OCTOBER WORKSHEETS

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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. Identify the 5W's & H in the story.

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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!
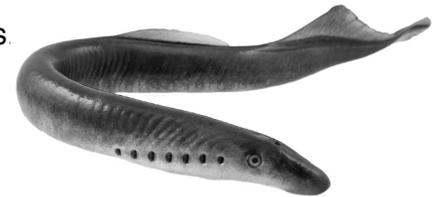
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Main Feature: Bloodsuckers!

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

1. Which creature in this feature fascinates you the most? Why?

2. Do any of these real bloodsuckers make you cringe? Please explain!

3. Some of the bloodsuckers can transmit some serious viruses and other diseases, yet the medical leech can help with healing. Would you be comfortable having a surgeon attach a leech to your incision area to help it heal without scarring? Why or why not?

4. Chupacabras are the legendary goat-suckers said to inhabit the Americas. With Halloween coming up, create a short tale involving a chupacabra!

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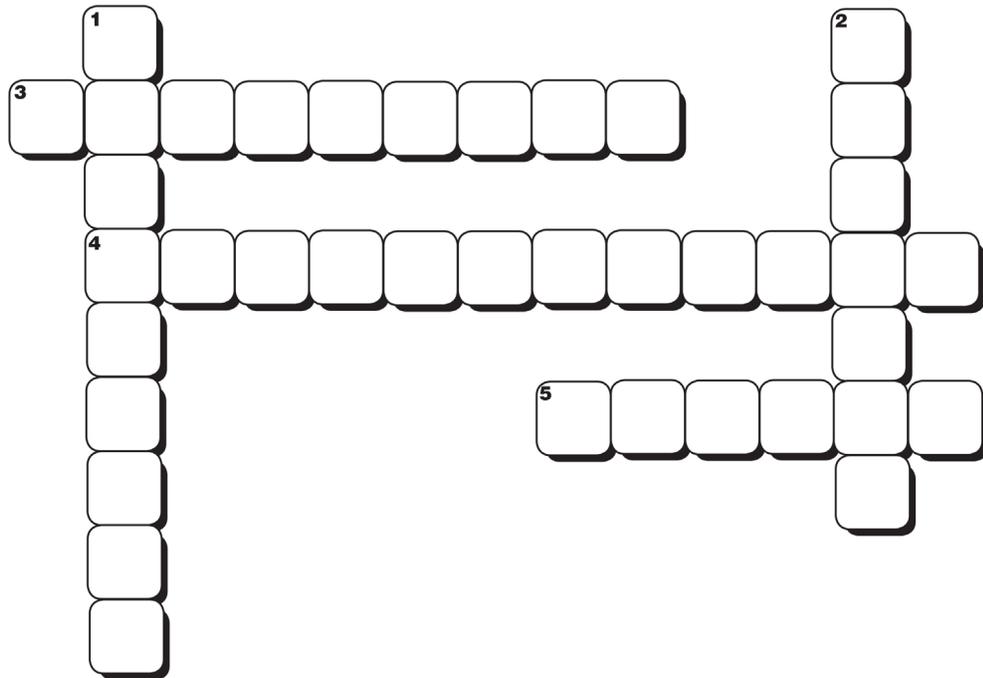_____

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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. n.—The nose of an animal or the sucking mouthpart of an insect

4. adj.—Upsetting or frightening

5. adj.—Of or relating to horses

DOWN

1. n.—Spiders, scorpions and ticks are in this class of critters.

2. v.—Placing something in a safe place—stowing.

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

EQUINE · ARACHNIDS · CACHING · PROBOSCIS · CRINGEWORTHY