

2019-2020 Season

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PLAYGUIDE

SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK LIVE!



JR.

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Based on:

THE ABC-TV EDUCATIONAL ANIMATED SERIES, WHICH AIRED DURING THE 1970S AND 1980S

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The Story

Based on the popular television series, *Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr.* follows the story of Tom Mizer, a young teacher, who is nervous for his first day of teaching. In an attempt to calm himself down, he turns on the TV and an episode of *Schoolhouse Rock* is playing. Before long, the show jumps from screen to stage, and Tom gets a crash course in language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science. Featuring your favorite *Schoolhouse Rock* songs, this show is guaranteed to educate and entertain!

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AFTER THE SHOW

Activities

1. It's time to unpack those adjectives! An adjective is a word that describes a noun. 'Good,' 'happy,' and 'silly' are examples of adjectives. In the song "Unpack Your Adjectives" in *Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr.*, the cast sang about a lot of different adjectives. Here are a few from the song: 'frustrating,' 'foggy,' 'short,' 'tall,' and 'scary.' With a family member or friend, use each of these adjectives in a sentence to describe a noun. After you have used each word in a sentence, create a body movement and act out each adjective. Share your ideas with another family member or friend.



Curriculum
Connection

English Language Arts
Vertical Alignment:
Grade 1

Language Strand: Conventions of Standard English: College and Career Readiness (CCR)
Anchor Standard 1: *Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking: F: Use frequently occurring adjectives.*

2. The United States of America is known as the Great Melting Pot. There's even a song in *Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr.* called "The Great American Melting Pot." This means that our country has people from many different cultures, countries, and ethnicities, living here. Even though we may be different, we are all Americans. People have come from all over the world over the past four hundred years to live here. This diversity is one of the things that makes America so great. With a family member, talk about your family history. Did you have a relative come to the United States from another country? After learning more about your family heritage, write a short scene about your relative who travelled to the United States. Think about how they felt as they travelled. Act this scene out with family members and celebrate your heritage!



Curriculum
Connection

Social Studies: Grade 3
Theme: Communities:
Past & Present, Near &
Far: Geography Strand

Topic: Human Systems – 8. Communities may include diverse cultural groups.



3. *Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr.* features a lot of different styles of music. Make a list of as many songs as you can remember from the show. How did those songs express a mood or feeling? Did the words and themes of the songs match up with the mood or feeling of the music? Share your answers with a family member or peer. Then, try to create your own song about your favorite part of *Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr.*

Curriculum
Connection

Music Standards: Grade 5
Cognitive & Creative
Processes: Responding &
Reflecting 2RE

Discuss contributions of musical elements to aesthetic qualities in performances of self and others.

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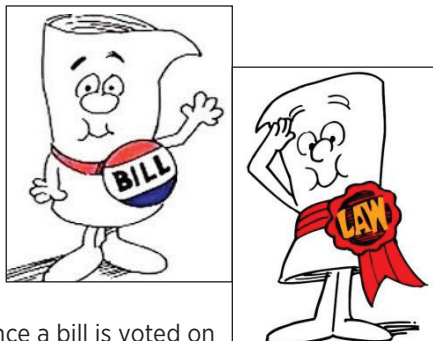
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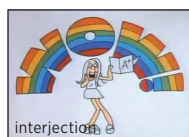
Words to Know from Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr.:

Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr. is packed with fun and important words. Check out the list below for words to know from the show.

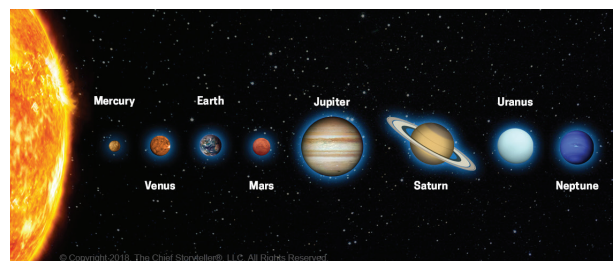
- **Noun:** A word that is a person, place, thing, or idea.
- **Adjective:** A word that describes a noun.
- **Soggy:** Wet and soft.
- **Gregarious:** Friendly and outgoing.
- **Bill:** A draft of a new law.
- **Law:** A rule that citizens of a country must follow. Once a bill is voted on by Congress and signed by the President, it becomes a law.



