

Christmas Activities, Games & Puzzles



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Name: _____



REINDEER WORD SEARCH



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

DASHER

COMET

RUDOLF

DANCER

CUPID

RED NOSE

PRANCER

DONNER

SANTA

VIXEN

BLITZEN

SLEIGH

Clues may run forwards, backwards, diagonally, up or down.
Some may overlap or even be backwards!



REINDEER WORD SEARCH



- Answers -

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

DASHER

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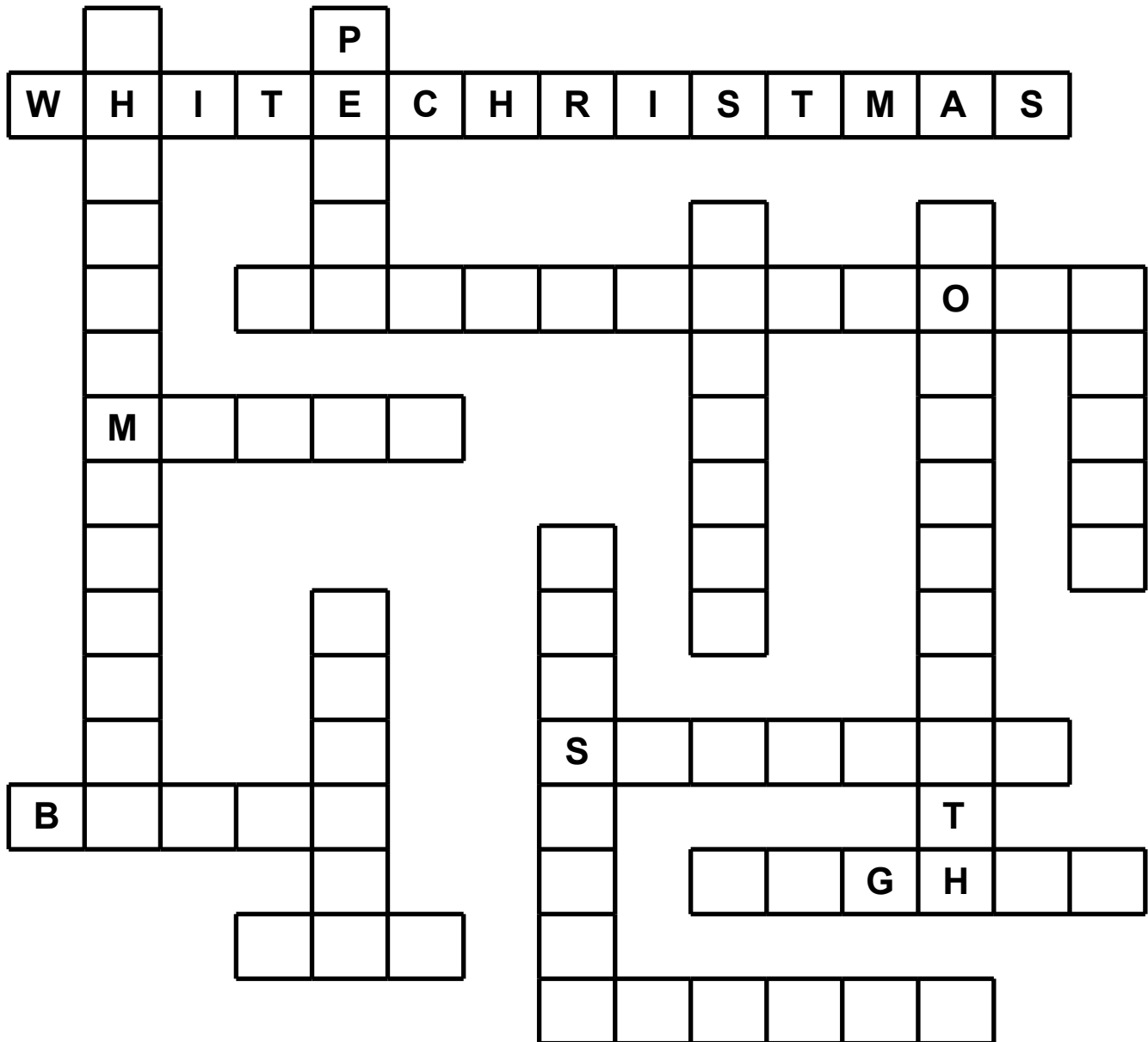
VIXEN

