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Hi Everyone and welcome to our third Christmas Activity Pack.

This pack is bigger than the previous two, and can be done over the Christmas Break with your family and any grandchildren that you may have visiting.

Our Christmas Activity Packs are being delivered to you all with all pages included. If you are not keen on the crossword, or think Sudoku is silly – just don't do those pages!

This will be our last activity pack for 2020 – what a year!! We will be back in the office on the 4th of January to plan the first programs for 2021, so stay tuned!

Due to the current circumstances you may be feeling a range of emotions. If there is anything you need, or if you would just like a chat – please call us.

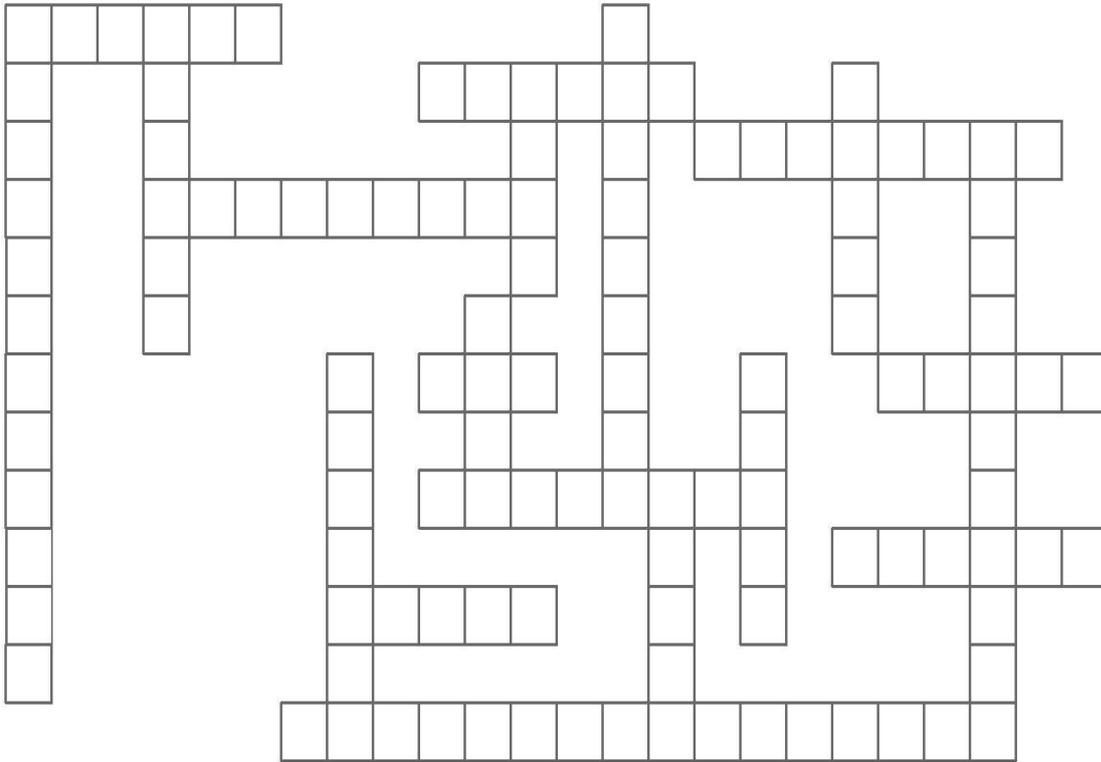
Have a great week – we are thinking of you!

The Caladenia team



Christmas Fill in the Blanks Puzzle

Below the blank puzzle grid is a list of words. Place the words in the correct place on the grid. Tip: Start with letter sizes that have the fewest words. So if there are only 2 words with 7 letters and 5 words with 4 letters, try placing the 7 letter words first.



