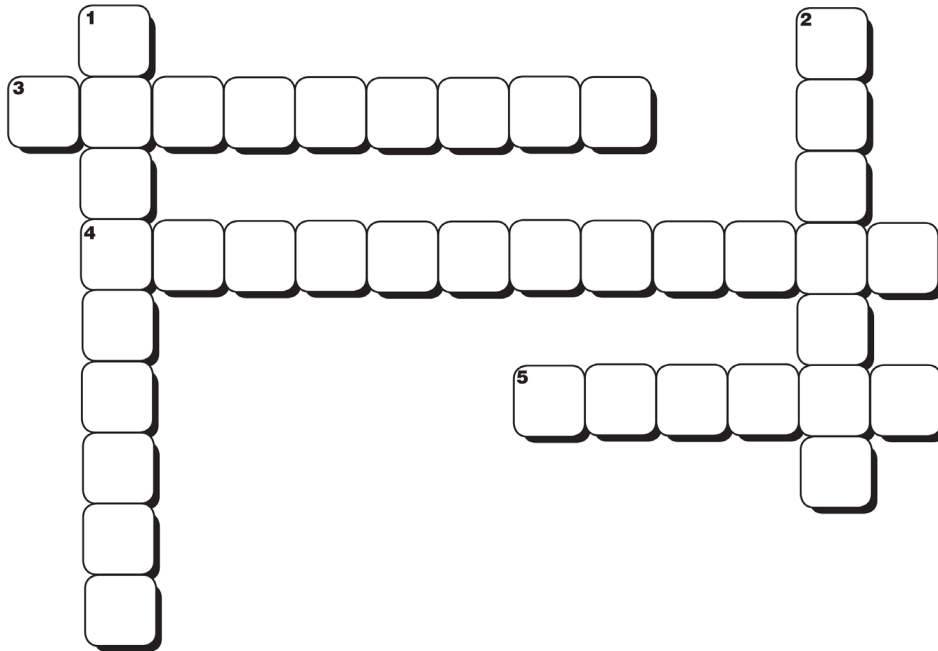
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VOCABULARY

POWER WORD CROSSWORD!

Power Words appear capitalized and in bold face each month in *Bear Essential News*.

This month, they can be found on the main feature, "Bloodsuckers," and on page 5, "News Highlights." This could be really helpful in figuring out this crossword!



ACROSS

- 3. The nose of an animal or the sucking mouthpart of an insect
- 4. Upsetting or frightening
- 5. Of or relating to horses

DOWN

- 1. Spiders, scorpions and ticks are in this class of critters.
- 2. Placing something in a safe place—stowing.

POWER WORDS: (in case you need a little more help)

EQUINE • ARACHNIDS • CACHING • PROBOSIS • CRINGEWORTHY