BLITZEN

SLEIGH



CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD



WHITE CHRISTMAS

CELEBRATIONS

ELF

CHRISTMAS TREE

HOLLY WREATH

BAUBLES

SNOWMAN

SANTA

PEACE

SLEIGH

TINSEL

MUSIC

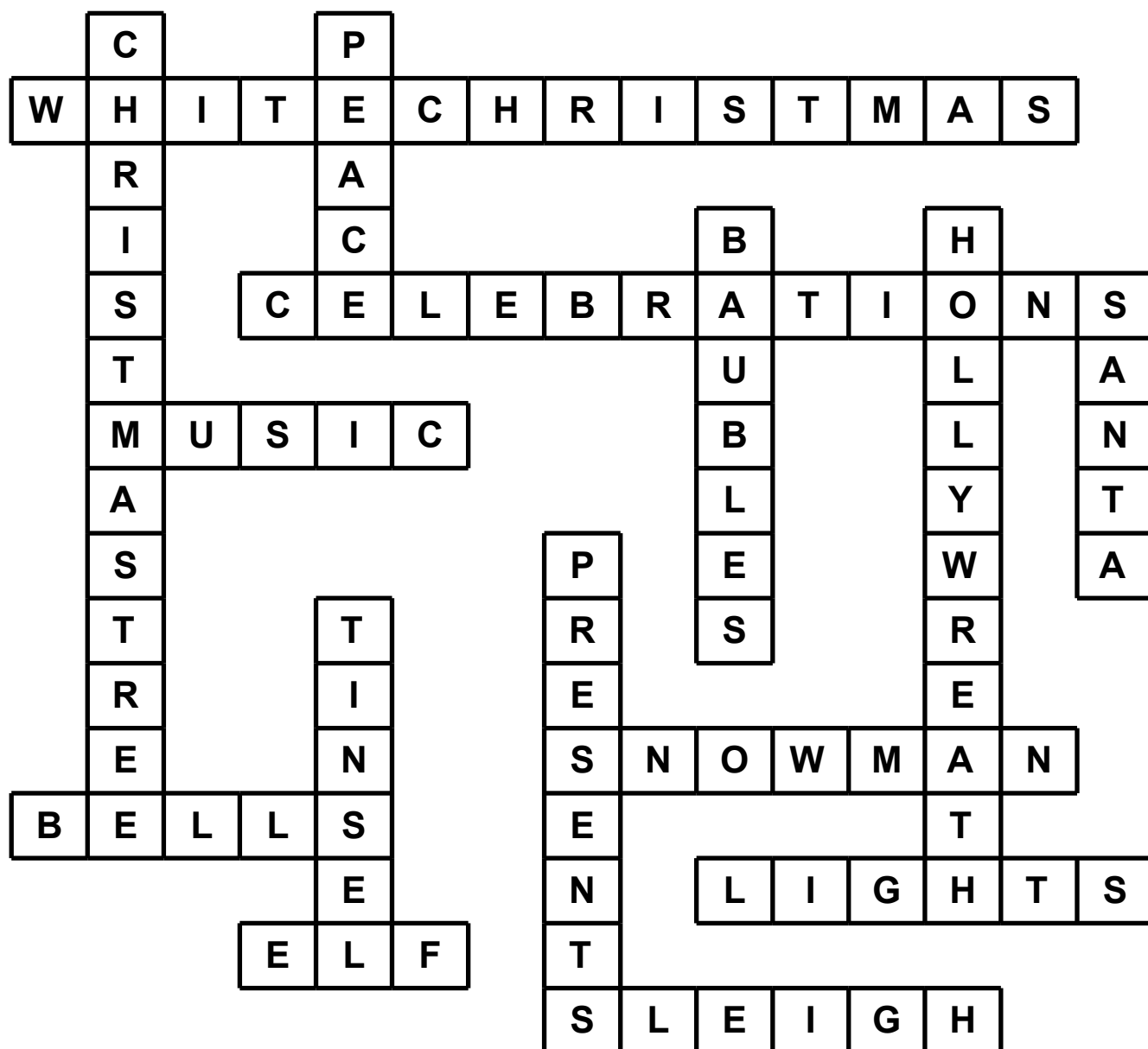
BELLS

LIGHTS

PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD

- Answers -



WHITE CHRISTMAS

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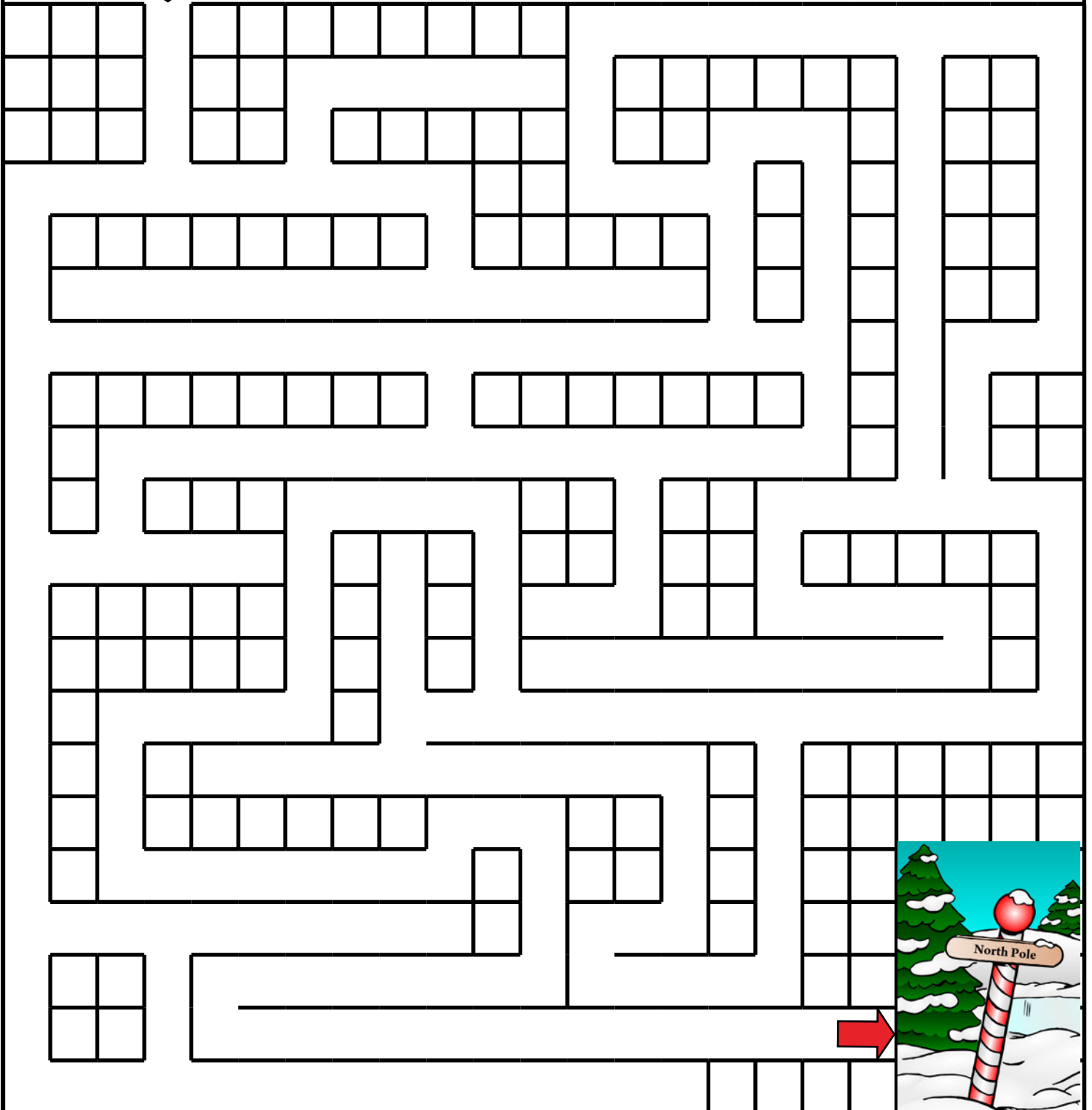
LIGHTS

