English, year 5 to 9
About 10 minutes

Christmas
word search

Twelve Christmas words are hiding in the letters. How fast can you find them all?



John Leech, 1843.

Name _____ Class _____

Find the words in the grid and **circle** them. The words can go forwards, backwards, up, down or diagonally. **Tick** each word in the list when you find it. **Holly** is done for you.

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

The words

- [ ] Angel
- [ ] Bells
- [ ] Candle
- [ ] Gingerbread
- [x] Holly Example
- [ ] Icicle
- [ ] Ornament
- [ ] Present
- [ ] Sleigh
- [ ] Snowball
- [ ] Snowman
- [ ] Tinsel

Finished?

Many of the letters are left over. **Write** three more Christmas words you know in English.

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Christmas crossword

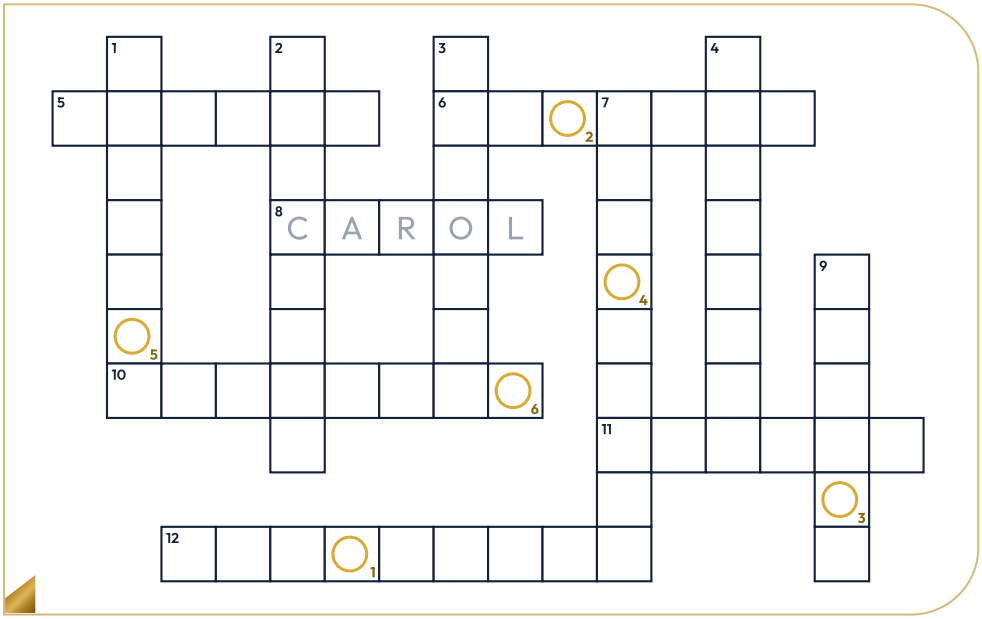
Reindeer, crackers and a very mean old man. How many can you solve?



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Read the clue. **Write** the word in the squares that start at the same number, one letter in each square. The word **CAROL** is already there as an example.



The solution word

When you are done, **write** the letter in circle 1 in box 1, and so on. Which season is it?

1	2	3
4	5	6

Across

5 A ring of evergreen branches that people hang on their front door.

6 Santa is said to climb down this to get into the house.

8 A Christmas song, often sung in church or from door to door. **Example**

10 These animals pull Santa's sleigh.

11 Many families in Britain eat this big bird for Christmas dinner.

12 Each one is made of ice crystals and usually has six sides or points.

Down

1 A paper tube that goes bang when two people pull it. Inside is a paper hat and a joke.

2 A long sock hung up on Christmas Eve for small presents.

3 In Charles Dickens's story, this mean old man says "Bah! Humbug!" about Christmas.

4 Christmas Day is on the 25th of this month.

7 A plant hung over doorways. In Britain, people may kiss under it.

9 The four weeks before Christmas. The word comes from Latin and means arrival.

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Answers

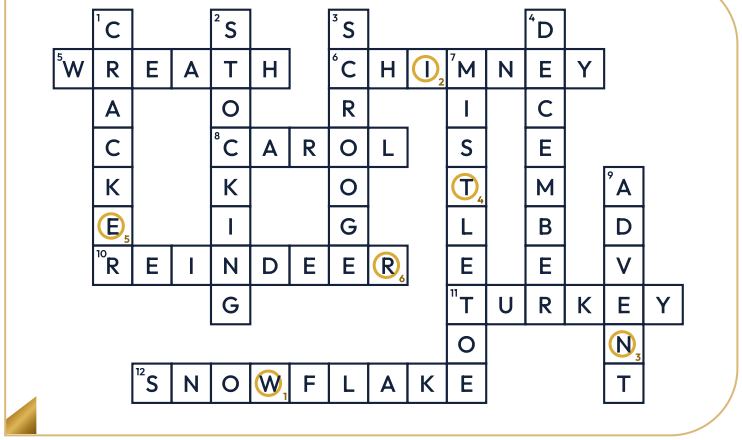
Christmas word search and crossword

Print pages 1 and 2 for the students, double-sided if you like. The word search takes about 10 minutes and the crossword about 15.

1 Word search



2 Crossword



Across

5 Wreath
6 Chimney
8 Carol
10 Reindeer
11 Turkey
12 Snowflake

Down

1 Cracker
2 Stocking
3 Scrooge
4 December
7 Mistletoe
9 Advent

The solution word

Winter

Talk about it afterwards

Which words look like Swedish (advent, december, snowman) and which are completely new? Let the students guess the Swedish words.

Christmas in Britain: crackers, turkey and stockings hung up on Christmas Eve. Presents are opened on Christmas morning, the 25th of December. Compare with how you celebrate.

Scrooge comes from Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol* (1843). The pictures on the sheets are John Leech's illustrations from the first edition. The text sheet about Scrooge in the same Christmas pack goes well with this one.

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