

West African Heritage

WORD SEARCH | ADVANCED | Ages 9–12 | 20 × 20

Find every word across, up, down, or diagonally. Words can run backward, too!

Name: _____ Find all 14 words.

C	T	I	O	U	E	Q	R	B	K	X	Z	K	P	G	Y	F	K	W	V
J	M	Z	F	T	A	V	R	J	A	U	J	S	M	M	Q	Q	Y	Q	E
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R	G	G	U	N	G	C	I	L	O	L	I	S	D	O	D	A	M	Q	S
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A	P	F	C	K	Q	T	D	Q	W	D	S	T	C	Z	K	C	F	L	N
Y	I	C	U	K	F	Y	T	G	S	U	B	K	O	A	E	C	U	O	K
M	Y	B	Z	R	Y	W	J	K	H	J	O	N	D	I	S	R	F	F	R
B	X	X	K	Q	G	N	H	S	E	R	A	Y	E	A	R	A	K	N	A
J	P	N	X	O	S	K	M	A	A	N	H	F	N	V	L	G	V	C	F
Z	I	F	D	P	P	U	Z	M	F	E	T	R	B	A	O	B	A	B	R
V	P	N	O	E	B	H	I	C	P	E	N	E	B	M	E	J	D	C	Y

WORDS TO FIND (14)

- 1. Kente
- 2. Djembe
- 3. Griot
- 4. Jollof
- 5. Adinkra
- 6. Mask
- 7. Baobab
- 8. Ankara
- 9. Shea
- 10. Kora
- 11. Balafon
- 12. Fufu
- 13. Accra
- 14. Dakar

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Family challenge: choose a word and discover its story together.

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ANSWER KEY | ADVANCED | Ages 9–12 | 20 × 20

Highlighted paths show every word. Coordinates below use row, column (starting at 1).

Keep this page for checking after you finish.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1	C	T	I	O	U	E	Q	R	B	K	X	Z	K	P	G	Y	F	K	W	V
2	J	M	Z	F	T	A	V	R	J	A	U	J	S	M	M	Q	Q	Y	Q	E
3	C	V	Z	B	M	Z	R	X	X	Q	L	J	Y	M	L	X	J	S	L	C
4	J	H	E	P	B	V	F	U	S	N	C	V	J	T	W	G	A	O	R	E
5	Z	L	M	O	J	S	K	D	S	N	L	K	B	Z	B	T	G	V	A	R
6	D	U	E	G	Q	G	U	F	P	U	V	Z	N	B	S	Q	T	X	Z	X
7	O	R	N	G	I	L	J	J	G	W	F	N	W	M	T	S	U	L	N	C
8	N	Z	D	Q	S	W	F	T	K	M	H	T	X	I	A	N	Q	G	U	T
9	B	Y	W	G	E	D	V	A	S	J	I	C	L	S	D	H	C	I	M	D
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11	H	T	J	O	J	N	F	B	J	E	X	Y	E	H	U	S	I	D	J	A
12	W	D	C	T	H	Z	E	V	Z	Y	P	Z	M	O	K	P	J	R	O	D
13	S	Z	O	N	E	V	P	A	X	X	H	K	W	Z	Q	K	A	U	L	I
14	A	P	F	C	K	Q	T	D	Q	W	D	S	T	C	Z	K	C	F	L	N
15	Y	I	C	U	K	F	Y	T	G	S	U	B	K	O	A	E	C	U	O	K
16	M	Y	B	Z	R	Y	W	J	K	H	J	O	N	D	I	S	R	F	F	R
17	B	X	X	K	Q	G	N	H	S	E	R	A	Y	E	A	R	A	K	N	A
18	J	P	N	X	O	S	K	M	A	A	N	H	F	N	V	L	G	V	C	F
19	Z	I	F	D	P	P	U	Z	M	F	E	T	R	B	A	O	B	A	B	R
20	V	P	N	O	E	B	H	I	C	P	E	N	E	B	M	E	J	D	C	Y

WORD LOCATIONS

- 1. Kente (16,9) to (20,13)
- 2. Djembe (20,18) to (20,13)
- 3. Griot (18,17) to (14,13)
- 4. Jollof (11,19) to (16,19)
- 5. Adinkra (11,20) to (17,20)
- 6. Mask (19,9) to (16,9)
- 7. Baobab (19,14) to (19,19)
- 8. Ankara (17,20) to (17,15)
- 9. Shea (15,10) to (18,10)
- 10. Kora (15,13) to (18,10)
- 11. Balafon (20,14) to (14,20)
- 12. Fufu (16,18) to (13,18)
- 13. Accra (13,17) to (17,17)
- 14. Dakar (16,14) to (12,18)

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Compare your answers together. Which new word would you like to learn more about?