

## Input:

A **crossword** is a word puzzle that normally takes the form of a square or a rectangular grid of white and black squares. The goal is to fill the white squares with letters, forming words or phrases, by finding definitions and meanings . In languages that are written left-to-right, the answer words and phrases are placed in the grid from left to right and from top to bottom ( across and down ). The black squares are used to separate the words or phrases. Squares in which answers begin are usually numbered.

The first example of a crossword puzzle appeared on September 14, 1890, in an Italian magazine .It was designed by Giuseppe Airoldi and titled "Per passare il tempo" ("To pass the time").

On December 21, 1913, Arthur Wynne, a journalist from Liverpool, England, published a "word-cross" puzzle in the *New York World*. This puzzle is frequently cited as the first crossword puzzle, and Wynne as the inventor. Later, the name of the puzzle was changed to "crossword".

Adapted from: Wikipedia

Part One (14pts)

A-<u>Reading Comprehension</u> (7 pts)

Activity 1 : Read the input and write ' true ' or ' false ' (3pts )

- a- The crosswords puzzle is a language game.
- b- Arthur Wynne was a journalist . .....

c- He published a crossword puzzle in 1890. .....

Activity 2: Answer the questions (2pts)

a- Can we fill the black squares with letters?

....., .....

b- Was Arthur Wynne Italian ?

..... , .....

Activity 3: Find in the input the antonym of the following words (2pts)

a- bottom  $\neq$  ..... b- the last  $\neq$  .....

## B- Mastery of Language (7pts)

Α	В
Synonym	right $\neq$ left
Antonym	stop $\rightarrow$ pots
Palindrome	dark = black
Anagram	madam

Activity 1: Match the words in A with the right example in B (2pts)

Activity 2: Choose the appropriate word (3 pts)

a- Those are ( theirs - their ) books .

b- I've lost (my – mine) rubber. Could you lend me (yours – your)?

Activity 3 : Classify these words according to the sounds /ai/ and /ei/ (2pts)

file - male - by - play

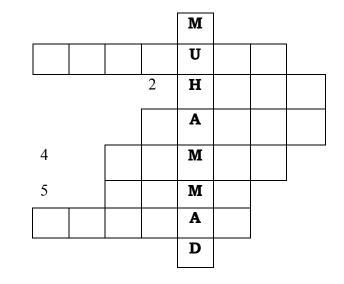
/ai/	/ei/

## Part Two (6pts)

Use the definitions below to do 1

this crossword puzzle:

- 1- One hundred years.
- 2- She has got long .....
- 3- Animal of the Sahara.
- 4- Plural of woman.6
- 5- Past of come.
- 6- The day before Saturday.



GOOD LUCK!