3 Letters

fir

cedar

lists

8 Letters

December

yuletide

12 Letters

announcement

4 Letters

pine

Noel

6 Letters

Donner

St. Nick

eggnog

Advent

9 Letters

Bethlehem

North Pole

16 Letters

Christmas cookies

5 Letters

bells

party

merry

7 Letters

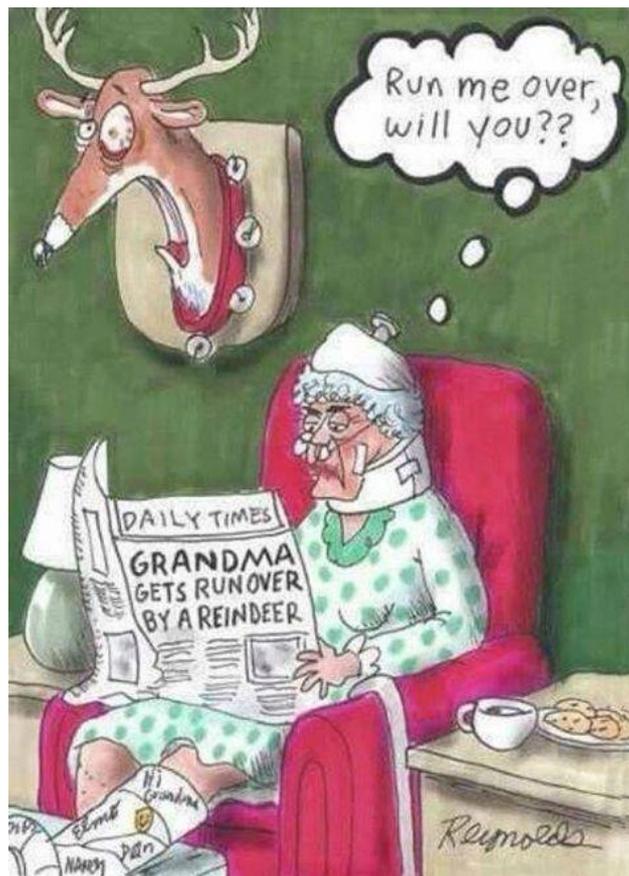
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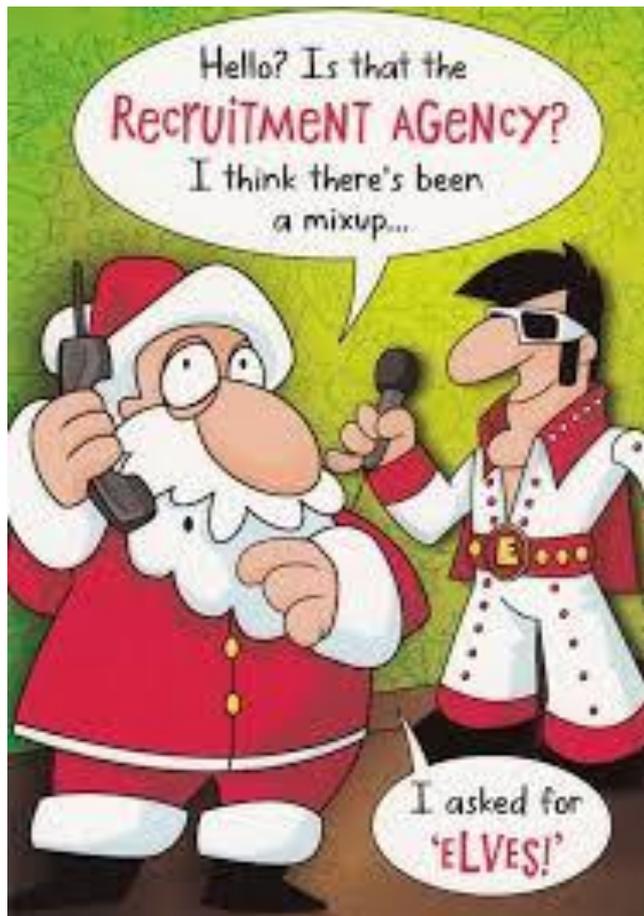
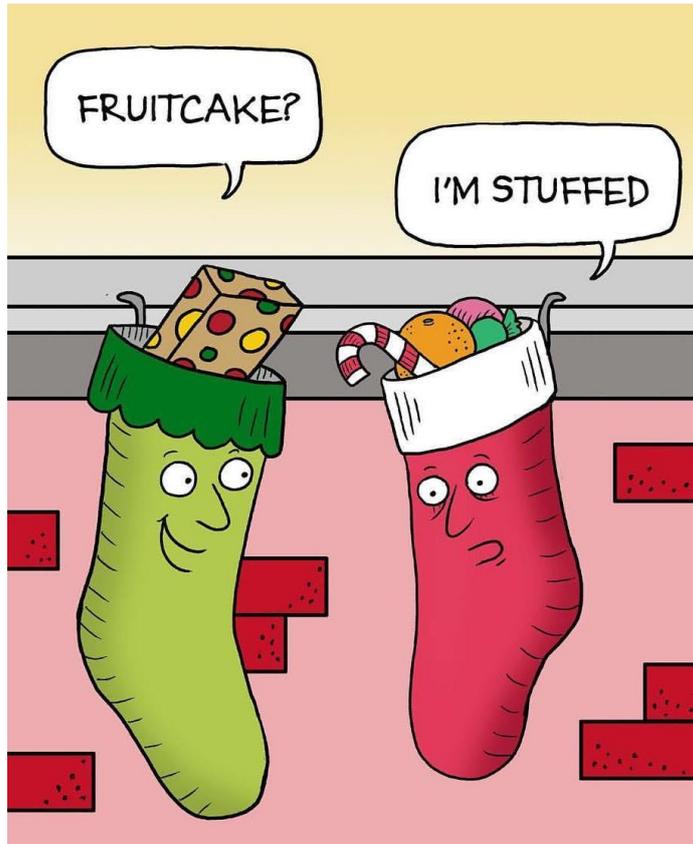
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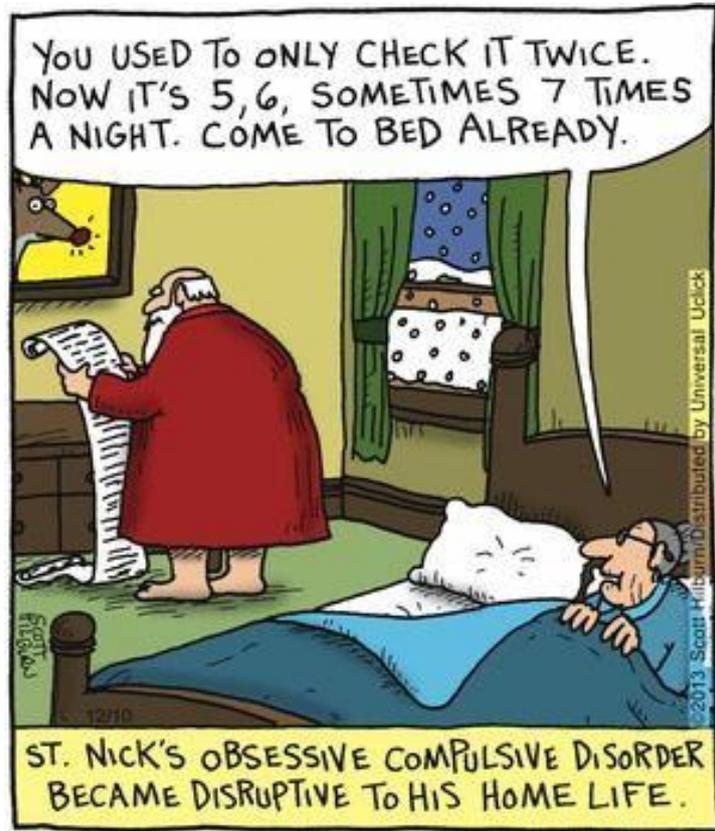
decorations



The Year Santa Hired a Consultant









"I assume you don't want to put a wreath on the front door either"



YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE
IN THAT CHEAP WRAPPING
PAPER, YOUNG LADY! I CAN
SEE EVERYTHING!



"It was just easier than taking it down."

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Snowman

Once there was a snowman,
Who stood outside the door,
He wished that he could come inside and run about the floor.
He wished that he could warm himself beside the fire so red,
He wished that he could climb upon the big white bed.
So he called to the North Wind,
"Come and help me, pray, for I'm completely frozen,
Standing here all day."
So the North Wind came along
And blew him in the door,
And now there's nothing left,
But a puddle on the floor!



The Day before Christmas

We have been helping with the cake,
And licking out the pan
And wrapping up our packages,
As neatly as we can.
We have hung our stockings up,
Beside the open grate, and now there's nothing more to do – EXCEPT TO WAIT





SUPERSTITIONS

To have good health throughout the next year, eat an apple on Christmas Eve.

On Christmas Eve all animals can speak. However, it is bad luck to test this superstition.

The child born on Christmas Day will have a special fortune.

You will have as many happy months in the coming year, as the number of houses you eat mince pies in during the Christmas period.

In Greece, some people burn their old shoes during the Christmas season to prevent misfortunes in the coming year.

In Devonshire, England, a girl raps at the henhouse door on Christmas Eve. If a rooster crows she will marry within the year.

If you refuse a mince pie at Christmas dinner, you will have bad luck for the coming day.

Wearing new shoes on Christmas day will bring bad luck.

A blowing wind on Christmas day will bring good luck.





Who was the author of "A Christmas Carol"?

In "A Christmas Carol" what was the first name of Scrooge?

How many ghosts show up in "A Christmas Carol"?

In the song "Winter Wonderland" what do we call the snowman?

What song talks about multiple days of Christmas Celebrations?

Which type of tree was the partridge sitting in according to a well-known Christmas song?

How many gifts were given in "The 12 Days of Christmas song"?

What did my true love give to me on the 8th day of Christmas?

In the carol "Jingle Bells" what kind of sleigh is mentioned?

What colour are the berries on the mistletoe plant?

What are the gifts that the 3 Wise men gave to Jesus according to Christmas history?

