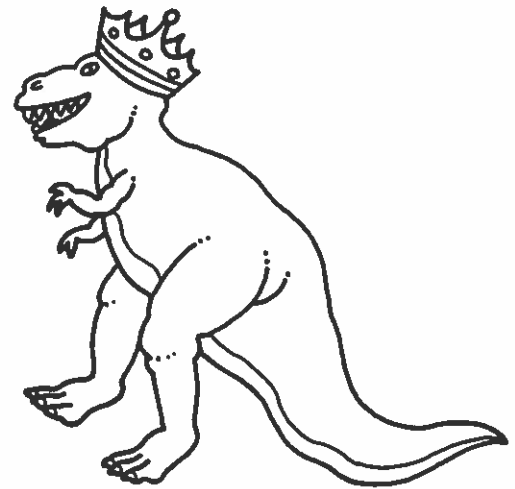
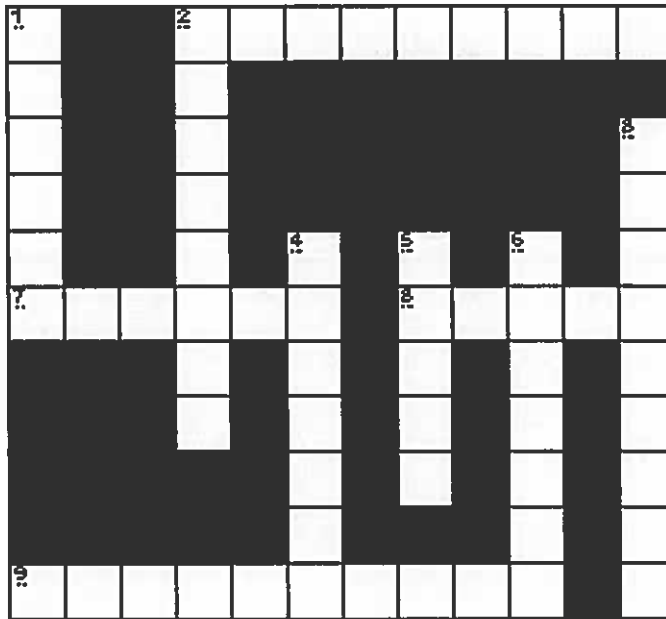




Tyrannosaurus Rex

His name tells us he was the king of the prehistoric world, but Tyrannosaurus Rex ruled only in the final days of the Mesozoic Era. Words, on the other hand, can reign forever!

All the words in the puzzle below have *rect* or *reg* as their root, meaning “king” or “right ruler.” Read the definition clues and fill in the missing numbers. (Hint: The clues are not listed in the correct order.)



Across

- _____ moral rightness
- _____ the manner of a ruler's government
- _____ upright, not leaning
- _____ a law made by a ruler

Down

- _____ like a king
- _____ the fancy clothing of a king
- _____ a routine of right habits
- _____ the murder of a king
- _____ a right-angled parallelogram
- _____ the ruler of a church

On the back of your paper, write an original sentence of seven words or more for each vocabulary term. Give your sentences a prehistoric setting!

Nestor, Court Jester



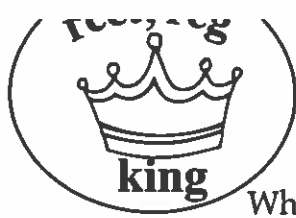
Nestor's job was to keep King Midas laughing. Here are some of Nestor's "golden-oldies." Write the letter of the correct answer beside each riddle.

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| _____ 1. a regimen of frequent baths and showers | a. the ice cream regime |
| _____ 2. a rectangular grizzly | b. stewed rectitude |
| _____ 3. a regicide weapon | c. a regal eagle |
| _____ 4. rule by Baskin Robbins | d. the faster pastor |
| _____ 5. an inherited tendency to stand erect | e. bear in a square |
| _____ 6. the king of birds | f. claw law |
| _____ 7. regalia for playing a board game with knights and pawns | g. a clean routine |
| _____ 8. regulation for kittens | h. the straight trait |
| _____ 9. a rector known for quick sermons | i. the thing that zinged the king |
| _____ 10. a cannibal's favorite meal of moral missionary | j. chess dress |

Once King Midas stopped laughing at Nestor's crazy riddles, he grew thoughtful. Was there real sense and wisdom hiding behind Nestor's silliness? The king pulled his jester into a private chamber. "I know these riddles must be clues about something dangerous to my kingdom. Explain yourself, Nestor!"

Choose five of the riddles above and tell how they are clues to the secret plot Nestor uncovered to get rid of King Midas.





King for a Day

What laws would you make if you were king for a day? Use your knowledge of *rect/reg* words to write interesting rules.

1. What kind of regalia would you order for the teachers in your kingdom?

2. What regimen would you plan for young knights-to-be?

3. How would you honor the rectitude of citizens in your kingdom?

4. How would you prevent the threat of regicide?

5. What regulations would you make regarding the legal age for chariot-driving?

6. How would your subjects be required to act toward the regal pets?

7. About what problems would you order the rectors of the country to speak?

8. When would all citizens be required to hold their arms erect?

9. What law would cause people to call you "The Rectangular Ruler"?

10. What would be the official motto of your regime?

