

The cover art features a central scene framed by blue, stylized waves. In the center, a wooden boat with a yellow sail featuring a red spiral pattern is shown. The background is dark with a repeating geometric pattern. The text 'Disney MOANA JR.' is prominently displayed in a glowing, stylized font. The top corners of the page are decorated with yellow and purple geometric shapes, and the bottom corners feature yellow and purple diagonal stripes.

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# ABOUT THE SHOW

*Disney's Moana JR.* is a 60-minute musical adaptation of the 2016 Disney animated film, bringing the adventures of Moana and her village of Motunui to life onstage. *Disney's Moana JR.* features all the beloved songs from the film, written by Tony®, GRAMMY, Emmy, and Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Lin-Manuel Miranda, Opetia Foa'i, and Mark Mancina, including “How Far I’ll Go,” “Shiny,” and “You’re Welcome.”

This thrilling and heartwarming coming-of-age story follows the strong-willed Moana as she sets sail across the Pacific to save her village and discover the truth about her heritage. Moana and the legendary demigod Maui embark on an epic journey of self-discovery and camaraderie as both learn to harness the power that lies within. With empowering messages of bravery and selflessness, *Disney's Moana JR.* is sure to bring out the hero within each of us.

Celebrating the rich history of Oceania and based on the beliefs and cultures of the people of the Pacific Islands, Moana was developed in collaboration with an Oceanic Trust – a group of anthropologists, cultural practitioners, historians, linguists, and choreographers from the Pacific Islands. The same respect and attention to detail used to develop the film was carried forward in the creation of this stage adaptation.

## **Where did “Moana” come from?**

Part of what makes the movie so compelling is its basis in real tradition and heritage—a fact that has prompted many people to ask questions such as “Where is Moana from?” and “What is Moana’s culture?”

Although Moana is from the fictional island Motunui some 3,000 years ago, the story and culture of Moana is based on the very real heritage and history of Polynesian islands such as Hawaii, Samoa, Tonga, and Tahiti.

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## Reading Comprehension

### Wayfinding

Wayfinding is the process of **orienting** and traveling from place to place. Humans, as well as animals, are capable of wayfinding. For example, pets can return home after escaping their yard, birds **migrate** long distances, and aquatic animals find their way to a particular beach, bay, or stream during mating season. We use the term wayfinding to include all processes that allow humans and animals to orient themselves, including traveling over unknown or unmarked trails and paths.

Moana specifically uses star **navigation** in this story, using her hands she measures the angles between the star and the **horizon** to determine her latitude. Moana measures the position of the stars in Orion's Belt, a **constellation** made up of three bright stars. Therefore, Moana determines if her ship is going in the right direction by using Orion's Belt. Maui tells Moana that wayfinding is "seeing where you're going in your mind" and "knowing where you are by knowing where you've been." Educators believe wayfinding is all about memory because wayfinders must memorize the stars and when they transition in the sky.

Voyagers had also memorized star maps; learning where the stars rose and set, and identifying as many as 220 stars. Outside of the film, wayfinders also used other techniques to find their way. Birds can indicate nearby islands, as seen when they fly from one island to gather food, and return home to feed their young.

Some very skilled wayfinders can lie in the hull of a canoe and feel the wave patterns, which indicates the direction the canoe is sailing in. Using these skills, wayfinders had traveled over a third of the earth's surface, using the wind, the waves, and the stars as their maps and compass to find islands from Hawaii to New Zealand.

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## Let's Define

**Orient/Orienting** (verb) - align or position (something) relative to the points of a compass or other specified positions. "The fires are oriented in direct line with the midsummer sunset"

**Migrate** (verb) - (of an animal, typically a bird or fish) move from one region or habitat to another according to the seasons. "As autumn arrives, the birds migrate south"

**Navigation** (noun) - the process or activity of accurately ascertaining one's position and planning and following a route. "Columbus corrected his westward course by celestial navigation"

**Horizon** (noun) - the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet.  
"the sun rose above the horizon"

**Constellation** (noun) - a group of stars forming a recognizable pattern that is traditionally named after its apparent form or identified with a mythological figure. Modern astronomers divide the sky into eighty-eight constellations with defined boundaries.

## Reading Questions

1. Moana uses her hand to measure the angles between what two things?
  - a. The land and the sea
  - b. The sun and the moon
  - c. The stars and the horizon
  - d. The waves and the shore
2. Educators believe wayfinding is all about:
  - a. Geometry
  - b. Memory
  - c. Angles
  - d. Wind patterns
3. Using traditional wayfinding, navigators had traveled how much of the earth's surface?
  - a.  $\frac{2}{3}$
  - b.  $\frac{1}{4}$
  - c.  $\frac{1}{3}$
  - d.  $\frac{3}{4}$

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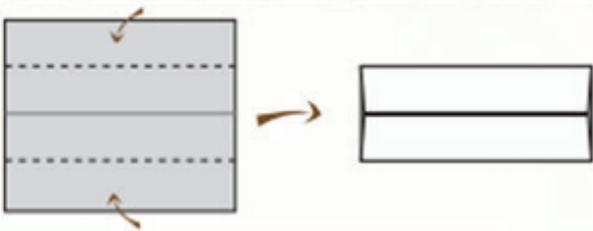
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**CRAFT A CANOE**



**1** Fold your paper in half to make a crease down the center. Then, unfold it.



**2** Next, fold both sides in so that they align with the crease.



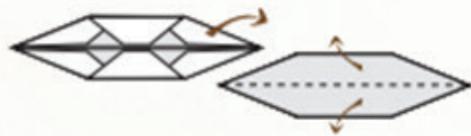
**3** Then fold each of the four corners down so that they align with the center.



