

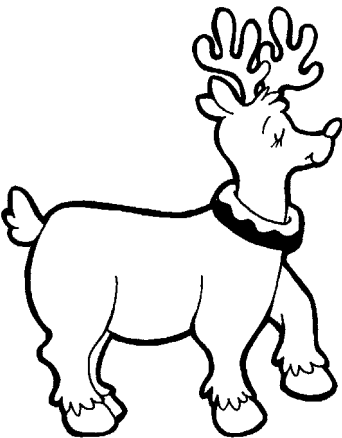
Christmas Critters

Two families are well-known at this winter season of the year: the Claus family and the Frostbite Snowman family. The members of these families are: Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, DePendent Claus (their dependent son), Mr. Frostbite Snowman, and Mrs. Frostbite Snowman. Each member of each family owns his/her own reindeer named Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, or Rudolph. Each member of each family also has his/her own favorite drink: orange juice, hot chocolate, hot tea, soda, and milk.

Match each family member with his/her reindeer and favorite drink.

Clues:

- 1. Mr. Frostbite doesn't own the "reindeer of love" because Mr. Frostbite was once a happy bachelor.
- 2. DePendent Claus hates to drink any hot drink.
- 3. Santa Claus is such a football freak that he named his reindeer after a football play.
- 4. The ladies are partial to hot drinks.
- 5. The Claus family gets very upset with the Frostbites because one of their reindeer is always blowing his nose, which is always fiery-colored and shiny from the cold.
- 6. Mrs. Frostbite says that her reindeer is speedier than a scientific phenomenon—so she named him accordingly.
- 7. DePendent Claus likes carbonated beverages.
- 8. The tea lover owns Donner. The milk lover owns Rudolph.



	Drinks					Reindeer				
	orange juice	hot chocolate	hot tea	soda	milk	Comet	Cupid	Donner	Blitzen	Rudolph
Santa Claus										
Mrs. Claus										
DePendent Claus										
Mr. Frostbite										
Mrs. Frostbite										

Christmas Around the World

There are many ways of saying Merry Christmas: “Joyeux Noel,” “Boun Natale,” “Felices Pascuas,” “Gledelig Jul,” and “S Rozhdestvom Khristovym” are a few of them. There are also some unusual customs and foods in different countries around Christmas time. For instance, some children use shoes instead of stockings to hold their goodies; some people eat capitone (a large female eel) on Christmas Eve; some people use a spider web as a tree decoration to indicate good luck for the family; some eat Christmas pudding with an almond in it, and whoever gets the almond is the next to get married; and some dance the Jota on Christmas Eve. These sayings and customs come from the following five countries: Russia, Italy, France, Norway and Spain. Use the clues to help you determine how each country says Merry Christmas and one of their Christmas customs.

Clues:

1. The countries that say “Buon Natale” and “Felices Pascuas” instead of “Merry Christmas” are located between the north 30th and 50th parallels on the world map.
2. One of the Scandinavian countries says “Gledelig Jul” instead of Merry Christmas.
3. In Russia they do not eat capitone on Christmas Eve; nor do they enjoy Christmas pudding.
4. In Italy they do not dance the Jota or use shoes instead of stockings on Christmas Eve.
5. The countries bordered by the Arctic Ocean do not eat capitone or dance the Jota as part of their Christmas celebration.
6. The country that has historically and culturally influenced Mexico says “Felices Pascuas” instead of Merry Christmas.
7. The former communist country, which was a republic in the U.S.S.R., does not use shoes for stockings; nor does it say “Joyeux Noel.”
8. The country that borders the North Sea believes that an almond in your Christmas pudding indicates that a person will soon be married.
9. The Parisians wish you “Joyeux Noel” and hope that your shoes may be filled with goodies on Christmas Eve.



	“Merry Christmas”					Tradition				
	Joyeux Noel	Buon Natale	Felices Pascuas	Gledelig Jul	S. Rozhdestvom Khristovym	shoes	capitone	spider web	Christmas pudding	Jota
Russia										
Italy										
France										
Norway										
Spain										

Santa's Gifts

Santa Claus has just arrived at the Carlson's house on Christmas Eve. He is placing Sarah and the other children's Christmas presents on the floor around him. Read the clues below and determine the name of each child and the present Santa has brought him/her.

Christmas List	
Ashli	Richard
Jeni	Sarah
Nick	Tim

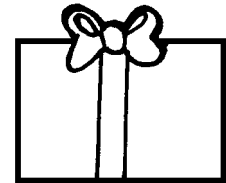
Gift List	
baseball glove	sneakers
skateboard	stereo
skates	video game

1. The present that is furthest to Santa's left is Jeni's present, and she doesn't like anything athletic.
2. Santa brought one of the boys a stereo, which he is placing on his extreme right.
3. Tim's and Nick's presents are next to each other, but neither is next to Richard's or Jeni's gifts, and neither present is on the end.
4. Ashli's baseball glove is immediately between Jeni's present and the sneakers.
5. The skates and the skateboard are next to each other, but they are not next to the video game.
6. A girl is receiving the skateboard as a present, and her present is not located next to Nick's.



