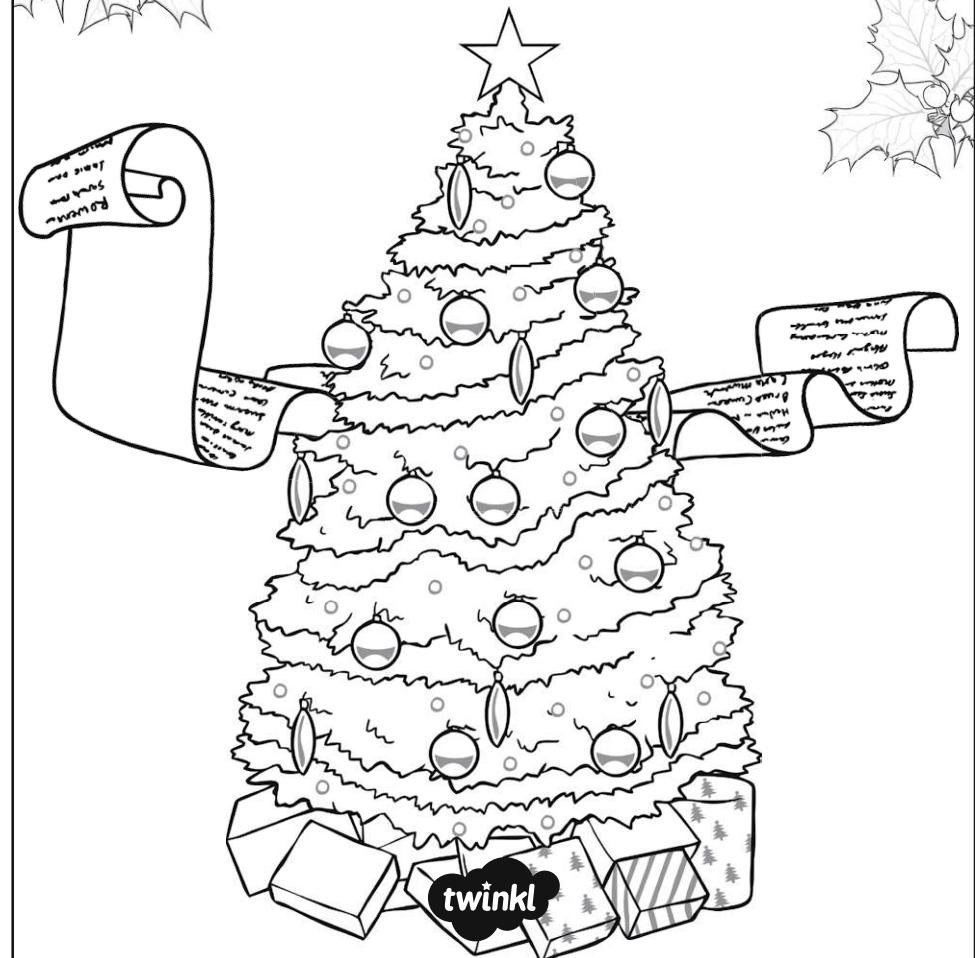


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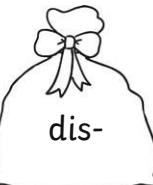
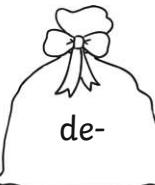
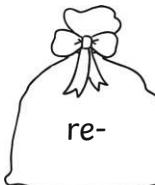
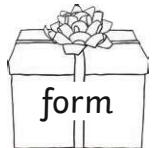
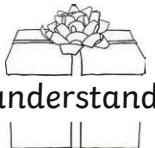
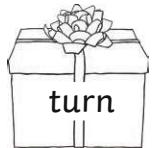
Christmas

English Activities



Present Prefix Puzzles

The elves at the North Pole have got in a muddle with some of the Christmas presents they are meant to be packing into the sleigh. They need to put them into the correct sack depending on where they are going. Can you help them to match the presents (the root words) to the correct sack (the prefixes)?



Can you use some of your words in Christmas-themed sentences?

Joyful Gingerbread House

Use this picture as inspiration to carefully think about and write a short paragraph.

Sentence 1: Use a colon to mark the boundary between related independent clauses.



Sentence 2: Include a sentence written in the active voice.

Sentence 3: Include a relative clause.

Sentence 4: Include a sentence written in the passive voice.

Sentence 5: End with a question tag.

'Twas the Night Before Christmas

Clement Clarke Moore (1799 - 1863)



'Twas the night before Christmas,
when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring,
not even a mouse.
The stockings were hung by
the chimney with care,
In hopes that St Nicholas
soon would be there.