PRESENTS



SANTA'S MAZE

Help Santa return to his home at the North Pole by finding him a clear path through the maze.

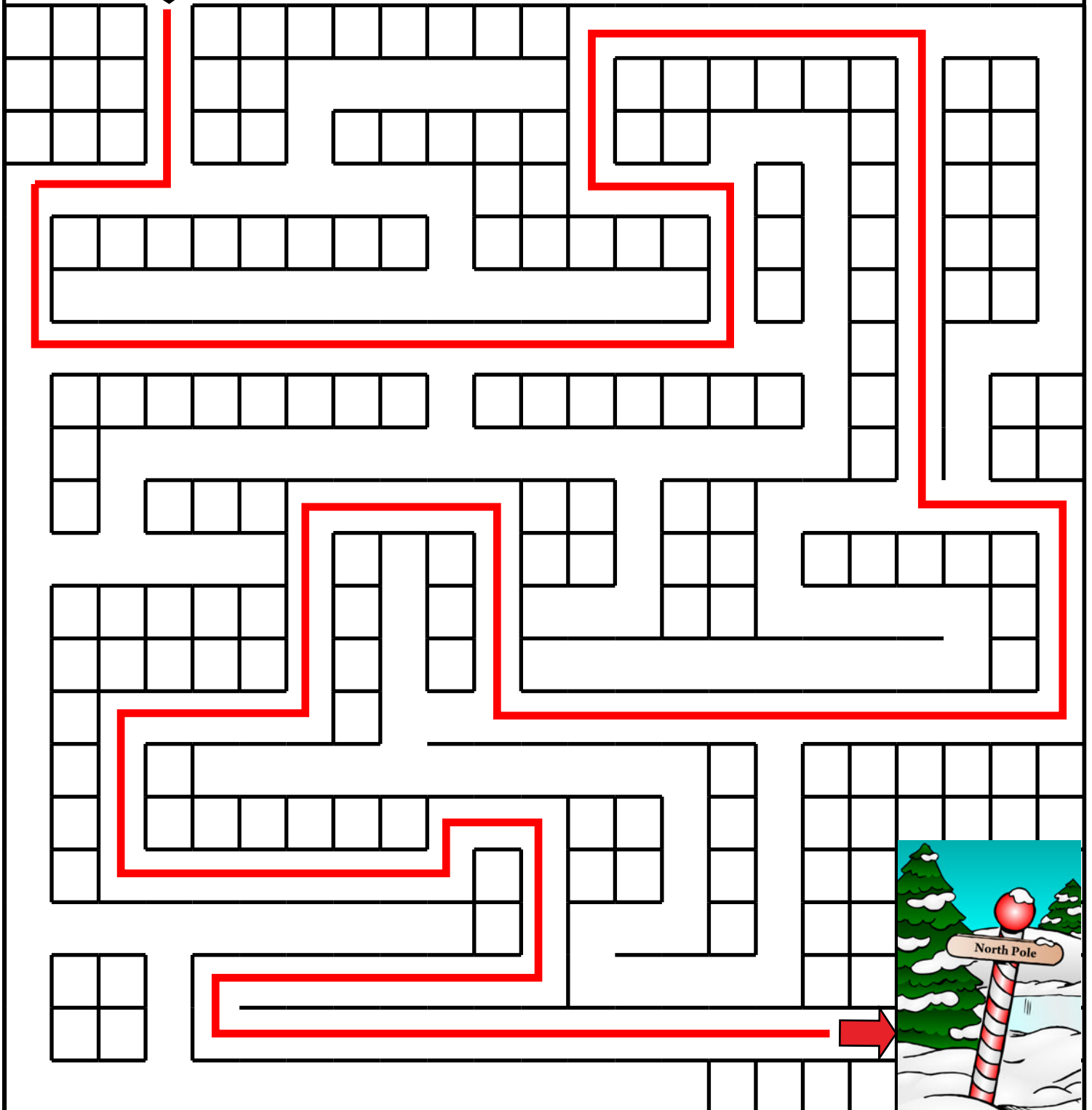




SANTA'S MAZE

Help Santa return to the North Pole by finding him a clear path through the maze.