- **Capitol Hill:** The name of where Congress is in Washington D.C.
- **Congress:** Where bills are written and voted on in the United States. There are two parts of Congress: The Senate and The House of Representatives. Both parts must approve a bill before it can become a law.
- **The Constitution:** The set of basic laws for The United States of America.
- **The Preamble:** The first part of the Constitution that explains why our government is a republic.
- **Circulation:** How blood flows through the human body.
- **Oxygen:** A chemical element gas that is necessary for life. We breathe oxygen into our lungs, and it travels through our blood.
- **Conjunction:** A word that joins two other sentences, phrases, or clauses together. 'And,' 'but,' and 'or' are classic examples.
- **Satchel:** A small bag with a shoulder strap.
- **Liberty:** Freedom.
- **Immigrant:** Someone who was born in one country but decides to move and live a different one.
- **Galaxy:** A collection of solar systems that are closest to each other.
- **Star:** A burning ball of gas in space.
- **Planet:** A natural body that orbits a star. Earth is a planet.



- **Interjections:** A word that shows emotion or excitement usually set apart from a sentence with an exclamation point. Awesome!



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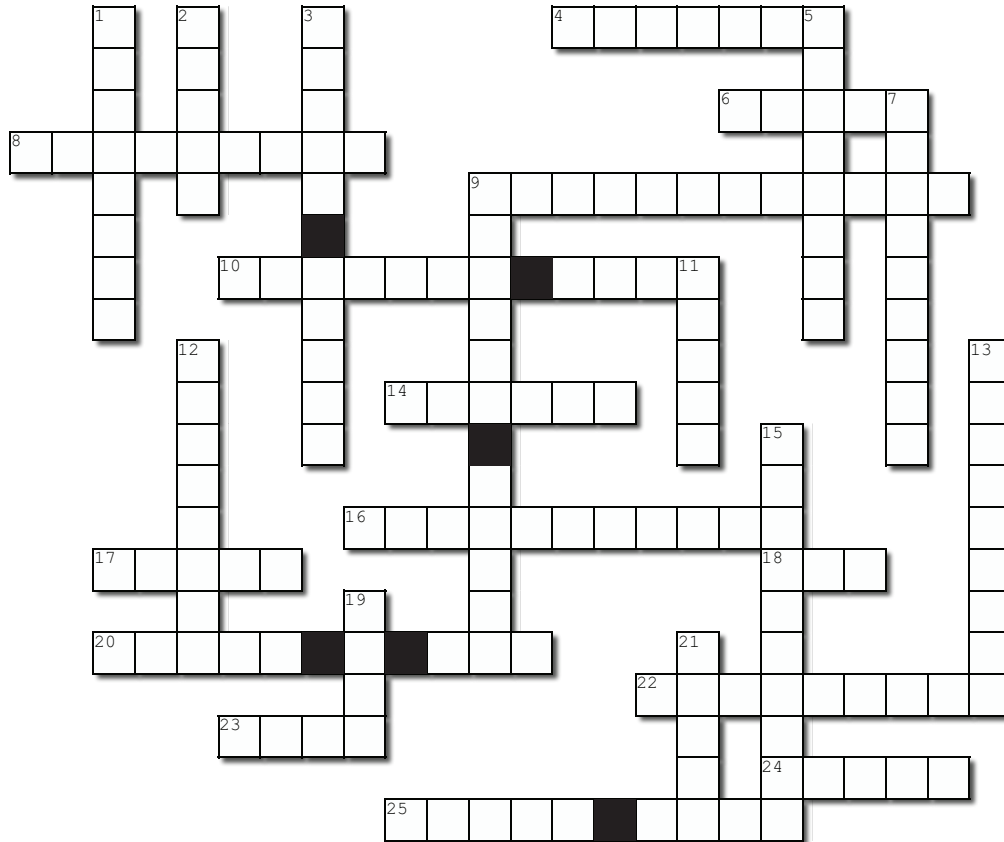
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CURTAIN CALL CROSSWORD

Before this guide ends, here is one last activity as a curtain call! You have been a lovely audience. Use the clues below to complete this theatre-themed crossword puzzle. The black squares are spaces in multi-word answers. Once you finish, give yourself a thunderous round of applause! The solution is on the next page.



Across

4. The part of the stage that is away from the audience.
6. A person who performs in a play.
8. The area behind the stage that the audience cannot see.
9. The dances in a musical.
10. When the actors bow at the end of a show.
14. Words sung by actors in a musical.
16. The main character or hero of the play.
17. The areas to the sides of the stage just out of the audience's view. Part of backstage.
18. To perform as a character.
20. A phrase that means "good luck."
22. The part of the stage that is closer to the audience.
23. When a character leaves the stage.
24. A part of the play that takes place in one particular location or time.
25. The left side of the stage when you are standing onstage and looking at the audience.

