



"Now this is the part of English class I like," thought John as the teacher handed out papers. Each person was to grade someone else's creative writing assignment. John always looked forward to reading what someone else had written. He looked at the paper he was to grade.

Spring Skiing
by Frank

I like spring skiing. I usually go during spring vacation. I enjoy it

because the flowers are starting to come out, and they're pretty against the snow. I especially like the flowering spruce trees. The scenery is great!

The hard part about skiing in the spring is having the sun in your eyes as you head down the north slopes. This isn't a problem when I go cross-country, though, since I go in several different directions on the trails instead of just one. Cross-country is especially fun when I slalom, but I don't like waxing my skis. That's why I prefer downhill.

"Hmm," thought John, "Not bad, but a few errors of fact. I'll just make some suggestions for improvement. I hope whoever has my paper goes easy on me."

Frank had a nice short essay, but John noticed that Frank was unaware the spruce trees don't have flowers, the sun isn't in your eyes when facing north, and slalom skiing is something done on a downhill race — not cross-country.

away from the house's foundation. The dry areas under the eaves were known as eavesdrips.

Although this was not supposed to be its purpose, an eavesdrop also provided a sheltered spot where a person could easily hide to secretly listen to conversations taking place inside the house. Such a person eventually became known as an **eavesdropper** — named, of course, after his dry listening spot.

WORD POWER

By Lianne Fomey

Centuries ago houses in England did not have rain gutters or spouts. Instead they had roofs with wide overhanging eaves that allowed the rain to drip safely

Magic and fantasy wordsearch

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

Find the following words. They may be vertical, horizontal, diagonal or backwards.

AMULET
BLACK CAT
CHARM
CURSE
DRAGON
ELF
FAIRY
FANTASY
FOUR LEAF CLOVER
HORSESHOE
LEPRECHAUN
LUCK
MAGIC
ORGE
OMEN
PEGASUS
RABBITS FOOT
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