- Solution -





XMAS ELF TEST

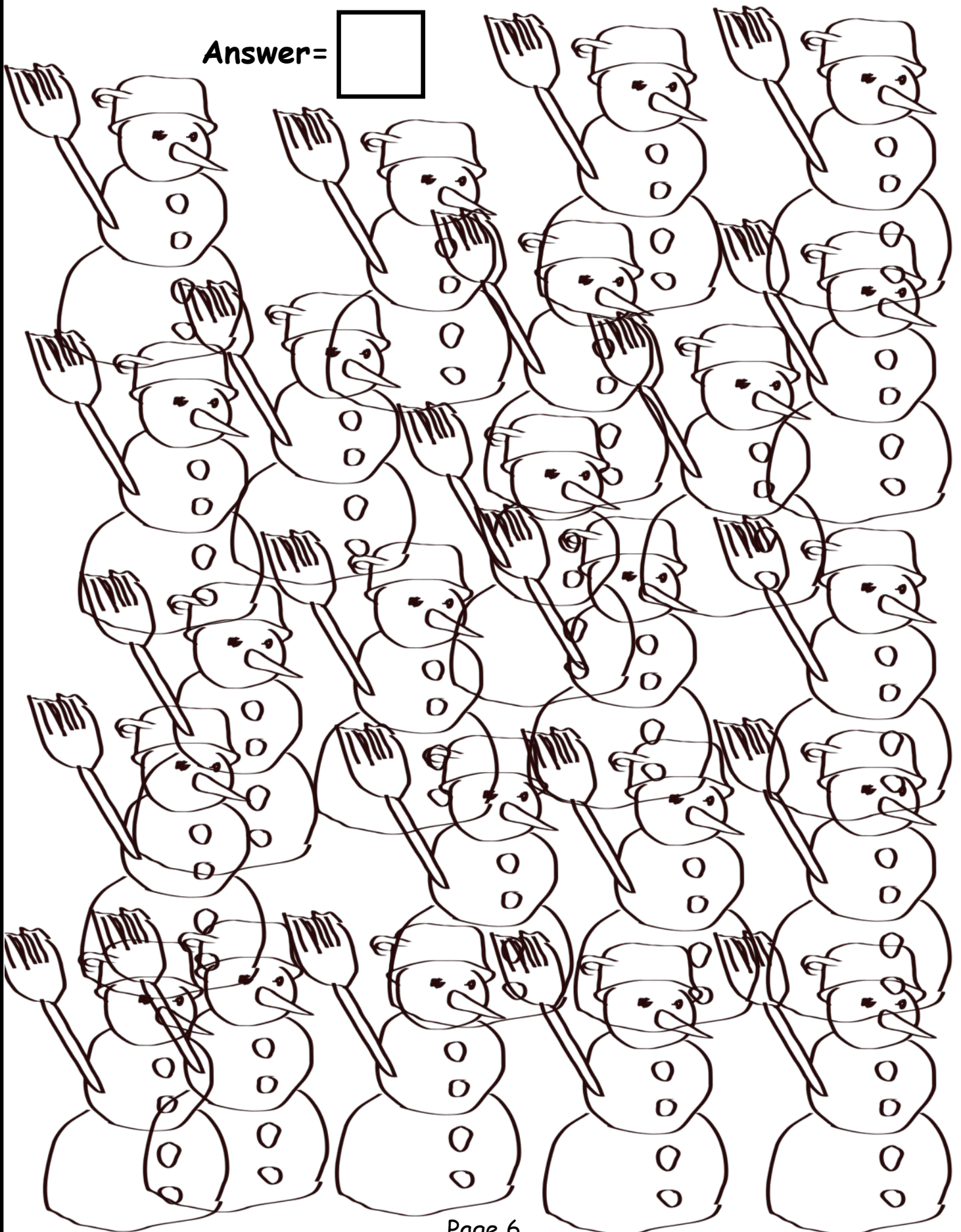
Santa's Chief Elf has set you a few Xmas brain-teasers.

See how many you can get right.

1. Along a street you see 8 Christmas trees.
Each tree has 12 lights on it.
How many lights are there altogether?
2. If Santa was able to visit 10 houses in a minute,
how many houses would he be able to visit in 15 minutes?
3. You are pulling a sledge with 4 friends sitting on it.
Your friends weigh 30kg, 32kg, 33kg and 36kg.
The sledge weighs 15kg.
How much weight are you pulling in total ?
4. It takes you 3 minutes to wrap one present.
How long will it take for you to wrap 17 presents?
5. You use 2 metres of sticky tape to wrap each
of the 17 presents. How much tape will you use in total?
6. There are 9 reindeer pulling Santa's sleigh.
Each reindeer has 4 legs and 2 antlers.
What is the total number of legs and antlers?
7. There are 5 snowmen. Each snowman has 5 buttons,
a carrot nose and two stone eyes.
What is the total number of buttons, carrots and stones?