Down

1. An actor's movement on stage (not including dancing).
2. When an actor moves to a new position on stage.
3. The right side of the stage when you are standing onstage and looking at the audience.
5. When a character comes on the stage.
7. When the cast gets together and practices the show.
9. The middle of the stage.
11. The words spoken by actors onstage.
12. The people who come see a play.
13. A lengthy speech spoken by one character.
15. The opponent of the hero of the play; the villain.
19. The entire group of actors.
21. The area where the audience sits.

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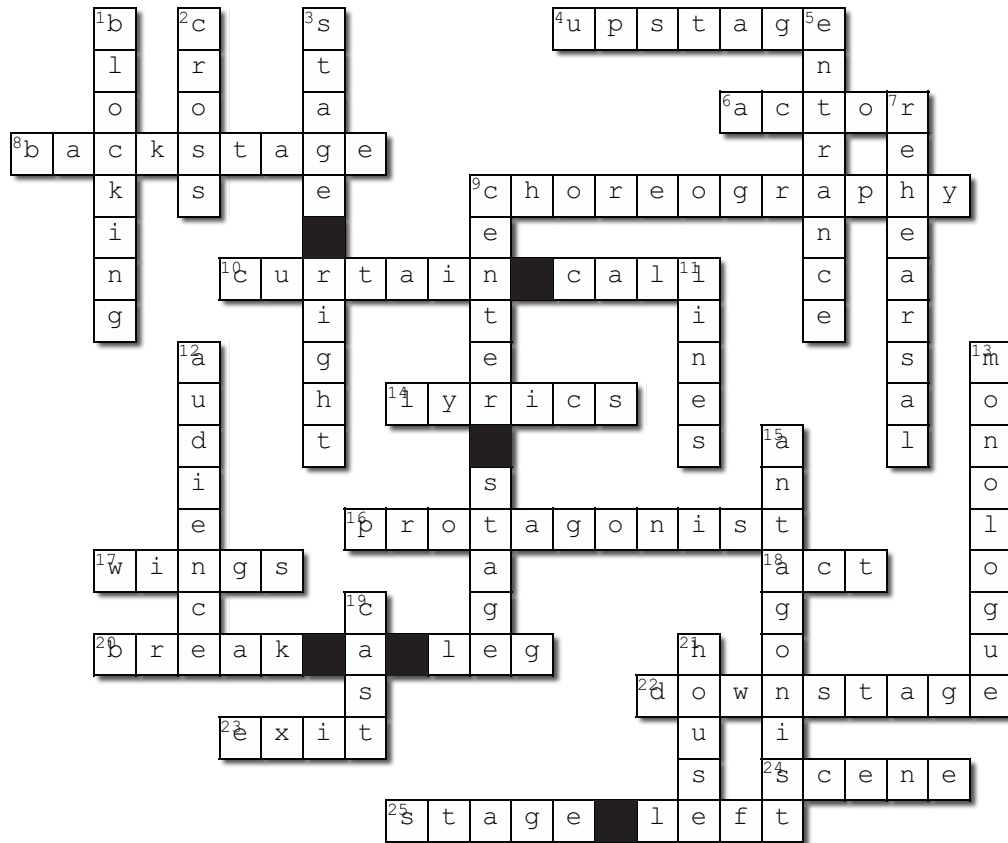
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CROSSWORD SOLUTION



Across

4. The part of the stage that is away from the audience. (**upstage**)
6. A person who performs in a play. (**actor**)
8. The area behind the stage that the audience cannot see. (**backstage**)
9. The dances in a musical. (**choreography**)
10. When the actors bow at the end of a show. (**curtain call**)
14. Words sung by actors in a musical. (**lyrics**)
16. The main character or hero of the play. (**protagonist**)
17. The areas to the sides of the stage just out of the audience's view. Part of backstage. (**wings**)
18. To perform as a character. (**act**)
20. A phrase that means "good luck." (**break a leg**)
22. The part of the stage that is closer to the audience. (**downstage**)
23. When a character leaves the stage. (**exit**)
24. A part of the play that takes place in one particular location or time. (**scene**)
25. The left side of the stage when you are standing onstage and looking at the audience. (**stage left**)

Down

1. An actor's movement on stage (not including dancing). (**blocking**)
2. When an actor moves to a new position on stage. (**cross**)
3. The right side of the stage when you are standing onstage and looking at the audience. (**stage right**)
5. When a character comes on the stage. (**entrance**)
7. When the cast gets together and practices the show. (**rehearsal**)
9. The middle of the stage. (**center stage**)
11. The words spoken by actors onstage. (**lines**)
12. The people who come see a play. (**audience**)
13. A lengthy speech spoken by one character. (**monologue**)
15. The opponent of the hero of the play; the villain. (**antagonist**)
19. The entire group of actors. (**cast**)
21. The area where the audience sits. (**house**)

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