Esperanza's Crossword Puzzler

Use the clues to fill in words from the story Esperanza Rising.

ACROSS

- 5. Be careful! Cutting this vegetable might make your eyes water and sting.
- 8. These purple pitted fruits gave the twins stomachaches.
- 9. This westernmost state is where Esperanza's family worked on a farm.
- 10. A sweet summer fruit with pale orange flesh that contains a large pit.
- 12. This kind of transportation has many cars. It's how Esperanza traveled to California.
- 13. Before they lost almost everything, Esperanza's family had so much money they were _____.
- 15. Hot and smoky, it burned down Esperanza's house.
- 16. The Spanish word for party sounds a little like the word "festive."
- 18. Workers at the camp threatened to ______, which means they would refuse to do their jobs until conditions improved.
- 19. Abuelita taught Esperanza this crochet stitch that goes up and down.
- 21. Esperanza is worried when her mother gets ____ with Valley Fever.
- 23. These vegetables are used to make french fries.
- 24. This nut is used to make one of Esperanza's favorite desserts, ____ flan

DOWN

- 1. Happy _____ to you!
- 2. Abuelita is the Spanish word for a mother's mother. What's the English word?
- 3. The language Esperanza speaks
- 4. Two people who are born to the same parents on the same day
- 6. On the ranch, Esperanza would start the harvest by cutting a bunch of these from the vine.
- 7. Esperanza uses the Spanish word for Grandmother, Abuelita. Abuelita's daughter is Esperanza's
- 11. You put on a blindfold and use a stick to hit this Mexican party treat that's usually filled with candy.