HOW MANY SNOWMEN?

Answer=



FESTIVE ANAGRAMS

Each picture provides a clue
to one of the jumbled words.



krutey

ticksong

flaskwones

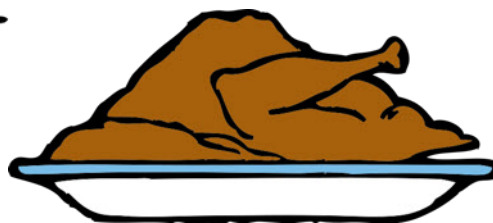
strespen

womanns

gotobang

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CHRISTMAS JOKES

What goes oh-oh-oh ?
Santa flying backwards.

When is a boat just like snow?
When it's adrift.

Two snowmen are having a chat.
One says to the other,
"Can you smell carrots?".



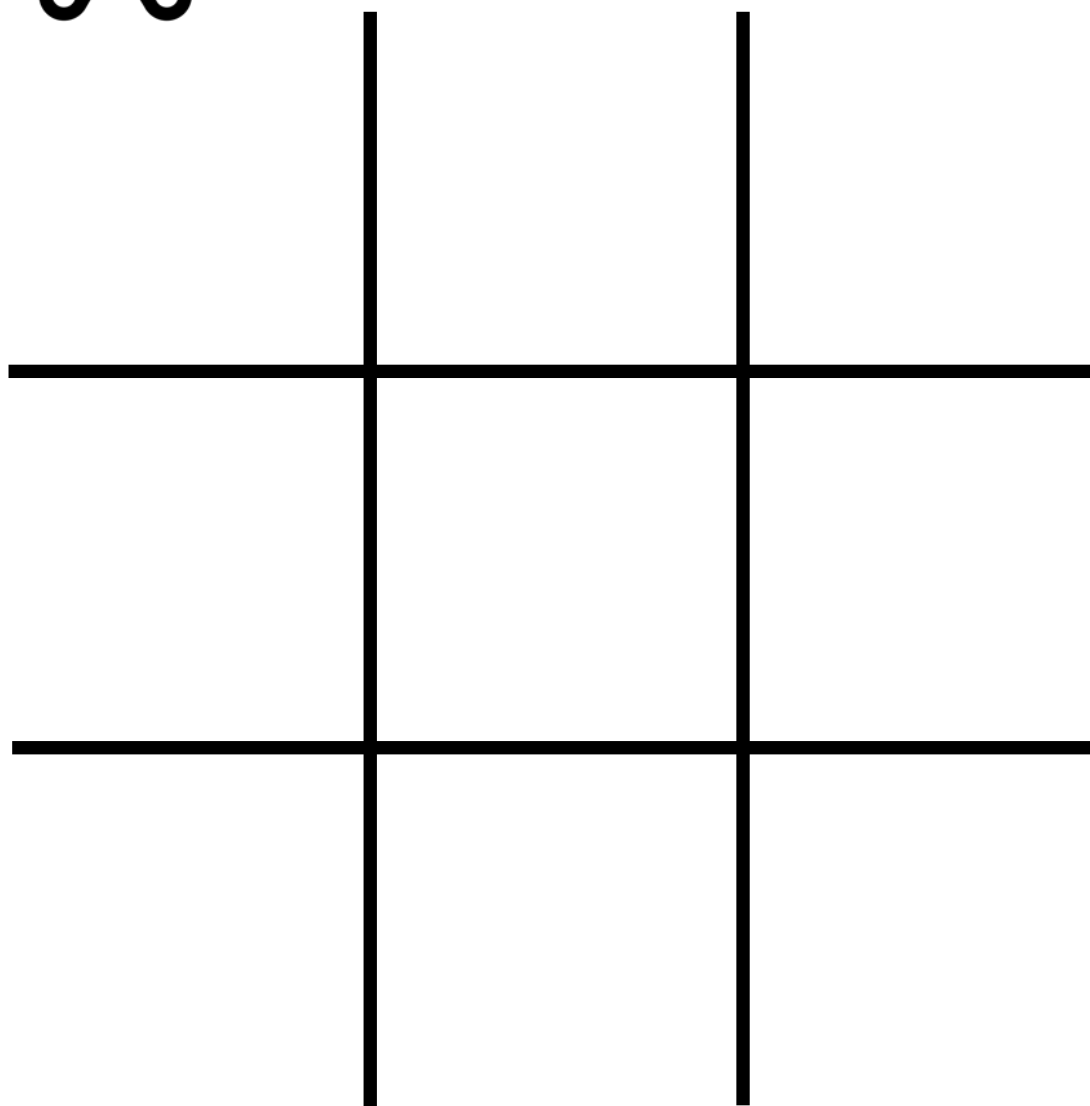
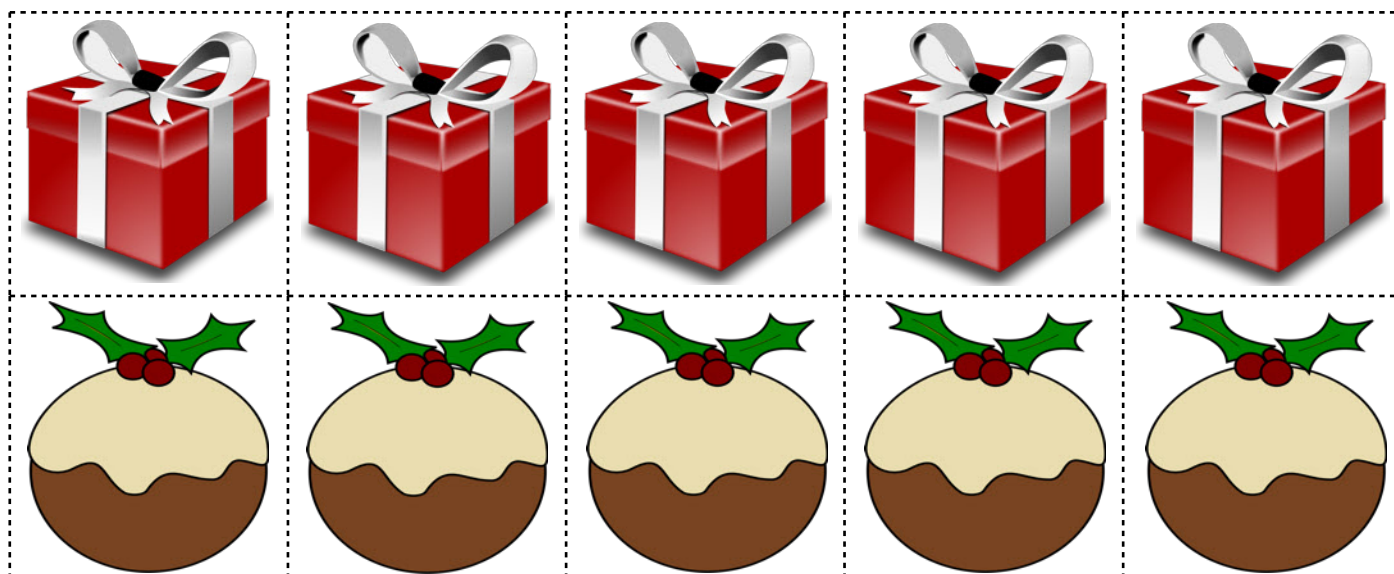
What do hairdressers like to sing at Christmas time?
Comb All Ye Faithful.