The children were nestled all
snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums
danced in their heads.
And mamma in her 'kerchief,
and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for
a long winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there
arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see
what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew
like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and
threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the
new-fallen snow
Gave the lustre of mid-day to
objects below.
When, what to my wondering

eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh,
and eight tiny reindeer.
With a little old driver, so
lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must
be St Nick.
More rapid than eagles his
coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted,
and called them by name!

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer!
now, Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! On, Cupid! on,
Donner and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch! to the
top of the wall!
Now dash away! Dash away!
Dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before
the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an
obstacle, mount to the sky.
So up to the house-top the
coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of Toys,
and St Nicholas too.

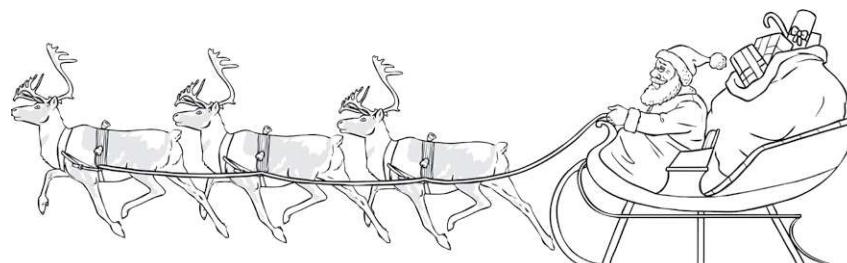
And then, in a twinkling,
I heard on the roof

The prancing and pawing
of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head, and
was turning around,
Down the chimney St Nicholas
came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from
his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished
with ashes and soot.
A bundle of Toys he had
flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler,
just opening his pack.

His eyes-how they twinkled!
his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses,
his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was
drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was
as white as the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held
tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled
his head like a wreath.
He had a broad face and a
little round belly,



That shook when he laughed,
like a bowlful of jelly!
He was chubby and plump,
a right jolly old elf,

And I laughed when I saw
him, in spite of myself!
A wink of his eye and a
twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I
had nothing to dread.

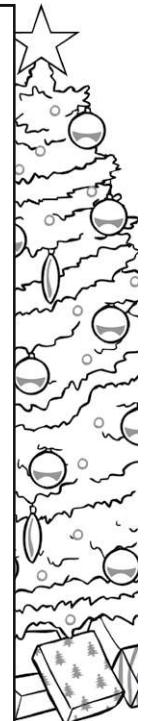
He spoke not a word, but
went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings,
then turned with a jerk.
And laying his finger aside
of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the
chimney he rose!

He sprang to his sleigh, to
his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like
the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim,
'ere he drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all,
and to all a good-night!"

Winter Word Search

Find the words, then work out the hidden Christmas carol.

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r	y	n	a	p	m	o	c	c	a



accompany
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marvellous
shoulder

curiosity
familiar
necessary

dictionary
interrupt
queue

What is the hidden Christmas carol?

Soldiers met in
No Man's Land,
shook hands and
exchanged gifts.

Some soldiers were
still injured on
Christmas Day.

Glossary

Western Front - A line of entrenchment between Allied and Central Powers forces running through Belgium and Northern France.

Truce - An agreement between two sides in a conflict to stop fighting for a temporary period.

Ceasefire - An agreement between two sides to stop firing/shooting.

1. Who is the poem about? How do you know?

2. What type of figurative language has been used in these verses?
What is the effect of it?

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His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
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3. Tick the word closest in meaning to 'clatter'.

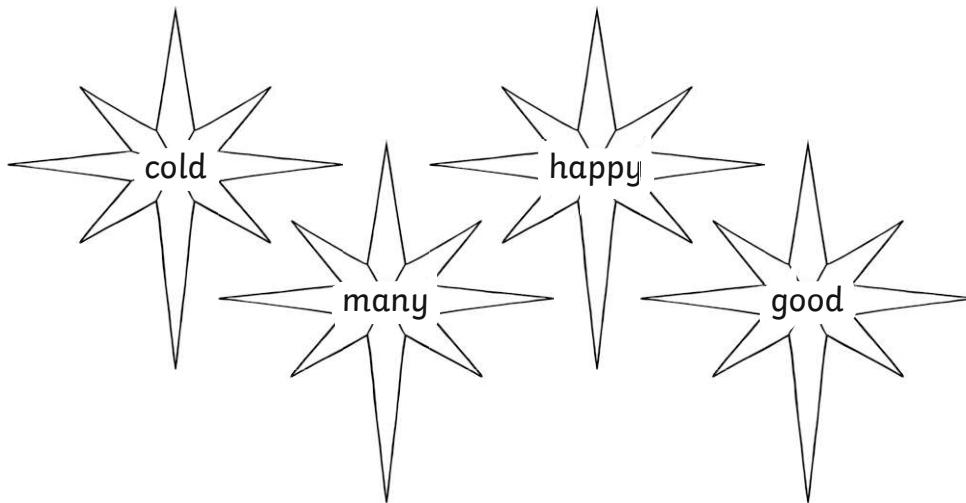
'When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter'

rush jump noise chat

4. Is this a modern or traditional poem? How do you know?

Starry Synonyms

Can you make these stars shine with ambitious synonyms?