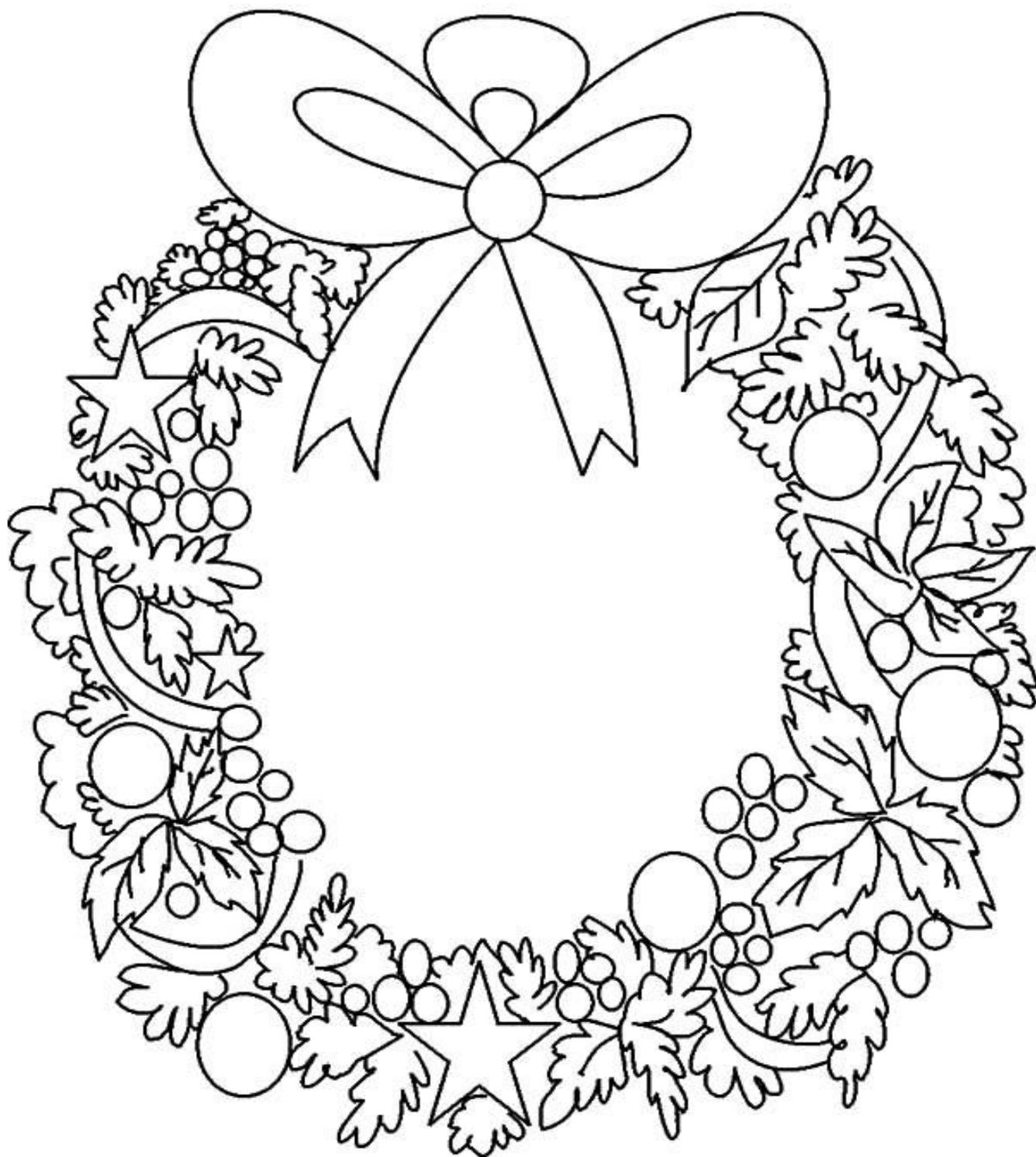
Which is the most famous Christmas Ballet of all times?



1. Charles Dickens
2. Ebenezer
3. Four
4. Parson Brown
5. The 12 days of Christmas
6. Pear tree
7. 364
8. Eight Maids a-milking
9. A one-horse open sleigh
10. White
11. Gold, frankincense and myrrh
12. The Nutcracker

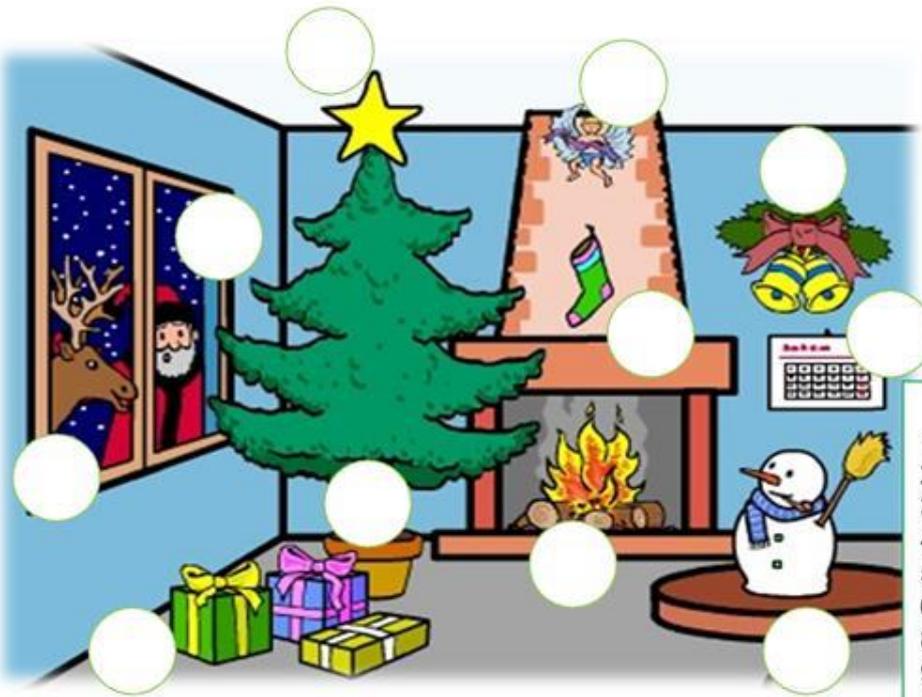


CHRISTMAS WREATH



It's Christmas

Read the words and number the pictures.



1. the snowman
2. the gifts
3. Santa Claus
4. the star
- 5 the reindeer
6. the angel
- 8 the bells
9. the fire
10. The socks
11. The Christmas tree
12. the calendar



- 13 the elves
14. the Advent wreath
15. the candle
- 16th the bag
17. the Christmas tree decoration
18. the poinsettia
19. the bow
20. the fire place

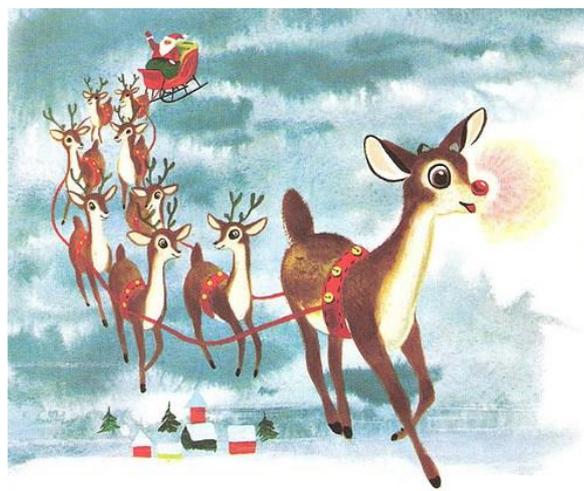


Fun Christmas Facts.

