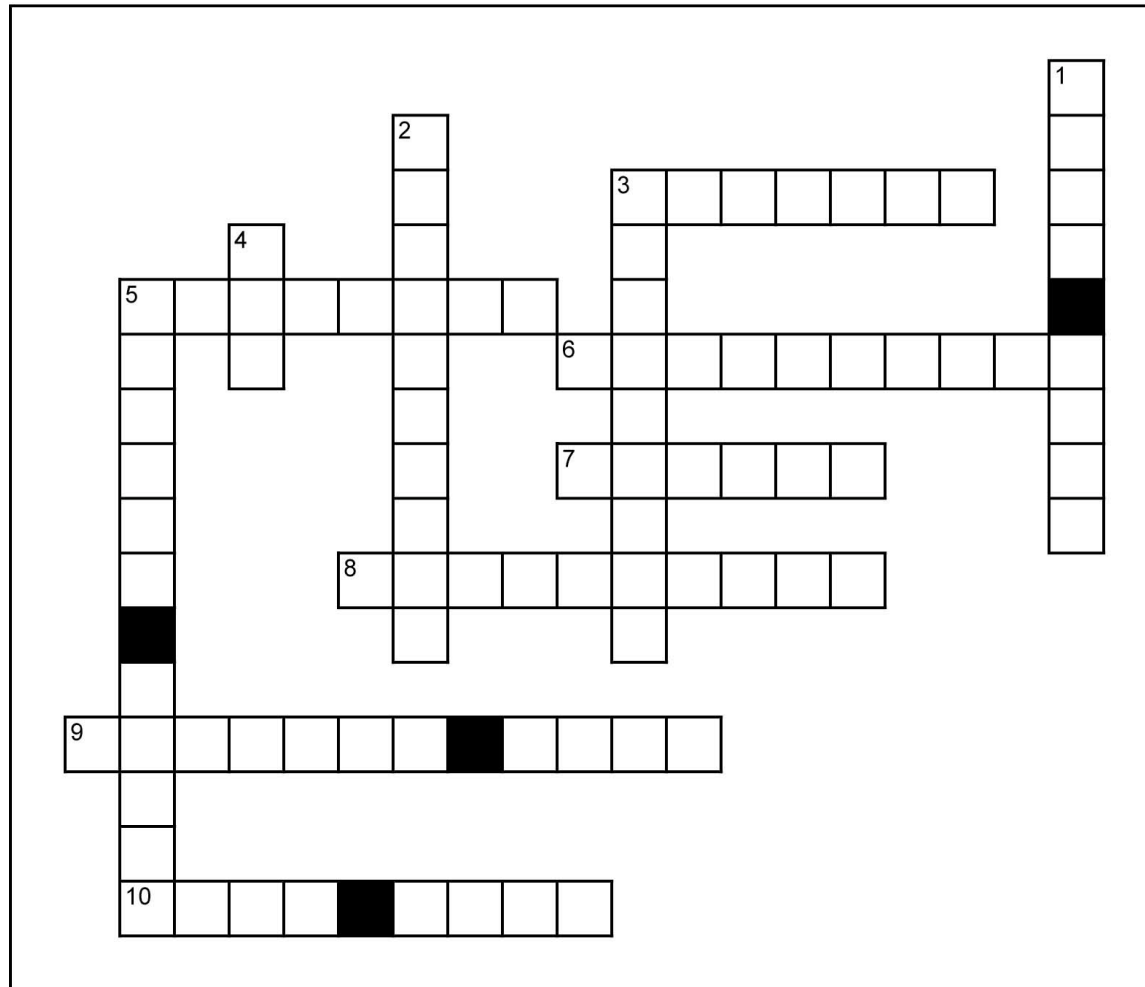


ALLIE'S BASKETBALL DREAM

“When Allie’s father came home from work Friday evening, he brought her a gift. ‘Because I love you,’ he said, and kissed Allie on the nose. The gift was something that Allie really wanted—a basketball.”

The next day, Allie goes to shoot some hoops and meets some friends. Use your knowledge of basketball and other activities to solve the crossword. You may need the book to solve all the clues!



ACROSS

3. When Allie missed, the ball hit the backboard and _____ off.
5. With her new basketball, Allie bounced and _____.
6. Julio whizzed by on his new _____.
7. Kicking and chasing the ball, Allie pretended she was playing _____.
8. Where Allie went to play with her new ball.
9. Allie tells Buddy that some people think this is just for girls, but that they're wrong.
10. Allie sent her basketball right through the middle of Keisha's _____.

DOWN

1. Allie loves watching professional players _____.
2. Allie is offered this, which is smaller and lighter than a basketball.
3. A piece of wood or plastic behind a basketball hoop.
4. The round metal part of a basketball hoop
5. A more complicated version of 9 Across, played by Buddy, Sheba, and another girl.