English, year 2 to 6
About 15 minutes

Christmas
word jumble

Santa dropped his letters and now they are all mixed up. Can you help him put them back?



Victorian Christmas card.

Name _____ Class _____

Read the clue and **move** the letters around until they make a Christmas word. **Write** the word in the boxes, one letter in each box. The word **STAR** is already done as an example.

1 R S A T → S T A R
It shines at the very top of the Christmas tree. **Example**

2 O S W N → ☐ ◯ ☐ ☐
It is white and cold, and it falls from the sky.

3 S T Y O → ☐ ◯ ☐ ☐
Santa's elves make these in their workshop.

4 T N W E I R → ◯ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
The cold season. Christmas comes in it.

5 K M L I → ◯ ☐ ☐ ☐
Children leave a glass of it out for Santa.

6 A A T N S → ☐ ◯ ☐ ☐ ☐
He has a red suit and a long white beard.

7 N Y C A D → ☐ ☐ ◯ ☐ ☐
__ canes are sweets with red and white stripes.

The secret word

The letters in the gold rings, from top to bottom, make a new word. **Write** each one in the box with the same number as the word.

S						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

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English, year 7 to 9
About 15 minutes

Christmas word jumble, **the tricky one**

Long words from plays, plants, cakes and carols. How many can you solve without reading the clue?



Victorian Christmas card.

Name _____ Class _____

Read the clue and **move** the letters around until they make a Christmas word. **Write** the word in the boxes, one letter in each box. The word **NATIVITY** is already done as an example.

1 T T N A I Y V I → N A T I V I T Y

A play about the birth of Jesus, often put on by schoolchildren. **Example**

2 K I E C F A T U R → ☐☐○☐☐☐☐☐☐

A heavy cake full of dried fruit, often covered in marzipan and icing.

3 H C E O L C O T A → ☐☐☐☐☐○☐☐☐

In many Advent calendars, a piece of it hides behind each door.

4 R R E N E V G E E → ○☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

A plant that keeps its leaves all winter, like holly or the fir tree.

5 A R K T E U C R N C → ☐☐○☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

A ballet by Tchaikovsky that is danced every Christmas.

6 S I A T N E T I P O → ☐☐○☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

A plant with bright red leaves. It comes from Mexico.

7 C R S O E N I D T O A → ○☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

Baubles, tinsel and lights are all Christmas ___.

8 R E O L C R L S A → ☐☐☐☐☐☐○☐☐

People who go from door to door singing Christmas songs.

The secret word

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Y							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

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Answers

Christmas Word Jumble

The sheet has two pages at different levels. Print page 1 (Easy, year 2 to 6) or page 2 (Tricky, year 7 to 9), one per student. This page is not for the students.

Page 1, Easy

1	RSAT	STAR
2	OSWN	SNOW
3	STYO	TOYS
4	TNWEIR	WINTER
5	KMLI	MILK
6	AATNS	SANTA
7	NYCAD	CANDY

Snowman

Page 2, Tricky

1	TTNAIYVI	NATIVITY
2	KIECFATUR	FRUITCAKE
3	HCEOLCOTA	CHOCOLATE
4	RRENEVGEE	EVERGREEN
5	ARKTEUCRNC	NUTCRACKER
6	SIATNETIPO	POINSETTIA
7	CRSOENIDTOA	DECORATIONS
8	REOLCRLSA	CAROLLERS

Yuletide

The jumbled letters are in grey before each word. The letter in the gold ring is in gold.

How to use the sheet

Do the example together: read the clue, look at the letters and try out loud until the word comes.

Tip for anyone who gets stuck: first look for the letter the word starts with, and read the clue again.

Those who finish early can jumble a Christmas word of their own and let a friend solve it. On page 2, students can race to solve the words without reading the clues.

Good to know: *Yule* is an old English word for the midwinter feast, and the same word as Swedish *jul*. The poinsettia is named after Joel Poinsett, who brought the plant from Mexico to the United States in the 1820s.

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