“Jingle Bells” was written for Thanksgiving, not Christmas. The song was written in 1857 by James Lord Pierpont and published under the title “*One Horse Open Sleigh*”. It was supposed to be played in the composer’s Sunday school class during Thanksgiving as a way to commemorate the famed Medford sleigh races. “Jingle Bells” was also the first song to be broadcast from space.



Rudolph’s red nose is probably the result of a parasitic infection of his respiratory system. According to Roger Highfield, the author of the book “*The Physics of Christmas: From the Aerodynamics of Reindeer to the Thermodynamics of Turkey*” the world’s most famous reindeer has a red nose due to a parasite. However, Rudolf’s relationship with his parasite is symbiotic: after all, the red nose illuminates the path through the winter night for the whole reindeer team.



In Germany, Poland, and Ukraine, finding a spider or a spider's web on a Christmas tree is believed to be a harbinger of good luck. According to one legend, a spider wove a blanket for Baby Jesus, according to the other – a spider web on the Christmas tree turned silver and gold once the sunlight touched it. One way or another, decorating a Christmas tree with artificial spiders and spider webs will inevitably bring you luck and prosperity!



Santa stretches time like a rubber band, in order to deliver all the gifts in one night. According to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), there are 2,106 million children under age 18 in the world. If we assume that each household has in average 2.5 children, Santa would have to make 842 million stops on Christmas Eve, traveling 221 million miles. Given the different time zones, Santa has 36 hours to deliver gifts, therefore his average speed would be approximately 650 miles per second. It is less than the speed of light (therefore, it's, theoretically, doable but still quite hard for a chubby old man). Larry Silverberg, a professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering at North Carolina State University, suggests that Santa uses relativity clouds to get the work done. Relativity clouds, based on relative physics, allow Santa to stretch time like a rubber band which gives him months to deliver gifts, while only a few minutes pass for the rest of us.



Japanese people traditionally eat at KFC for Christmas dinner. Although the percentage of Christian people in Japan is close to zero, every Christmas, kids and grown-ups head to the closest KFC to enjoy some fried chicken – the closest food to turkey that you can get in Japan. It's all thanks to a successful “*Kentucky for Christmas!*” marketing campaign in 1947. First aimed at foreigners, KFC offered a “Christmas dinner” that contained chicken and wine – a meal that remotely resembled the food expats and tourists had at home. After a huge success, Kentucky Fried Chicken started promoting this offer every year, until the fast-food chain became strongly associated with the holiday season.



パーティパーレル

テーブルにあるだけで盛り上がるこのカタチ！
クリスマスのシンボルです。

オリジナルチキンがたっぷり入った、クリスマスの定番パーレルです。

クリスマス絵皿つき

数量限定 **パーティパーレル オリジナル** ¥4090

オリジナルチキン 8 / クリスマスサラダ ★ / グラサージュショコラ ★ / クリスマス絵皿

The advertisement features a dark red background with a white scalloped border at the top. It displays four items: a large barrel of KFC Original Recipe chicken with a Santa Claus illustration, a bowl of Christmas salad, a round chocolate cake with a slice cut out, and a plate of fried chicken. The text is in Japanese, highlighting the 'Party Barrel' as a Christmas symbol. The price is listed as ¥4090.

The “X” in “Xmas” doesn’t take “Christ” out of “Christmas. Xmas is a common abbreviation of the word Christmas, however, some people think that this spelling is not right, because it takes the “Christ” out of Christmas. Don’t worry, no one is taking the “Christ” anywhere. In the Greek alphabet, the letter X (“chi”) is the first letter of the Greek word for Christ or Christos.



The first artificial Christmas Tree wasn't a tree at all. It was created out of goose feathers that were dyed green. The first artificial Christmas trees were developed in Germany in the 19th century, due to a major continuous deforestation. The feather trees became increasingly popular during the early 20th century and finally made their way to the US.



Iceland has 13 Santa's and an old lady who kidnaps children. Christmas in Iceland is a colourful fusion of religion, fairy tales and folklore. Instead of one Santa, the kids are visited by *13 Yule Lads* that either reward children for good behaviour or punish them if they were naughty. The holiday period begins 13 days before Christmas and each day one of the 13 Yule Lads comes to houses and fills the shoes that kids leave under the Christmas tree either with sweets and small gifts or rotting potatoes, depending on how that particular child has behaved on the preceding day. The mother of Yule Lads, half-troll, half-beast, horrifying old woman *Grýla*, kidnaps naughty kids and boils them in her cauldron.





THE ORIGINS OF POPULAR CAROLS

Silent Night

“Silent Night” was penned in 1818 by a young Austrian priest who asked the church organist to write a melody to be played on the guitar. Why would an organist, who barely knew how to play guitar, use that instrument for Christmas Mass? It would seem the church organ was out of commission. Whether it was damaged by flooding or hungry church mice is unknown, but the result is a simple, touching song that has become one of the most frequently recorded Christmas carols.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” is another ancient carol. Probably originally composed by Cistercian monks in the Middle Ages, we can thank an exiled English Catholic for our beloved English version. It was illegal to practice the Catholic Faith in England from 1588 to 1829. John Wade, having escaped to France, had a successful career as a musical copyist known for his beautiful calligraphy. In 1751, he penned “O Come, All Ye Faithful,” the first known version of the carol in English. Did he actually write it? We don’t know for sure, but he gets the credit, anyway.

Jingle Bells

What we know as “Jingle Bells” began life as “The One-Horse Open Sleigh.” The songwriter, James Lord Pierpont of Medford, Massachusetts, didn’t plan it as a holiday tune. He wrote it on Thanksgiving in 1850 for the children in his father’s Sunday School class. But the song proved to be so popular, they sang it again at Christmas, and the rest is history; “Jingle Bells” were added to the title in 1859. The 1943 version by Bing Crosby and the Andrews Sisters is still the most popular today.



HOW TO SAY
MERRY CHRISTMAS
 (AND HAPPY NEW YEAR)
AROUND THE WORLD





Belgium - Farmers bless their cows on New Year and wish them a Happy New Year!

Bolivia - Coins are hidden in cakes; whoever finds them has good luck.

Brazil - Brazilians release white flowers into the ocean for the Goddess of the Sea.

Chile - Many people go to the cemetery at midnight.

China - Chinese New Year begins on the new moon that appears between January 21 and February 20.

Denmark - The Danish smash plates on New Year Eve for good luck.

Ecuador - They burn paper filled scarecrows at midnight.

Egypt - New Year is only celebrated once the crescent moon is sighted.

Finland - The Finns throw cast molten tin into a bucket of water and 'interpret' the result!

France - They eat piles of pancakes!

Germany - Drinking 'Bowler' (punch) watching 'Dinner for One', eating 'Berliners'

Greece - Onions are hung on the front doors signifying rebirth & regrowth.

