

Childrens' Christmas Collection for 2016

Here's a collection of puzzles, quizzes and stuff to keep you occupied. You won't know all the answers so you will need to do a bit of research to find the solutions. Hope you have fun!

How many times does the word **CHRISTMAS** appear in the grid?

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C	C	R	H	C	H	I	I	S	T	M	A	S	T	C

And how many times does the word "Christmas" appear in *this* grid?

c	s	c	s	a	m	t	s	i	r	h	c	c	h	s
i	c	h	t	m	s	a	m	t	s	i	r	h	c	a
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s	t	t	h	s	a	m	t	s	i	r	h	c	a	r
t	m	m	c	m	t	h	a	s	a	i	c	t	m	h
m	a	a	r	s	m	a	c	s	t	s	m	m	t	c
a	s	s	i	c	h	r	i	s	t	t	a	s	s	m
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t	h	i	c	h	r	i	s	t	m	a	s	c	r	i
c	h	r	i	s	t	m	a	s	c	s	m	c	h	r
m	r	i	h	c	s	a	m	t	s	i	r	h	c	h
c	h	r	i	s	t	m	a	s	t	s	i	r	h	c

T'was the Night before Christmas

T'was 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 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!"

Christmas Trivia Quiz

1. How is Rudolf's nose described in the song?
2. What date in December is Christmas Day?
3. What were the names of the three wise men?
4. What three gifts did the Wise Men bring for the baby Jesus?
5. What did Frosty the Snowman have for a nose?
6. What's the name of the evergreen plant that it's traditional to kiss under?
7. What American government agency tracks Santa's sleigh on Christmas Eve?
8. What guided the wise men to the infant Jesus?
9. What cake do Italians enjoy over Christmas?
10. How many points does a snowflake have?
11. What's the name of the Christmas carol about evergreen plants?
12. What did Mary wrap the baby Jesus in?
13. What was the name of the character played by Macaulay Culkin in Home Alone?
14. According to the carol, how many ships came sailing in on Christmas Day?
15. What were the shepherds doing in the fields?
16. Who helps Santa Claus to make toys for Christmas?
17. In which town was the baby Jesus born?
18. Do you know the names of Santa's reindeer?
19. In Toy Story, the final scene takes place on Christmas Day. What were the names of the rivals in the film (the cowboy and the sci-fi action figure)?
20. How would you say 'Merry Christmas' in France?

Four of a Kind

In this quiz, each grid has 12 items in it. These can be grouped together in three lots of four.

Can you sort them out?

<i>Welsummer</i>	<i>Barnacle</i>	<i>Mandarin</i>	<i>Dorking</i>
<i>Greylag</i>	<i>Pochard</i>	<i>Maran</i>	<i>Canada</i>
<i>Faverolles</i>	<i>Muscovy</i>	<i>Eider</i>	<i>Teal</i>

<i>Group 1</i>	<i>Chickens</i>				
<i>Group 2</i>					
<i>Group 3</i>					

<i>Maris Piper</i>	<i>Navel</i>	<i>Seville</i>	<i>Pentland Dell</i>
<i>Pink Lady</i>	<i>King Edward</i>	<i>Desiree</i>	<i>Jazz</i>
<i>Russet</i>	<i>Blood</i>	<i>Gala</i>	<i>Valencia</i>

<i>Group 1</i>					
<i>Group 2</i>					
<i>Group 3</i>					

<i>Ned Flanders</i>	<i>Lrrr</i>	<i>Rallo Tubs</i>	<i>Brain Slugs</i>
<i>Meg Griffin</i>	<i>Opie</i>	<i>Fat Tony</i>	<i>Lurleen Lumpkin</i>
<i>Uri</i>	<i>Jasper Beardley</i>	<i>Kwanzabot</i>	<i>Evil Monkey</i>

<i>Group 1</i>					
<i>Group 2</i>					
<i>Group 3</i>					

Collective Nouns

We all love the quirky and imaginative way in which groups of animals are named: a smack of jellyfish, a crash of rhinoceroses, a peep of chickens.

Can you match these?

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| 1 A kindle of ... | a) rooks |
| 2 A building of ... | b) turtle doves |
| 3 A murder of ... | c) horses |
| 4 A duke of ... | d) ducks |
| 5 A husk of ... | e) ravens |
| 6 An unkindness of... | f) kittens |
| 7 A pitying of ... | g) doves |
| 8 A parliament of ... | h) crows |
| 9 A balding of ... | i) hares |
| 10 A gam of ... | j) owls |
| 11 A harras of... | k) whales |

Can you invent any of your own? What about a collective noun for:

Father Christmasses

Mermaids

Unicorns

Harry Potter fans

Fishermen

Dog walkers

Mums outside the school gates

The Twelve Days of Christmas Quiz

1. How many things did my true love send to me?
2. What is the total number of beaks in the song?
3. Which of these is the Turtle Dove?



