

Esperanza's Crossword Puzzler

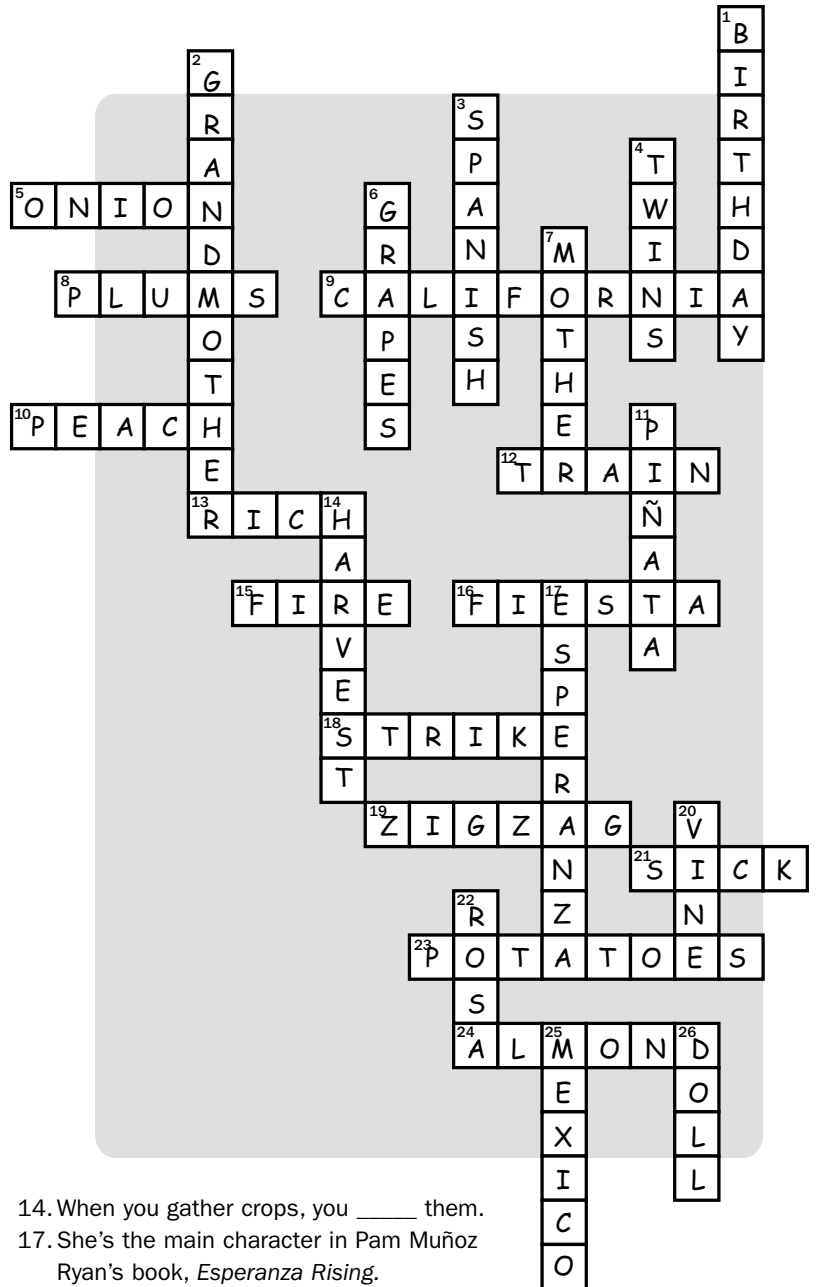
Once you've completed the puzzle, check your answers with this guide.

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.



14. When you gather crops, you ____ them.
17. She's the main character in Pam Muñoz Ryan's book, *Esperanza Rising*.
20. Grapes grow on a ____.
22. The Spanish word for rose is also a girl's name.
25. Esperanza was born in this Spanish-speaking country.
26. Every year for her birthday, Esperanza's father gave her a new porcelain ____ to play with.