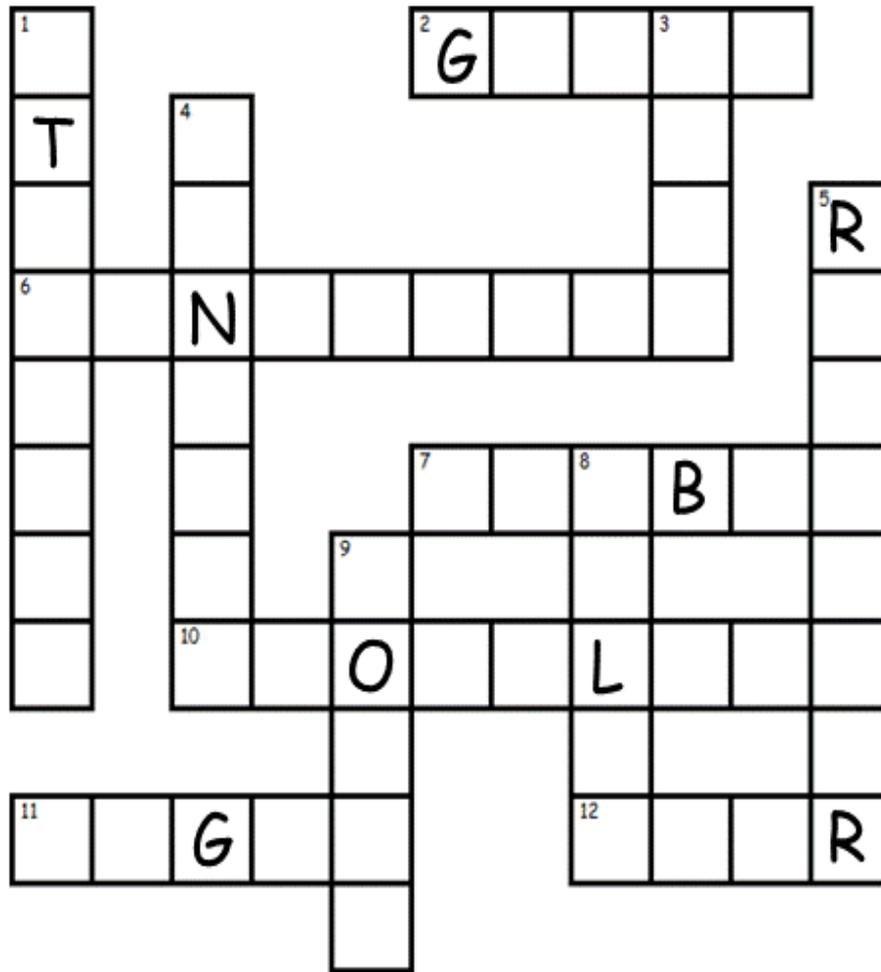
Italy - People wear red underwear to be lucky in love in the New Year.

Japan - New Year Buddhist bells are rung exactly 108 times at midnight.

Romania - People wear real bear skins and dance through snowy streets to ward away evil spirits.

Scotland - People swing large fireballs around for the 'Hogmanay' festival.

'Tis the Season



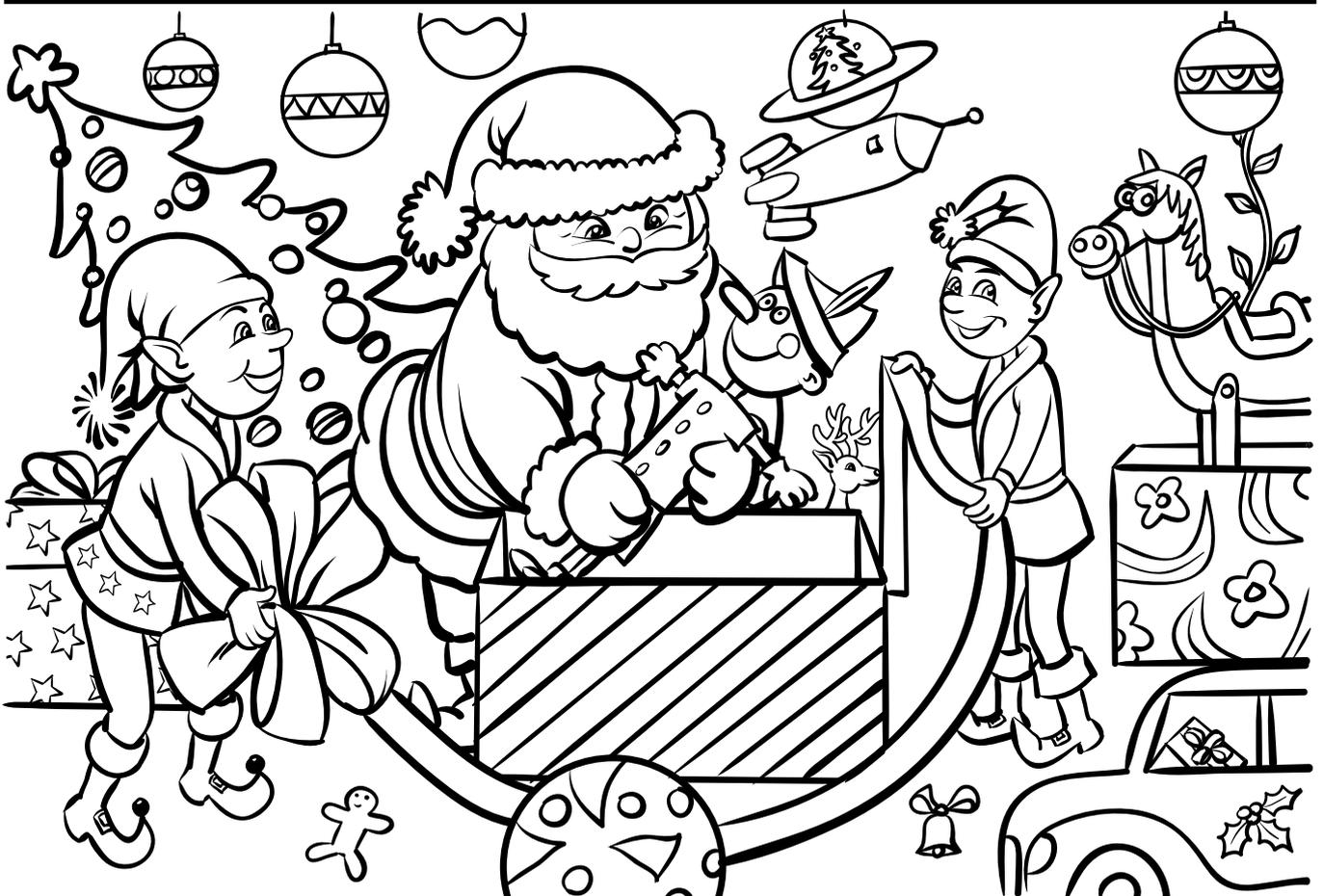
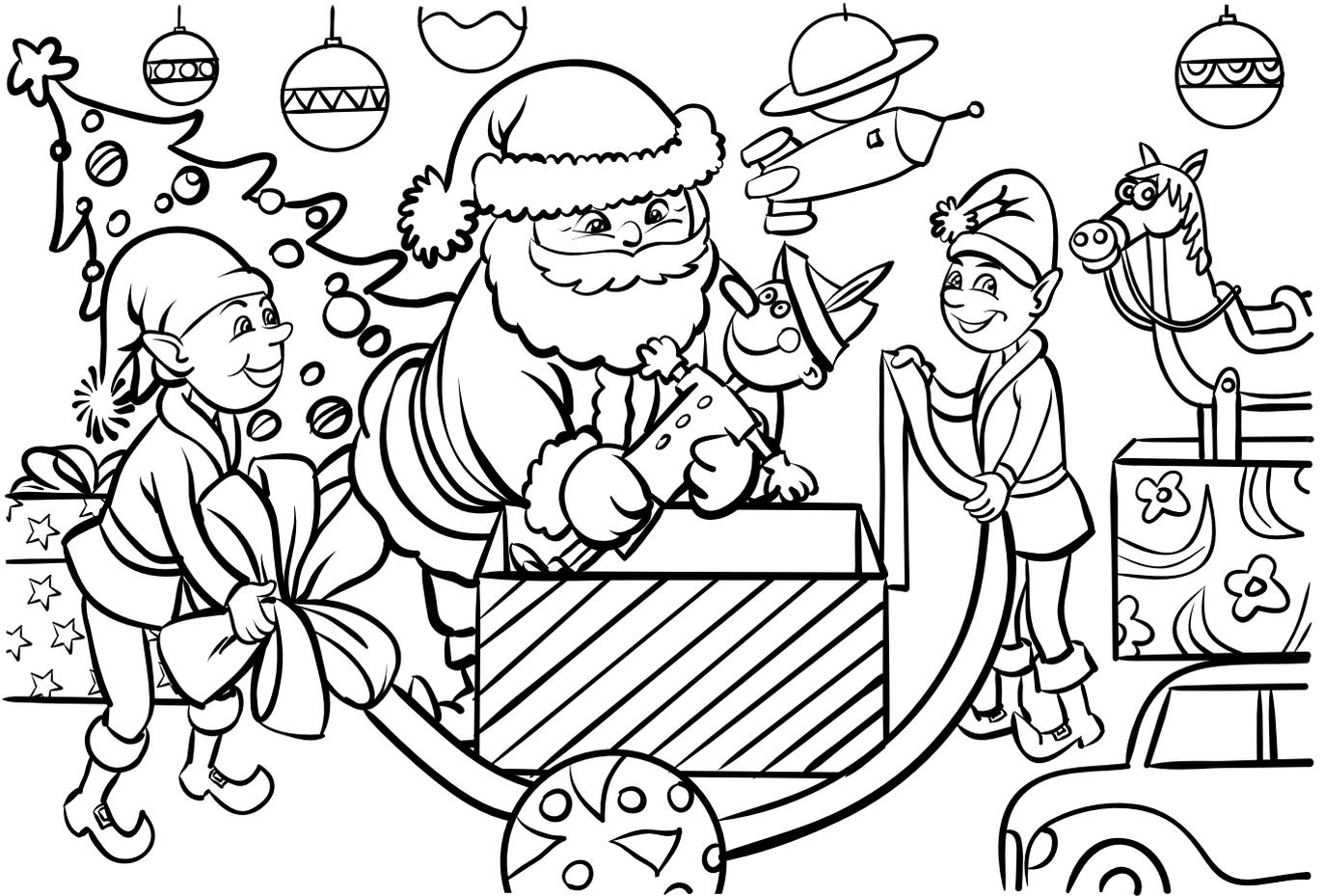
Across

