



Spelling and Vocabulary

The Great Houdini

accepted	drowned	straightjacket
assistant	escape	tight
breath	famous	trapeze
buckles	interesting	violently
curtain	magicians	watching
dangerous	reporters	wrapping
disappear	performer	wriggled

Find the words from the list above which complete the following sentences, and write out each word in the space provided.

- 1 There have been many _____ throughout history, but Houdini is the best known. (Clue: People who do magic tricks)
- 2 As a boy, Houdini performed at heights like a _____ artist. (Clue: Act in a circus)
- 3 Houdini learnt about locks while a locksmith's _____ . (Clue: Helper)
- 4 When he became a stage _____ he called himself Houdini after the great French magician Robert Houdin. (Clue: One who does something before an audience)
- 5 Houdini was so nimble, he could undo _____ with his teeth. (Clue: Metal clasps)

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- 6** No matter how he was tied, Houdini always _____ free.
(Clue: Squirmed)
- 7** Houdini started to do more and more _____ tricks to attract people's attention. (Clue: With the chance of someone being injured)
- 8** One of Houdini's tricks was to be tied up in a _____ and suspended high about a crowded street. (Clue: A special garment used for lunatics)
- 9** People flocked to Houdini's shows to watch him _____ from wherever he was tied up. (Clue: Get away)
- 10** Houdini remains to this day the most _____ of all escape artists. (Clue: Celebrated, well known)