Knock knock.
Who's there?
Doughnut.
Doughnut who?
Doughnut open this present until Christmas Day !



What do you get if you cross Father Christmas with a detective?
Santa Clues. (He might even make a good mince spy!)

TIC-TAC-TOE



CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES, GAMES & PUZZLES - Answer Booklet -

Xmas Elf Test

- Answer 1: 96 lights (8 trees x 12 lights)
Answer 2: 150 houses (10 houses per minute x 15 minutes)
Answer 3: 146kg (30kg+32kg+33kg+36kg+15kg)
Answer 4: 51 minutes (3 minutes x 17 presents)
Answer 5: 34 metres (2 metres x 17 presents)
Answer 6: 54 (9 reindeer x 6 legs/antlers)
Answer 7: 40 (5 snowmen x 8 buttons/carrots/stones)

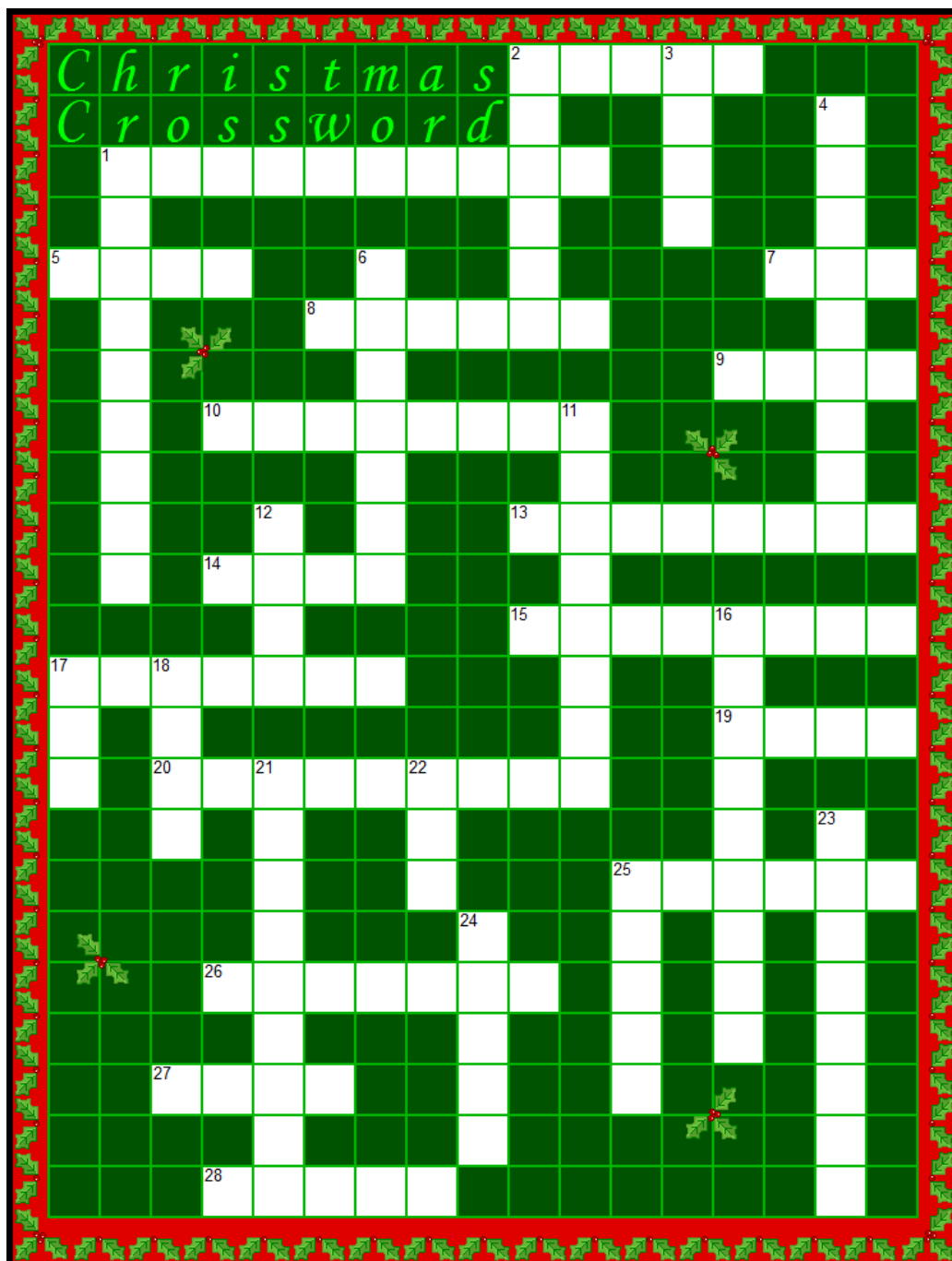
How Many Snowmen?