Down

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|--|---|--|--|
| 2.  | 10.  | 1.  | 5.  |
| 6.  | 11.  | 3.  | 8.  |
| 7.  | 12.  | 4.  | 9.  |

The names of the pictures are your clues. Find the name for them and fill in the correct place! Good Luck!

Spot the Differences! Can you find all 10?



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How many words can you find in the following Scrabble Square? There is at least two 7 letter words and two 6 letter words that relate to Christmas. Write your words on the lines provided.

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|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| T | S | E | R | E | P |
| N | T | K | E | Y | U |
| W | H | A | E | R | B |
| O | B | O | N | S | N |



Word Search



SNOWSTORM WORD FINDER

L M A R S H M A L L O W S G
Y C T S S N O W S H O V E L
F W I N D C H I L L S R J A
U S N O W S U I T Q V F I H
Z V B S L E D D I N G R G O
Z T E F O R E C A S T E S T
Y F M L S C A R V E S E A C
S T O B O G G A N V T Z W O
O I C E S K A T I N G I B C
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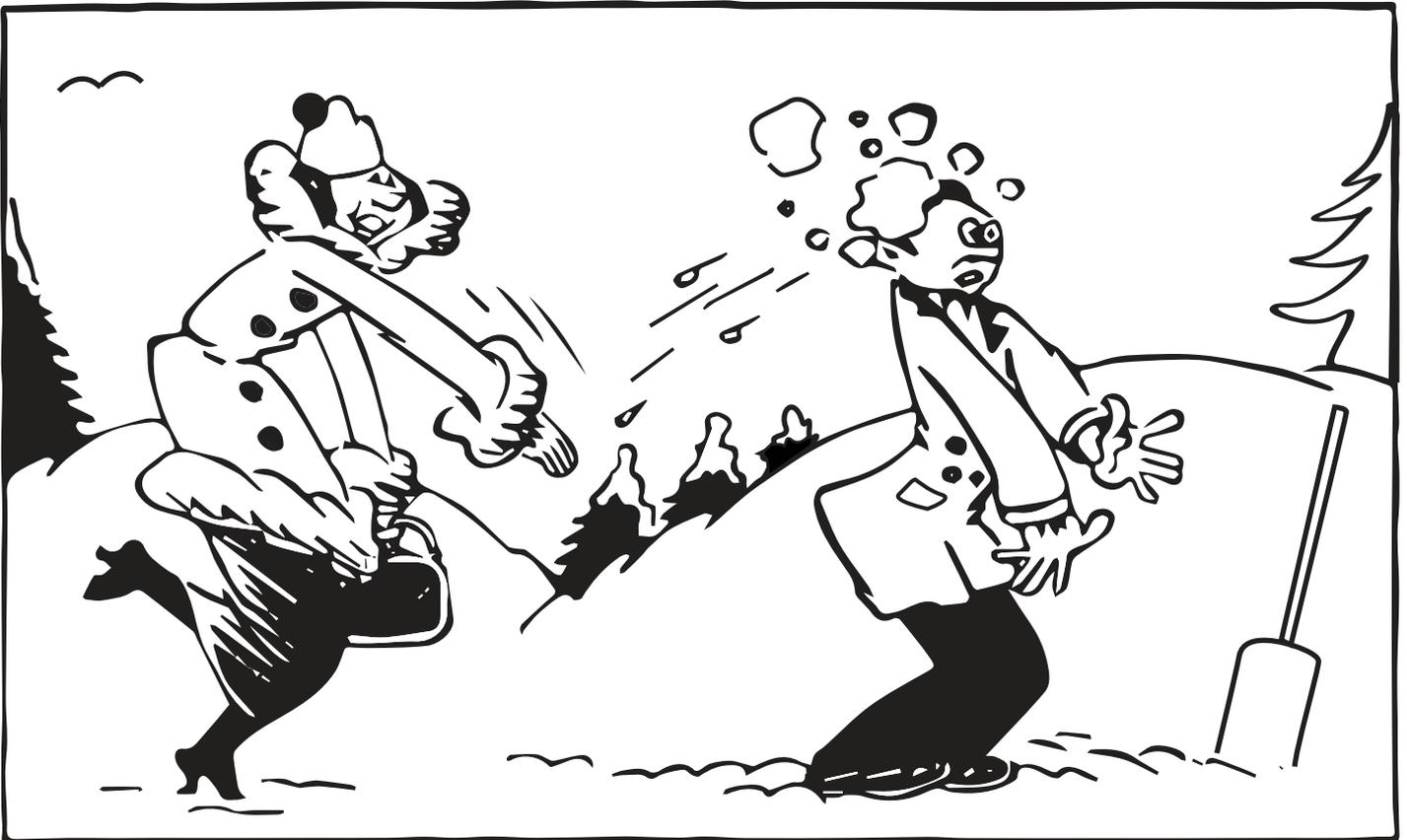
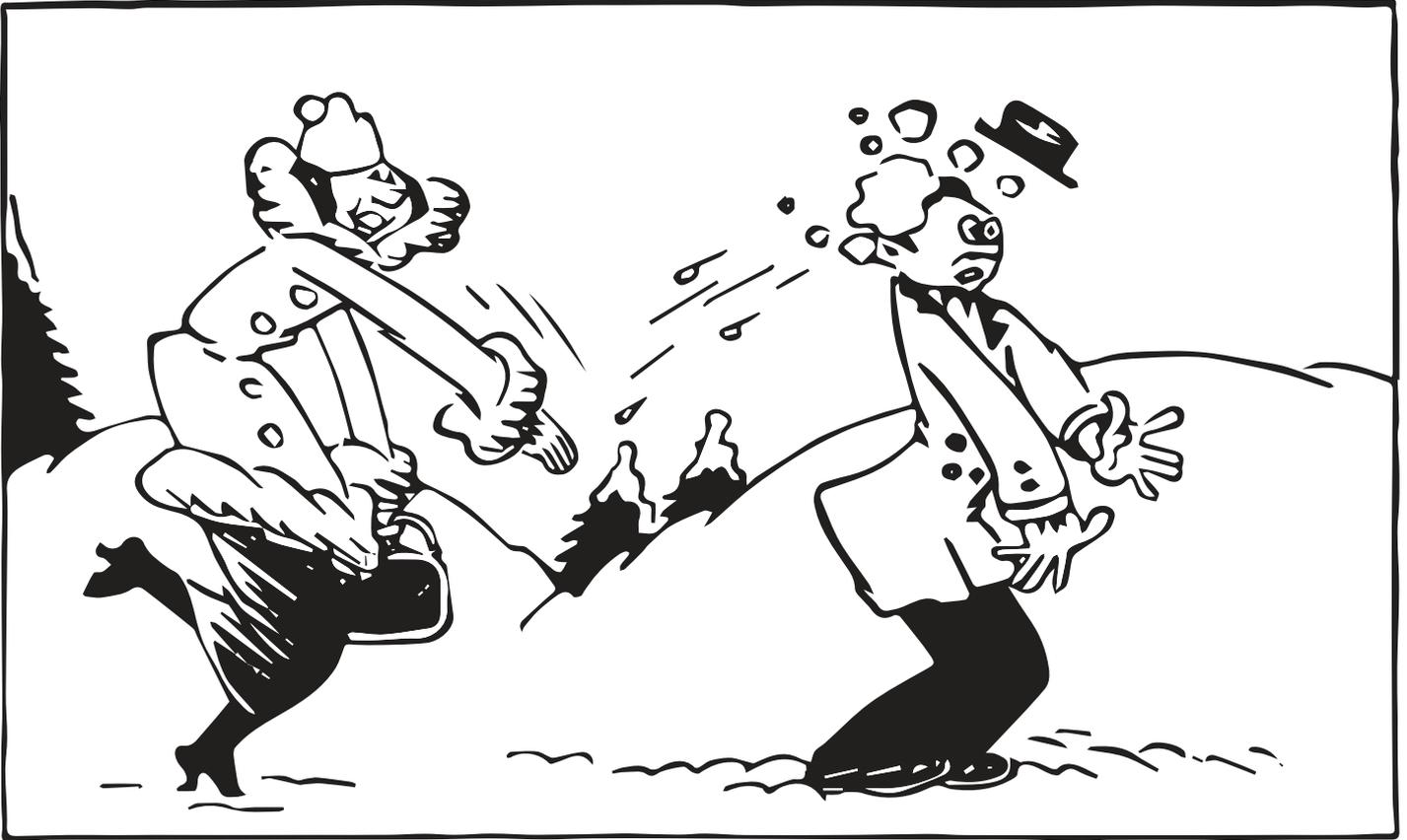
Wind Chill
Toboggan
Ice Skating
Marshmallows

Snowflake
Hot Cocoa
Fahrenheit
Fireplace

Sledding
Snow Shovel
Snowsuit
Fuzzy Socks

Jigsaw
Forecast
Scarves
Freezing

Spot The Difference 10 to find!



