

HARRY HOUDINI



Born Erich Weisz in 1874 in Hungary, Houdini's family moved to Appleton, Wisconsin when he was still a child. When he was 13, his family decided to move to New York City.

In 1894, Erich launched his career as a professional magician and renamed himself "Harry Houdini." He didn't have much success with magic tricks, so he concentrated more on escape acts. He began with handcuffs, and then moved on to straightjackets. When he mastered those, he escaped from locked, water-filled tanks and nailed boxes placed underwater.

In 1912, he came up with his biggest act yet- "The Chinese Water Torture Cell." In a locked glass cabinet filled with water, he was suspended by his feet and lowered upside-down. In order to escape, he had to hold his breath for more than three minutes. This was so popular, it remained a part of his act until his death on October 31, 1926 from a ruptured appendix. Houdini was just 52 years old.

Find the underlined words in the story in the puzzle below.

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