

Beware of the Mist

Name: _____

- 1 Proper nouns are the names of places, people or things. Insert the missing proper nouns into these sentences from the story.

Jefficus Australia Roman Australian

"I am _____," the _____ soldier said. "And you – you are very strange looking. What are you? Are you a barbarian?"

A barbarian! Me?

"No!" I said. "I'm not a barbarian! I'm an _____!"

"An _____? That sounds like a barbarian!" said _____.

"Where is an _____ from?"

"From _____, of course!" I said.

"Never heard of it," said _____.

- 2 Answer these questions to complete the crossword.

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3 What country did Max and his family fly to? _____

6 What empire did Max accidentally visit? _____

7 What word means 'at no time in the past, present or future'?

8 What is the past tense of 'spin'? _____

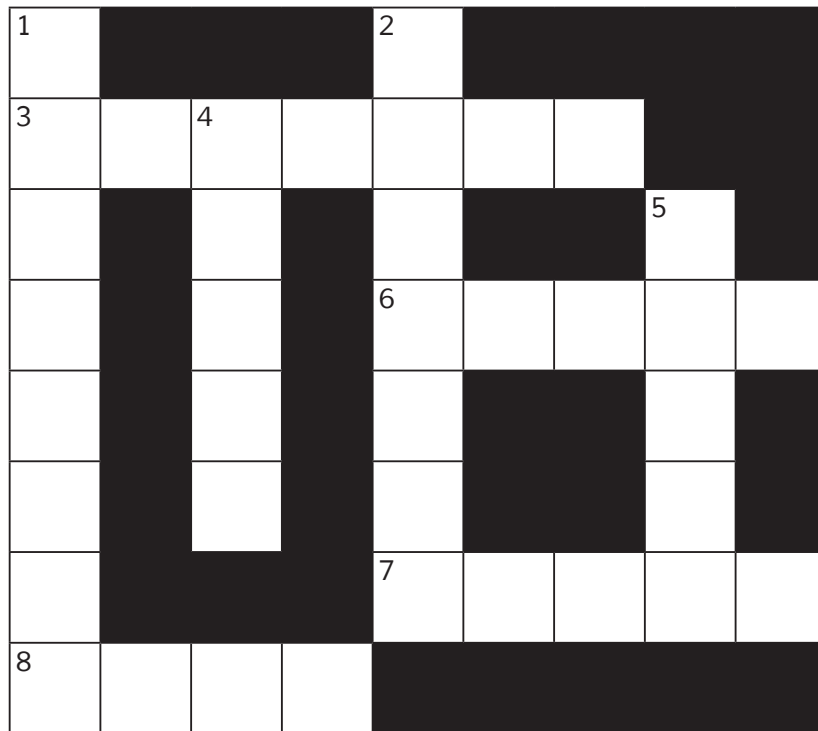
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1 What was the name of the Roman legionary played by the actor?

2 Which emperor built the long wall that Max and his family saw?

4 Who was Max's family staying with? _____

5 What fishy substance did the Romans put on their food? _____



3 Write a paragraph about what you would have done differently if you were Max, dragged back in time through the mist.

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1 Insert the missing punctuation into these sentences from the book.

- a I'm sorry we're a bit short on Roman costumes Jefficus said to me
But there are plenty of weapons You can still use those Is that okay
- b The parents waved and smiled I think we'll wait in the coffee shop
Mum called to me It's getting quite chilly out here.
- e Jefficus and I stopped dead and stared We couldn't believe what we
were seeing Surely it wasn't real But we could hear noises. We could
smell smoke and food cooking We could see soldiers and townspeople
moving around
- f You haven't been a slave for very long have you Tertius said We
have to tidy the barracks collect the rations from the store grind the
grain make the bread and cook the dinner And then if there's any
spare time we can see if there's any work we can do to earn a
few coins

2 Write a phrase or a sentence that describes how these things smelled or looked.

- a The costume worn by Jefficus: _____

- b The sauce that the soldiers put on their food: _____

- c Hadrian's Wall: _____

- d The mist: _____

3 Answer these questions about the story in full sentences.

- a What was the main weather condition that Max and his family encountered on their arrival in England?

- b What was the warning that Gran gave the family when they left the house?

- c Why did the Romans build Hadrian's Wall?

- d What were some of the items of clothing worn by Jefficus?

- e How do you think Max felt when he returned to the present day?