There are 23 snowmen.

Festive Anagrams

krutey = turkey
ticksong = stocking
flaskwones = snowflakes
strespen = presents
womanns = snowman
gotobang = toboggan
strimchas dingdup = Christmas pudding





Christmas
Crossword

Clues

Down:

- What holiday do we celebrate on December 25th?
- What do Santa's reindeer pull through the sky?
- We trim it and put gifts beneath it.
- We hang our stockings from its mantle.
- We leave them on a saucer for Santa to snack on.
- We put them beneath the tree for friends and family to open on Christmas morning.
- It's what we receive if we have been naughty.
- You can steal a kiss beneath this holiday greenery.
- It's the color of Santa's suit.
- We hang a wreath on it to welcome guests.
- It's where Santa lives.
- Santa is a jolly one of these.
- We hang it from the mantle to be filled with goodies.
- It's what Santa's belly shakes like.
- We all dream of a _____ Christmas.

Across:

- These peppermint delights are sometimes placed on the tree.
- _____ Claus.
- He's also known as _____ Kringle.
- You should go to _____ early on Christmas Eve.
- It's the sound of Santa's laugh.
- Everyone likes to drink this with cookies.
- The elves make the toys in this building.
- They pull the sleigh.
- It's what the elves make for all of the good girls and boys.
- In what month do we celebrate Christmas?
- He leads the sleigh with his shiny nose.
- It's what Santa carries in when he delivers them to the houses.
- We hang these special shiny decorations on the tree.
- This evergreen decoration is hung on the door to welcome all guests.
- Santa slides down the _____ to deliver the gifts.
- It's what makes Christmas white.
- When you shake these they jingle.

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Christmas Scrambles Solutions

bonus letters
▼

G I C T K O N S
S T O C K I N G = K

C A R P I F L E E
F I R E P L A C E = F

Y I M N E C H
C H I M N E Y = E

S T E E M O L I T
M I S T L E T O E = O

N A R S T O M E N
O R N A M E N T S = A

S N E T L I
T I N S E L = N

H I G L E S
S L E I G H = L

N E S T S P E R
P R E S E N T S = S

L I N T K E W
T W I N K L E = W

The Bonus Solution is:

S N O W F L A K E

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Christmas Scrambles Puzzle Sheet

Unscramble the letters on top of each set of boxes to form a new Christmas-related word. Then, unscramble the bonus letters (those in circles) to discover the bonus solution.

bonus
letters

G I C T K O N S

=

C A R P I F L E E =

Y I M N E C H =

S T E E M O L I T =

N A R S T O M E N =

S N E T L I

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H I G L E S =

N E S T S P E R =

L I N T K E W =

The Bonus Solution is:



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Turn-a-Phrase

Use this phrase:

IT HAPPENED AGAIN

We've given you a phrase. Combine the letters of that phrase, rearrange them and create as many new words as you can.

Rules of the Game:

- 1) Words must contain at least 3 letters.
- 2) You may not add a suffix (for example "d" or "ed") to create a new word.
- 3) You may not include proper names.
- 4) Each letter in the phrase may only be used once per word.
- 5) The final number of new words is not limited to those on the word list, but use "85" as a minimum guide.

Now, have fun as you "Turn a Phrase" into as many new words as possible.

A festive Christmas-themed background with a repeating pattern of snow-covered evergreen trees, a central illustration of a snowy village with a red-roofed house and a yellow star on a pole, and a light blue sky with falling snowflakes. The background is overlaid with a grid of horizontal lines for writing.

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Christmas Word Search Puzzle Sheet

Find all of the words from the "Word List". When you have found them all, write down the letters within the circles. Unscramble those letters and fill in the "Bonus Solution" found at the bottom of the "Word List" to create a magical phrase. Have Fun!