Name: _____

Gift: _____

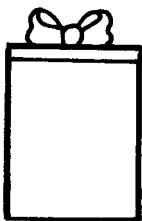


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Gift: _____

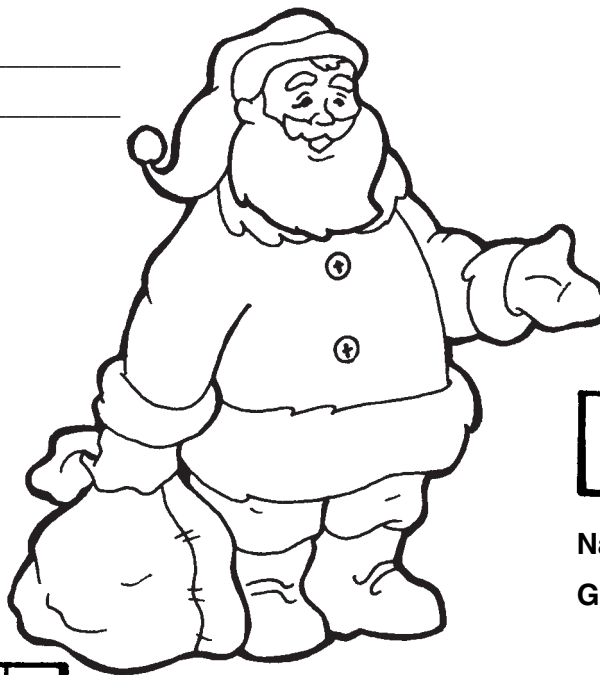
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Gift: _____



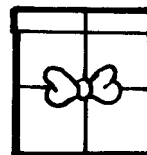
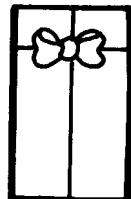
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Gift: _____

Answer Key *(cont.)*

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6-letter words: giants, giving, hating, hiking, inking, saving, skiing, thanks, things, thinks, etc.

7-letter words: shaking, sinking, skating, staving, thanking, thinking, etc.

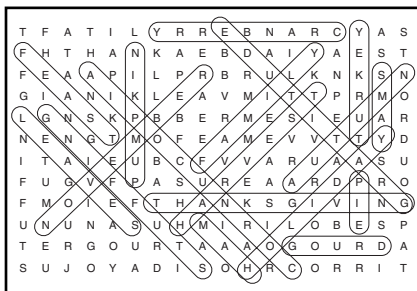
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Message: The first Thanksgiving took place over three days. The Pilgrims and the Indians celebrated together.

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1. $(\frac{1}{5} \times 8) + (\frac{1}{10} \times 10) = 2 \frac{3}{5}$ pounds
2. \$3.25
3. a. 18 cups f. 4.5 cups
- b. 6 eggs g. 18 slices
- c. 4 cups h. 3 tablespoons
- d. 6 tablespoons i. $\frac{3}{4}$ cup
- e. 6 egg whites
4. a. \$57.60 d. \$7.80
- b. \$5.76 e. \$24.00
- c. \$62.40

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Message: Thanksgiving Day is a time when many Americans gather with their family and count their blessings.

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Santa Claus—orange juice, Blitzen; Mrs. Claus—hot tea, Donner; DePendent Claus—soda, Cupid; Mr. Frostbite—milk, Rudolph; Mrs. Frostbite—hot chocolate, Comet

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Russia—S. Rozhdestvom Khristovym, spider web; Italy—Buon Natale, capitone; France—Joyeux Noel, shoes; Norway—Gledelig Jul, Christmas pudding; Spain—Felices Pascuas, Jota

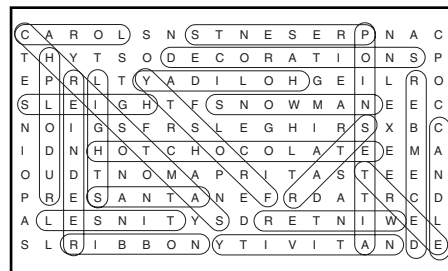
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from left to right: Richard, stereo; Sarah, skateboard; Tim, skates; Nick, sneakers; Ashli, baseball glove; Jeni, video game

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1. 36,525
2. 1 A.M. Christmas Day
3. a. 464 b. 468 c. 484
4. Cupid = 80 m.p.h.; Rudolph = 240 m.p.h.; Blitzen = 360 m.p.h.
5. 2 years ago = 160 lbs.; 1 year ago = 160 lbs.; this year = 240 lbs.

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Message: Christmas is an exciting time for children—a time filled with joy and excitement!

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Hink Pinks

1. Claus floss
2. thrift gift
3. free tree
4. jolly holly
5. carol apparel

“Christmas” Words

Accept reasonable answers. Possibilities include the following:

3-letter words: act, air, arm, art, car, cat, ham, him, his, hat, hit, its, mat, ram, rat, rim, sat, sir, sit, etc.

4-letter words: cash, cart, cast, cats, chat, rams, rats, hair, harm, math, mass, mast, mist, mats, miss, char, star, stir, mash, trim, tram, mart, mach, etc.

5-letter words: amiss, march, masts, trams, trims, stars, match, hairs, charm, chars, chasm, chats, mirth, harms, etc.

6-letter words: smarts, charms, charts, chairs, chasms, starch, stairs, smirch, etc.