4. How do you think the Turtle Dove got its name?
5. What is Swan Upping, and when does it take place?
6. Who owns the swans on the Thames?
7. When is the 10th Day of Christmas, and what is does the 10 represent in the bible?
8. If a gold ring weighs 6.13g and the price of gold is £30.54/g, what did the rings cost?
9. What is a calling bird better known as, and what other names has it been given in the past?
10. When did the Faverolles turn up?
11. What does the "Six Geese a-laying" refer to in the bible?
12. Did my true love send me more men or more women?

Transfer the lettered tiles onto the grid to reveal a message

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CLUE: THE JOURNEY BEGINS

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CLUE: CREAM OR CUSTARD?

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CLUE: TO HELP YOU WHISTLE, TOO.

ANSWERS

Wordsearch

How many times does the word Christmas appear? In the first grid, just once, but 16 times in the second one.

Four of a Kind

Group 1	Chickens	Faverolles	maran	welsummer	Dorking
Group 2	geese	greylag	Roman	Canada	barnacle
Group 3	ducks	muscovy	mandarin	eider	pochard

Group 1	potatoes	Maris	King Edward	pentland	desiree
Group 2	oranges	blood	Valencia	Seville	navel
Group 3	apples	Pink lady	gala	jazz	russelt

Group 1	Simpsons	Fat Tony	Jasper	Lurleen	Ned
Group 2	Futurama	Brain	Irr	Url	Kwazobot
Group 3	Family guy	Meg Griffin	Evil monkey	Rallo Tubs	Opie

Trivia Quiz Answers

1. How is Rudolf's nose described in the song? **Answer - Red and Shiny**
2. The day after Christmas Day is Boxing Day. What is this tradition? **Answer - The day when tradesmen and servants would receive their gratuities or gifts from employers.**
3. What were the names of the three wise men? **Answer - Melchior, Balthazar and Caspar**
4. What three gifts did the Wise Men bring for the baby Jesus? **Answer - Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh**
5. What did Frosty the Snowman have for a nose? **Answer - A Button**
6. What's the name of the evergreen plant that it's traditional to kiss under? **Answer - Mistletoe**
7. What American government agency tracks Santa's sleigh on Christmas Eve? **Answer - NORAD**
8. What guided the wise men to the infant Jesus? **Answer - Star of Bethlehem or Star of Wonder**

9. The following letters represent each of the words in the title of which Christmas Song – RTRNR? **Answer – Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer**
10. How many points does a snowflake have? **Answer – Six**
11. What's the name of the Christmas carol about evergreen plants? **Answer – The Holly and the Ivy**
12. What did Mary wrap the baby Jesus in? **Answer – Swaddling clothes**
13. What was the name of the character played by Macaulay Culkin in Home Alone? **Answer – Kevin McCallister**
14. According to the carol, how many ships came sailing in on Christmas Day? **Answer – Three**
15. What were the shepherds doing in the fields? **Answer – Watching their flocks**
16. Who helps Santa Claus to make toys for Christmas? **Answer – The Christmas Elves**
17. In which town was the baby Jesus born? **Answer – Bethlehem**
18. Do you now the names of 2 of Santa's reindeer? **Answer: Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Dunder, Blixem and Rudolf!**
19. In Toy Story, the final scene takes place on Christmas Day. What were the names of the rivals in the film? **Answer – Sheriff Woody and Buzz Lightyear**
20. How do you say 'Merry Christmas' in France? **Answer – Joyeux Noel**

Twelve Days of Christmas

1. 79 items – the first day was a partridge and a pear tree!
2. 23 beaks in total
3. The turtle dove is the one on the left
4. So named because the wing pattern looks like turtle shell
5. Swan Upping is the counting of the swans on the Thames in the first week of July
6. They now belong to the Vintner's Company
7. The 01th day is January 3rd, and it refers to the Ten Commandments
8. Five rings would cost £936.05
9. Calling birds have also been known as Colly birds, Colour'd birds, Canary birds or Blackbirds.
10. Faverolles are the three French hens that appear on day three
11. Six Geese A-laying refers to the six days of Creation
12. My true love sent me 33 men and 17 women.

Collective Nouns

A kindle of kittens
A building of rooks
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A dule of doves
A husk of hares
An unkindness of ravens
A pitying of turtle doves
A parliament of owls
A balding od ducks
A gam of wales
A harass of horses

Letter tile messages

Santa is on his way from the North Pole
Christmas isn't Christmas without Christmas pudding
All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth

Happy Christmas
Chris Stockwell

