

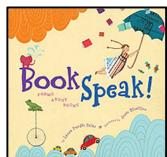
## OUTSIDE OF THE BOOK

You can learn a lot about a book by its cover.

- \* The **cover** is the outside wrapping of a book.
- \* The **spine** is the skinny edge you see when a book is on a shelf.
- \* On the cover, you'll see the **title**, or name of the book.
- \* The **author** wrote the book. His or her name is on the cover.
- \* If the book has pictures, the name of the person who made them is on the cover. That's the **illustrator**.
- \* A **hardcover** book has a cover that is hard like your desk. A **paperback** book has a cover that is soft like paper.

Pick up a book and look at the cover. Answer these questions.

1. What is one thing in the picture on the cover? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the top word printed on the spine of the book? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the title? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who is the illustrator? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who is the author? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Is the book hardcover or paperback? \_\_\_\_\_



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## INSIDE THE BOOK

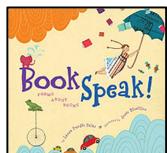
- \* Books with chapters have a **table of contents**. This page tells the title of each chapter plus the page it starts on.
- \* Some books have a **glossary** at the back. A glossary lists some words from the book, plus their meanings.
- \* Some books have an **index** at the very end. An index lists the topics in the book, plus every page where that topic is written about.

glossary	index	table of contents
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Fill in the blanks below using a word from the word bank above.

### Looking for Alligators

I checked out a book about reptiles from the library today. I didn't know what the word "constrictor" meant, so I looked it up in the \_\_\_\_\_. I wanted to find a chapter all about alligators, so I looked at the \_\_\_\_\_. It told me that the alligator chapter started on page 36. I liked this book a lot. I decided to use it for facts for my report on alligators. I wanted to see if the book talked about alligators anywhere else. I turned to the very end of the book and checked in the \_\_\_\_\_.



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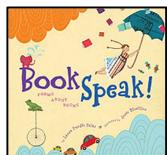
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## MORE PARTS OF THE BOOK

- \* The things that happen in a story are called the **plot**.
- \* A **character** is a person or animal who does things in a story.
- \* A **cliffhanger** chapter ends when something bad is about to happen.
- \* A **sequel** is a book that continues a story started in an earlier book.
- \* A **book plate** is a sticker that you write your name in and put in a book to show it's yours (but only do this if it's your book and not the library's!).
- \* **Illustrations** are the pictures the illustrator makes for the book.
- \* The **conflict** is the problem the character solves.

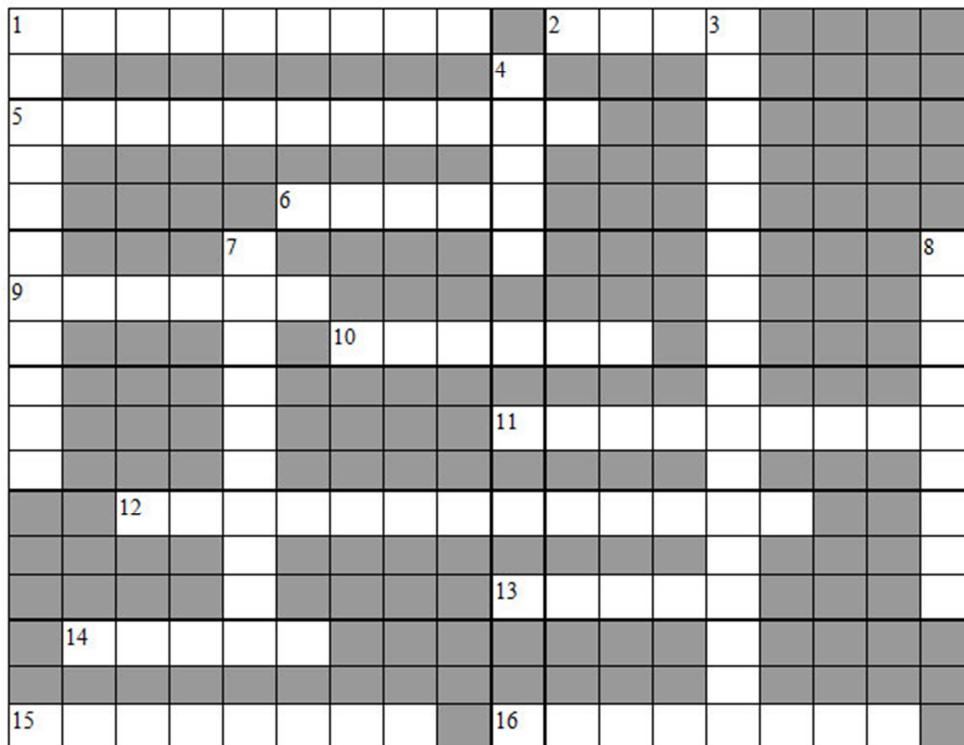


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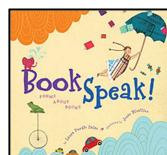
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**PARTS OF A BOOK CROSSWORD PUZZLE****ACROSS**

1. Who a story is about
2. Events that happen in a story
5. The artist who makes the pictures for a book
6. The skinny backbone of the book
9. The writer of a book
10. A book that continues another book
11. Book with a strong, hard front and back
12. Pictures in a book
13. Name of the book
14. List of all topics in a book and pages they appear
15. Problem that a character must solve or overcome
16. List of some words in the book and their meaning

**DOWN**

1. A chapter that stops at a scary spot
3. List of all the chapters and what page each starts on
4. The front and back of the book
7. A label or sticker that shows you own a book
8. Book with a soft cover

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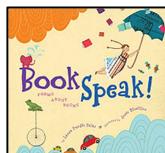
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**Crossword Puzzle****Across:**

1. CHARACTER
2. PLOT
5. ILLUSTRATOR
6. SPINE
9. AUTHOR
10. SEQUEL
11. HARDCOVER
12. ILLUSTRATIONS
13. TITLE
14. INDEX
15. CONFLICT
16. GLOSSARY

**Down:**

1. CLIFFHANGER
3. TABLE OF CONTENTS
4. COVER
7. BOOK PLATE
8. PAPERBACK

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