Can you use some of your ambitious synonyms in Christmas-themed sentences?

World War One Christmas Truce

Can you rewrite this text about the truce using bullet points in a correctly punctuated list to make the facts clearer? Decide on the order of the facts before writing it out.

On Christmas Day 1914, on many parts of the Western Front, there was a temporary truce between British and German soldiers. The truce is one of the most famous events of the war.

At first, British soldiers were worried that the carol singing and the ceasefire might be a trick.

Soldiers placed Christmas trees with candles in front of their trenches.

The German soldiers began singing 'Silent Night' in German and the British soldiers joined in.

A game of football was played between the British and the Germans.

Big Christmas dinners were cooked and served in No Man's Land.

The truce was used by both armies as a chance to recover and bury dead soldiers.

The Caribbean

People clean their house thoroughly before decorating for Christmas – they sometimes even repaint entire rooms!

Spain

The children leave out hay-filled boots at night, so that, by Christmas morning, the hay will have been replaced with chocolates, presents or money.

Slovakia

The head of the family will throw Loksa (bread, poppy seeds and water) up at the ceiling. The longer it stays glued to the ceiling, the better the crops will be.

1. What is Christmas the celebration of?

2. Find two words or phrases linked to 'eating'.

3. Who gives presents to children in Russia?

How is this different to France?

4. 'There are also some very unique traditions...'

Tick the word closest in meaning to 'unique'.

same individual alone strange

5. Which country would you most like to visit at Christmas time?

Explain Why?

Santa's Subject Situation

To be able to deliver the correct presents to the correct people, Santa must identify the subject of the sentence. Can you help him to identify the subjects of the sentences and then choose the appropriate gift (object) for each person?

The old lady broke the vase.

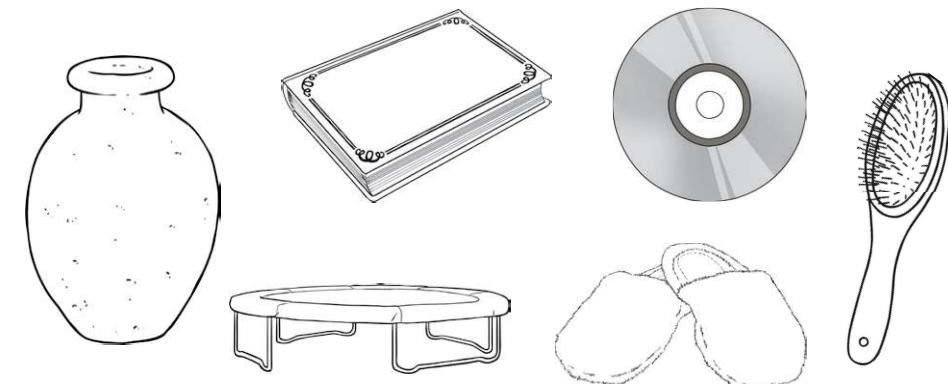
The amazing adventure story was read by the quiet boy.

The excited girl danced to the new hit songs.

My grumpy older sister loves doing her hair.

The trampoline is Misha's favourite place to play.

Grandad always wears an old, tatty pair of slippers.



Super Seasonal Sentences

Use your super sentence writing skills to create **formal sentences**. Look at the image, then create a sentence written in **formal speech** that makes sense. You could include the subjunctive form.



Now, use your super sentence writing skills to create **informal sentences**. Look at the image, then create a sentence written in **informal speech** that makes sense. You could use a question tag.



Christmas Around the World

What is Christmas?

Christmas is a religious holiday which celebrates the birth of the son of God, Jesus Christ, on the 25th December. Although it is a Christian holiday, it is actually one that derives from a lot of Pagan traditions.

Celebrations

Christmas is celebrated by millions of people all over the world, Christian and non-Christian. It is a time of gathering with family and friends. There are some mostly universal traditions, such as decorating houses with lights, trees, candles and having a Christmas dinner. There are also some very unique traditions, specific to certain countries.

Ireland

People light candles (often red and decorated with sprigs of holly) in the windows of their homes to act as a guide for Mary and Joseph to their place of rest.

Russia

An old lady called Baboushka roams around giving presents to children to make up for the mistake of being too busy to guide the wise men to the baby Jesus in biblical times.

France

The feast of St. Nicholas (6th December) is the main celebration, when St. Nick will ride around on his sleigh giving gifts to children.

Japan

Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) has become the nation's favourite dish for Christmas dinner; it is so popular that you need to make a reservation to eat there on Christmas day.