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

2



AL BRIDGE



AL BRIDGE

There are ten (10) differences between the two cartoons.



Stocking Stuffers



One Christmas my husband put an assortment of beauty products in my stocking. I tried one of the facial masks, and was about to wash it off when my eight-year-old son, Callum, walked in. I explained to him that it was a present from his dad and it would make me beautiful.

He patiently waited by my side as I rinsed and patted my face dry.

“Well, what do you think?” I asked.

“Oh, Mom, it didn’t work!” Callum replied.

Honesty is the best policy

My nine-year-old son, Gabriel, had heard some rumours at school that Santa wasn’t real. He approached me with a big question: “Dad, tell me the truth. Is Santa real?”

I decided to tell him it was us who had bought his latest Nintendo Wii game.

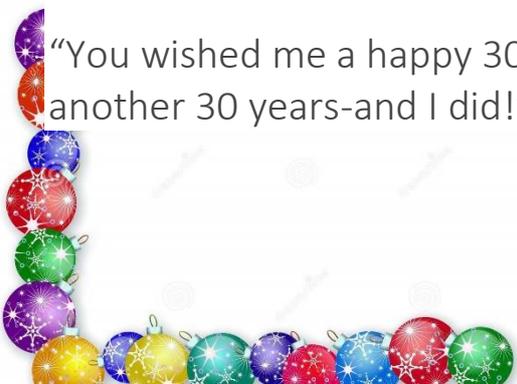
“Really?” he said. “You should have let Santa bring it. That way, it would have been free.”

A wish comes true

My mom is a bit of a pack rat. Recently she went digging under her stairs for some holiday decorations and came across a birthday card I had sent her 30 years earlier. She called me to say my wish for her had come true.

“What wish?” I asked.

“You wished me a happy 30th birthday,” Mom replied, “and hoped I’d live for another 30 years-and I did!”





