

Steer clear of swooping magpies

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It's time to get out your 'space helmets' and umbrellas – magpies are swooping as they protect their chicks.

The magpie breeding season lasts from July until December. During the breeding season, the best approach is to stay well clear of areas where magpies are known to be swooping, particularly the nesting tree.



The Moreton Bay Regional Council wants residents to be 'magpie-smart'. They state that if you must enter the area, move through it quickly. Wear a hat and sunglasses or carry an umbrella.



Not all magpies swoop and those that do are only trying to be good parents.

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Questions

1. What are magpies doing? _____

2. Who are they protecting? _____

3. Write two things you can do to avoid being hurt.

4. Who wants residents to be 'magpie-smart'?

True or False

5. Magpies breed in March. _____

6. You should wear sunglasses. _____

7. All magpies swoop. _____

8. You should avoid magpie areas. _____

Find a word in the story that means:

9. fast _____

10. hold _____

11. Mother and Father _____

12. look after _____

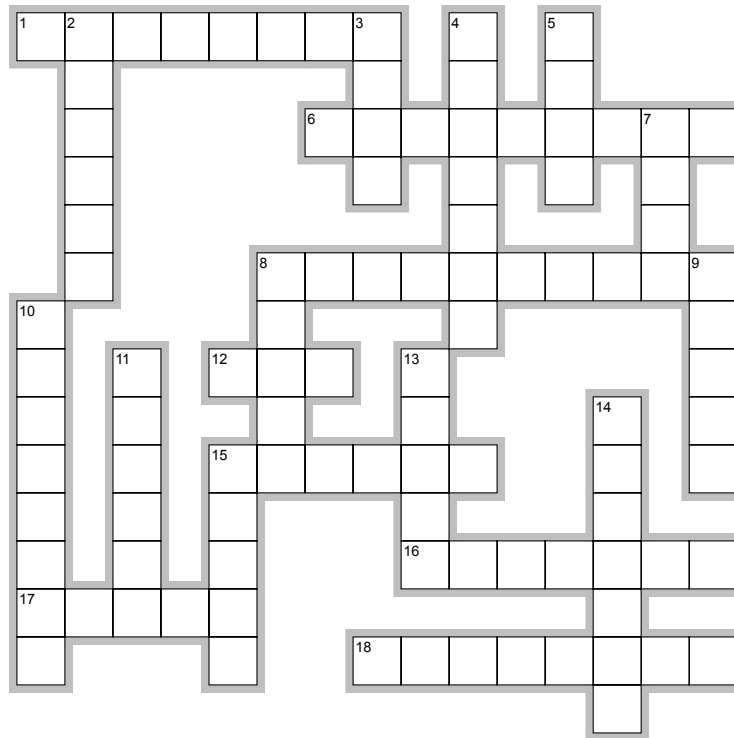
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Across

1. Use this when it rains
6. People who live in a place
8. These help protect your eyes
12. Water partly surrounded by land
15. One of four parts of the year
16. People who raise a child
17. To go into
18. Reproduction

Down

2. A black and white bird
3. 'A grey _____' (Idiom). No right or wrong answer.
4. Moving fast
5. it is brown with green leaves
7. 'Long _____ no see' (Idiom). Haven't seen someone for ages.
8. To say something
9. To make a car go in a particular direction
10. The month when Christmas is celebrated
11. A hard covering to protect the head
13. To fly down quickly
14. A group of people who make laws and plans for the community
15. Being wise and clever. Knowing a lot of information.

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