**4** Fold the corners over to the center again, so that all four align.



**5** Fold the sides in toward the center so that they make two at edges pointing at each other.



**6** Flip your paper over and carefully pull the bottom center folds up turning the boat inside out, so that the bottom folds now form the inside walls of your boat. It may be easier to begin this process from the ends of the canoe.



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## MOANA

### Word Search Puzzle



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



### Find these words

(The words may be hidden vertically, horizontally or diagonally.)

GODDESS  
OCEAN  
CURSE  
DEMIGOD  
MOTUNUI  
TALA  
HEIHEI

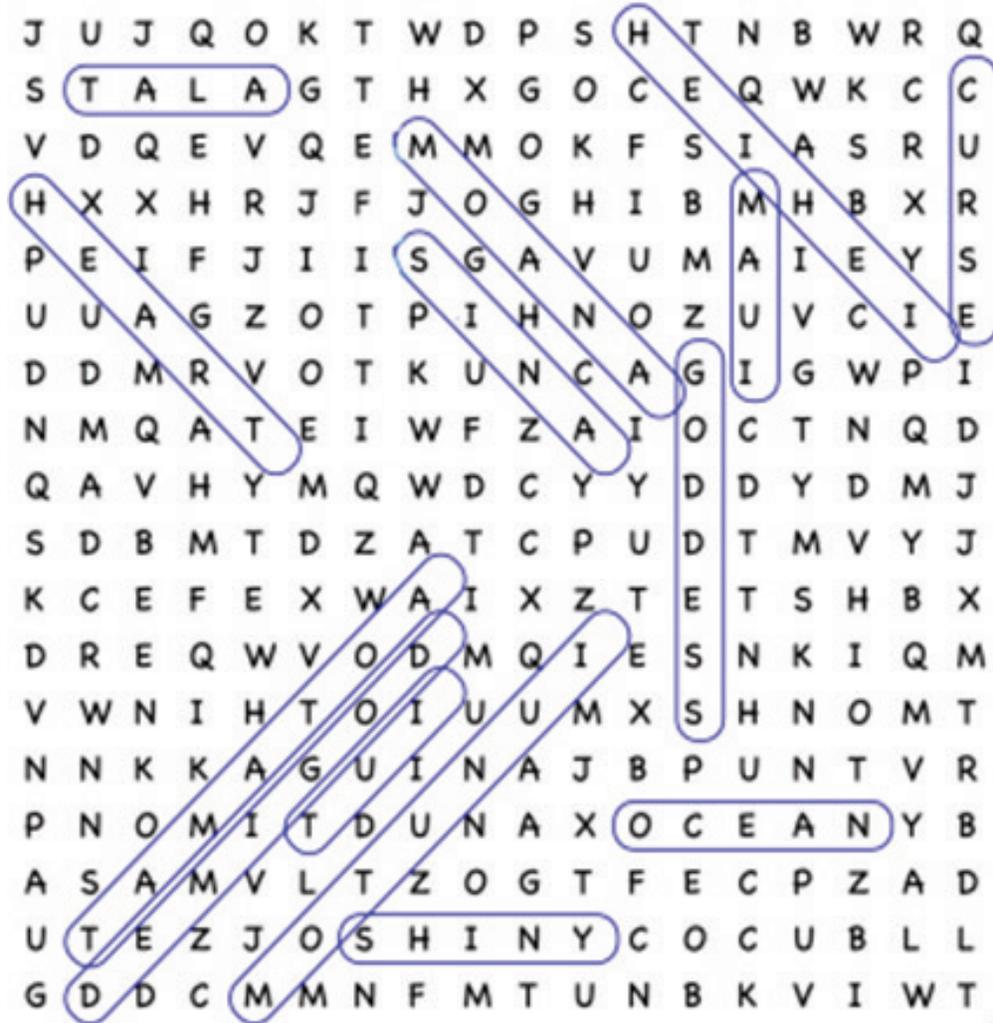
MOANA  
TAMATOA  
SINA  
SHINY  
TUI  
MAUI  
HEART

Draw your favorite Moana character

# ANSWER KEY

From the reading questions on page 3:

1. C. the stars and the horizon
2. B. memory
3. C. 1/3



## STANDARDS

RL.1.1 Ask and answer questions about key details in a text.

GEOGRAPHY STRAND: HUMAN SYSTEMS: Content Statements:

-8. Cultures develop in unique ways, in part through the influence of the physical environment.

ESS.2: Water on Earth is present in many forms.

HISTORY STRAND: 3. Heritage is reflected through diverse cultures and is shown through the arts, customs, traditions, family celebrations and language.