Quiz

- * Which snow monster is supposed to make his home in the Himalayas?
- * What is hypothermia?
- * The detective Hercule Poirot, solved a murder case when the Trans-Siberian train got stuck in a snowdrift.
- * What is the name of the film?
- * What causes the seasons: the tilt of the Earth or the distance to the sun?
- * On what day of the year in the northern hemisphere is the Sun at it's furthest extreme?
- * How much of the world's fresh water is bound up in glaciers?
- * How much of the Earth was covered by glaciers during the 'Ice Age'?
- * What do you understand by 'Frostbite'?
- * What is a 'Blizzard'?
- * Which endangered feline species is found in the mountains of Nepal?
- * In 1912 a passenger liner collided with an iceberg; what was the name of the liner?
- * Where do Polar Bears live; Arctic Circle or Antarctic Circle?
- * Which explorer crossed the Antarctic Circle in 1773?
- * What is 'tundra'?
- * What is the traditional Eskimo's house called?
- * Name 2 winter seasonal fruit we buy in the southern hemisphere?
- * Can you name a seasonal winter vegetable from the northern hemisphere?
- * Other than Bears, what other animals hibernate?

Word Ladder #1

Warm – Cold

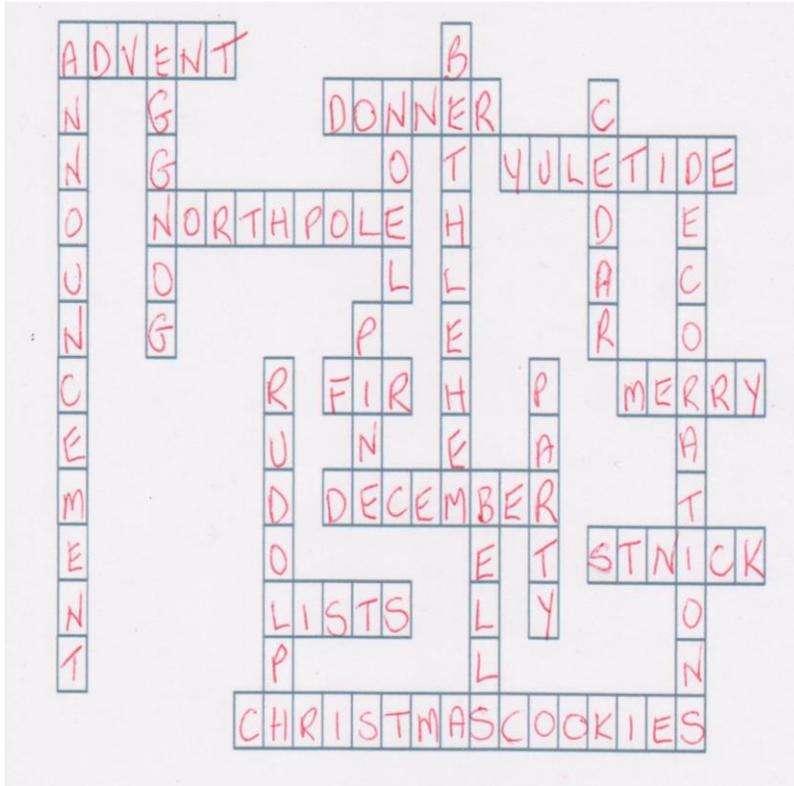
Instructions: In word ladders, you change one word into another. At each step along the way, change just one letter to make a new word. Clues are given at each step!

| Answers | Hint |
|----------------|--------------------------------|
| WARM | A comfortable heat |
| — — — — | Cultivate land |
| — — — — | Ticket price |
| — — — — | Feel concern or interest |
| — — — — | Middle of an apple |
| — — — — | Wine stopper |
| — — — — | Thick string |
| — — — — | US manufacturer of automobiles |
| — — — — | Make fit in an envelope |
| COLD | Chilly |



T. P. Sattler

Christmas Fill in the Blanks Answers



Answers

1. Charles Dickens
2. Ebenezer
3. Four
4. Parson Brown
5. 12 days of Christmas
6. Pear Tree
7. 364
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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

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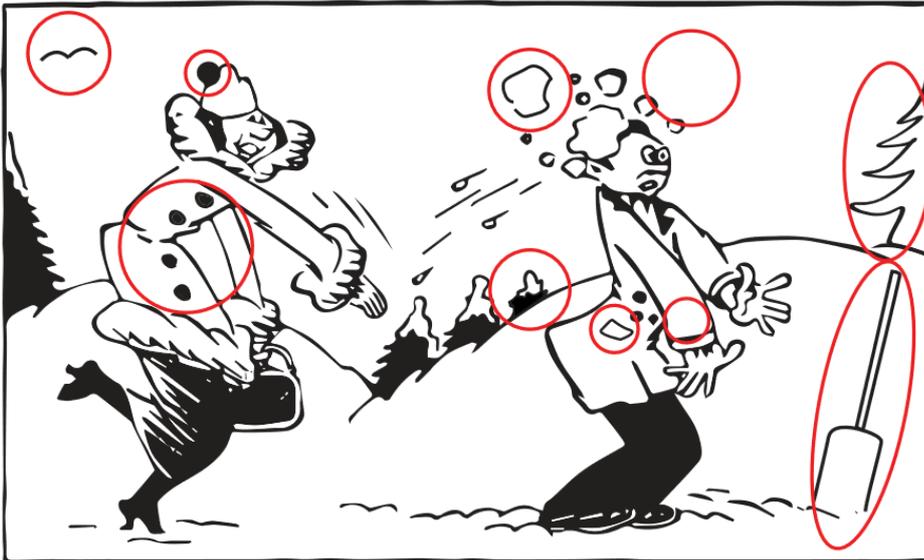
Answers

There are ten (10) differences between the two cartoons.

1. Clock hands change.
2. Boy's shirt pocket moves.
3. Black fireplace shape changes.
4. Dog loses dot.
5. Crease on boy's trousers.
6. Tree outline changes.
7. Parcel lacks a bow.
8. Dog's tail longer.
9. Tree star gains point.
10. Bauble appears on tree.

xmas1

Spot the difference



Answers

- * Yeti or the Abominable Snowman
- * Damage to body tissue caused by tissue being frozen
- * Murder on the Orient Express
- * The tilt of the Earth
- * Known as solstice, it occurs on 21 or 22 December
- * 69%
- * Almost one third
- * A condition in which the body temperature drops below 35.0C (95.0F).
- * A severe snowstorm characterized by strong winds
- * Snow Leopard
- * The Titanic
- * Arctic Circle
- * James Cook
- * It is a vast, flat, frozen, treeless Arctic region in Asia, Europe and North America Igloo
- * Mandarins and apples
- * Celery, horseradish
- * Hamsters, hedgehogs, chipmunks.

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| FORD | US manufacturer of automobiles |
| FOLD | Make fit in an envelope |
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Santa Spot the Difference



Santa Spot the difference 2



'Tis the Season Picture Crossword Answers

Across

2. Gifts 6. Candy Cane 7. Ribbon 10. Snowflake
11. Angel 12. Star

Down

1. Stocking 3. Tree 4. Candles 5. Reindeer 8. Bells
9. Holly

Word Search



SNOWSTORM WORD FINDER

Answers