Hint: Words travel in every direction and sometimes intersect.



w	a	b	f	g	i	c	h	r	i	s	t	m	a	s	o	g
r	o	e	d	f	l	s	e	r	e	e	d	n	i	e	r	n
e	o	l	k	r	i	s	k	r	i	n	g	l	e	q	o	i
a	b	l	e	i	k	r	o	s	t	y	e	d	s	i	l	k
t	k	s	t	n	e	s	e	r	p	e	e	j	e	l	l	c
h	e	m	q	u	h	o	w	p	u	b	w	n	t	i	h	o
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s	l	i	c	e	y	d	e	c	e	m	b	e	r	d	o	c
g	t	i	r	w	o	h	n	o	r	t	h	p	o	l	e	b
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n	s	e	i	k	o	o	c	t	d	p	r	e	s	e	s	o
z	e	b	r	d	w	e	f	s	a	c	k	q	u	i	e	w

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Christmas Word Search Word List

Circle all of these words on the Puzzle sheet. When you have found them all, write down the letters within the circles on the Puzzle sheet. Unscramble those letters and fill in the "Bonus Solution" to create a magical phrase. Have Fun!



bed
bells
candy canes
chimney
christmas
coal
cookies
december
door
elf
fireplace
hohoho
jelly
kris kingle
milk
mistletoe

north pole
ornaments
presents
red
reindeer
rudolph
sack
santa
sleigh
snow
stocking
toys
tree
white
workshop
wreath

Bonus Solution:

Fill in the circled letters to create a magical phrase...

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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Turn-a-Phrase Word List

We're certain we've missed a few words that you may have found.
This list contains the minimum of words you can make from the phrase.

IT HAPPENED AGAIN

A (9)

adage
adept
again
age
aid
and
ape
append
ate

D (12)

dane
data
date
death
deep
den
dent
depth
dig
din
ding
dip

E (5)

eat
edge
edit
eight
end

G (7)

gain
gap
gape
gate
get
gig
gin

H (15)

had
hag
hand
hang
happen
hat
hate
head
heat
hen
hide
hind
hinge
hip
hit

I (5)

indent
indian
inn
innate
intend

N (10)

nag
nap
nape
neat
need
net
night
nine
ninth
nip

P (12)

pad
page
pain
paint
pan
pat
pate
path
pen
pig
pin
pit

T (10)

tag
tan
tap
tape
ten
than
then
thin
tin
tip

= 85 words

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Christmas Word Search Solutions



Bonus Solution: Merry Christmas



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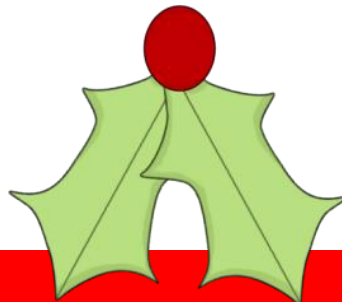
Minute Activity

Christmas



Write three words in each category! Name: _____ Score: _____

1	Three traditions at Christmas			
2	Three Christmas decorations			
3	Three Christmas Carols			
4	Three Christmas movies			
5	Three things you eat at Christmas			
6	Three Christmas superstitions			
7	Three Christmas presents			
8	Three Christmas figures			
9	Three things on your Christmas table			
10	Three Christmas days			
11	Three of Santa's reindeer			
12	Three green Christmas decorations			
13	Three Christmas drinks			



CHRISTMAS SCATTERGORIES

Name: _____

Write something you see or do in Christmas that starts with each letter.
For an added challenge see how many you can think of in 1 minute!

A _____

B _____

C _____

D _____

E _____

F _____

G _____

H _____

I _____

J _____

K _____

L _____

M _____

N _____

O _____

P _____

Q _____

R _____

S _____

T _____

U _____

V _____

W _____

X _____

Y _____

Z _____

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Merry
Christmas





Let's talk about CHRISTMAS



Conversation cards

Do you celebrate Christmas in your country?
How do you celebrate it?

Is Christmas a national holiday where you live?
Are schools and businesses closed? How long?

What supposedly happened at Christmas a long time ago?
Why do Christians celebrate Christmas?

What do you usually do on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day?
Compare with others.

What do you usually eat at Christmas?
Who cooks it?

What does Christmas mean to you personally?

Do you give (or receive) Christmas presents? What kind of presents do you buy? What presents do you like to get?

What do you like about Christmas?
What don't you like about it?

What is your favourite Christmas song?
Can you sing it in English?

What do you know about Santa Claus (AmE) or Father Christmas (BrE)?
Make a list.

Did you believe in Santa Claus when you were young?
When did you stop believing?
Who told you?

Do you put up a Christmas tree?
Is it real or artificial?
What do you think is best or the environment? Why?

What's the weather like at Christmas in your country?
Do you like it?

Would you like to spend the Christmas holidays in another country?
Where? Explain why.

What would change about Christmas if you could?
Would you change anything at all?

How many Christmas cards do you usually get?
Do you write real Christmas cards or e-cards? Why?

'Christmas has become too commercialised.' Explain.
Do you agree or not?
Discuss in group.

What is Boxing Day?
Do research and report to the class.

Match words & pictures

candle & holly	
gingerbread man	
mistletoe	
Rudolph	
Santa & sleigh	
stocking	
Xmas balls or baubles	
Xmas card	
Xmas present	
Xmas pudding	
Xmas tree	



Quotes

Explain and discuss

- I never believed in Santa Claus because I knew no white man would be coming into my neighbourhood after dark. ~ Dick Gregory

- Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. ~ Calvin Coolidge