

Year 6 Christmas English Activities

Answers

Present Prefix Puzzles

re- fresh

re- turn

de- scribe

de- form

dis- able

dis- appoint

mis- read

mis- understand

under- fed

under- privileged

Example sentences:

We helped **underprivileged** families by providing toys and food for a shelter this Christmas.

Your gift will hopefully not **disappoint** you when you open it.

We had to **disable** the robot because it wouldn't stop talking.

T'was the Night Before Christmas

Clement Clarke Moore (1799 - 1863)

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

Father Christmas/Santa. I know because it mentions St Nicholas/St Nick/the reindeer/the sleigh and gifts.

2. What type of figurative language has been used in these verses? **Similes**

What is the effect of it? **It gives me an image in my mind/it is very descriptive.**

3. 'When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,'

Tick the word closest in meaning to 'clatter'.

rush

jump

noise

chat

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

This is a traditional poem. There are traditional words used such as 'And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap' and 'ere.

Starry Synonyms

Examples of synonyms include:

Cold – freezing, icy, chilly, wintry

Happy – joyful, merry, jovial, cheerful

Many – numerous, countless, untold, a multitude of

Good – dutiful, generous, kind-hearted, skilful

Example sentences:

Although there was an **icy** chill, we all felt **jovial** as we visited **numerous** houses to sing **cheerful** carols.

The **kind-hearted** observers gave us **countless** mince-pies which warmed us on the **wintry** evening.

Santa's Subject Situation

The old lady broke the vase. **(vase)**

The amazing adventure story was read by **the quiet boy**. **(book)**

The excited girl danced to the new hit songs. **(CD/MP3)**

My grumpy older sister loves doing her hair. **(hairbrush)**

The trampoline is **Misha's** favourite place to play. **(trampoline)**

Grandad always wears an old, tatty pair of slippers. **(slippers)**

Super Seasonal Sentences

The wreath was suspended from the dark blue door, which led into the grand hall of my grandparents' home.

Thoughtfully, Father Christmas converses with numerous young people as he determines which gift they would appreciate.

Singing their hearts out, the choir enjoyed the sound of people clapping and joining in.

The frog climbed amongst the twinkly lights to share his Christmas message with us all.

Christmas Around the World

1. What is Christmas the celebration of?

The birth of the son of God, Jesus Christ.

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

Accept any of: having a Christmas dinner; Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) has become the nation's favourite dish for Christmas dinner; chocolates; bread.

3. Who gives presents to children in Russia? How is this different to France?

In Russia, Baboushka (an old lady) gives the gifts to children, whereas in France it is St Nicholas (an old man) who gives the gifts to children.

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?

Accept any answer which refers to the text.

World War One Christmas Truce

Accept any piece of writing which uses bullet points and the associated punctuation correctly.

Winter Wordsearch

(Over, Down, Direction)

ACCOMPANY(10,10,W)

CURIOSITY(9,8,W)

DICTIONARY(10,4,W)

EXAGGERATE(1,5,E)

FAMILIAR(8,2,W)

INTERRUPT(9,1,W)

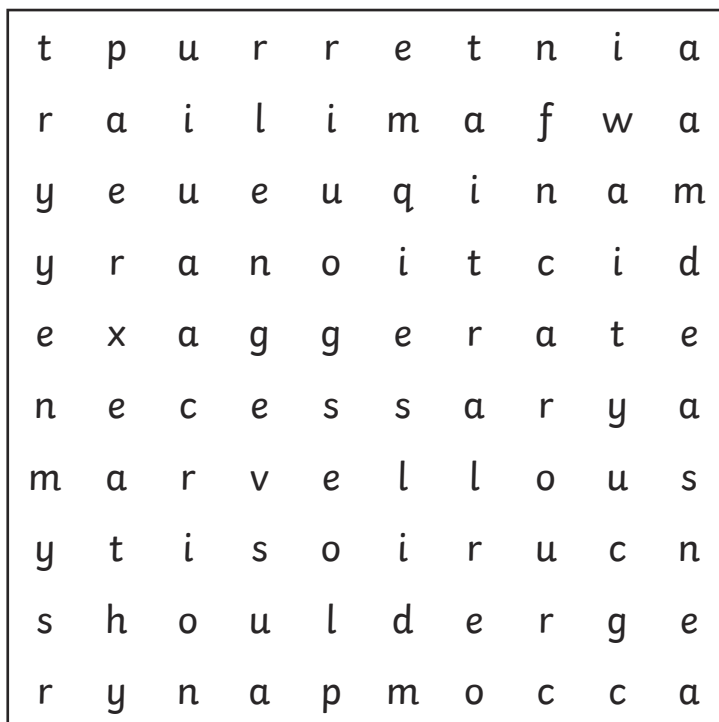
MARVELLOUS(1,7,E)

NECESSARY(1,6,E)

QUEUE(6,3,W)

SHOULDER(1,9,E)

The hidden Christmas carol - **Away in a manger**



Joyful Gingerbread House

Example sentences:

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

Every year we bake a gingerbread house for the Christmas show: this year we made our best ever.

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

As we decorated, I knew we had to try our best because we wanted to win the competition.

Sentence 3: Include a relative clause.

The icing, which was a little bit runnier than I'd hoped, dripped in a few places.

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

The sweets were bought by my mum and looked fantastic when we stuck them on.

Sentence 5: End with a question tag.

I really hope the judges like our gingerbread house, don't you?