

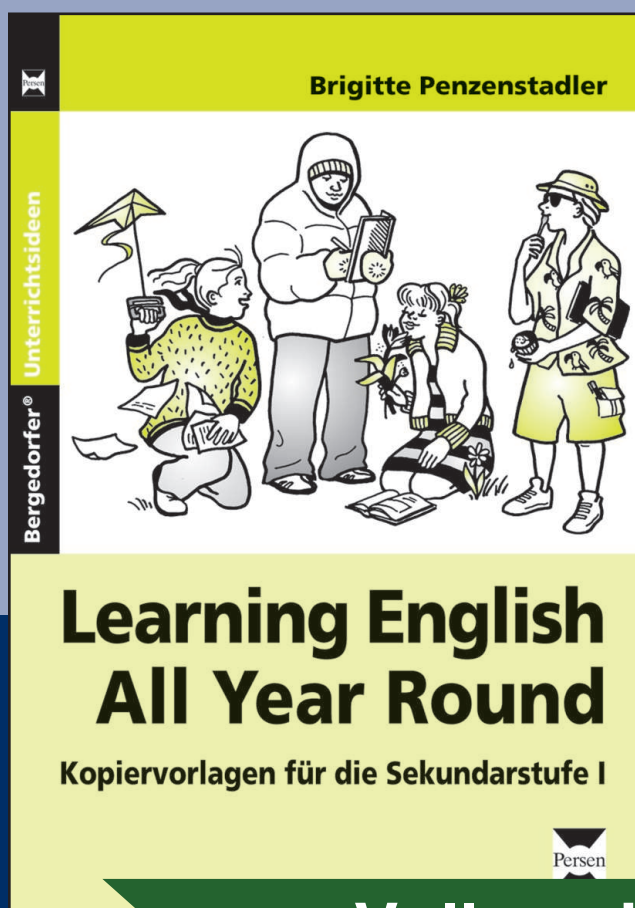


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All about Christmas

Alles rund um Weihnachten
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The Alphabet of Christmas

Winter

Write down a word or a short sentence for each letter of the alphabet.
The words must have something to do with Christmas.



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Write a text "Living at the North Pole" using your word web!



Choose the right words!

So this is Xmas and
what have you done?

Another day / year over,
a new / old one just begun;
And so this is Xmas,
I hope you have fun / fan
The near / far and the dear ones
The old / odd and the youth / young.

A merry, merry Xmas
And a happy New Year,
Let's hope it's a bad / good one
without any fear / joy.

And so this is Xmas
for weak / wicked and for strange / strong,
The rich and the poor ones,
the road / street is so long.
And so, happy Xmas
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In Britain the first sign that Christmas time is near is when people receive Christmas cards. They buy and send large numbers of them. Some people attach their Christmas cards to coloured strings and hang them up on the walls, others put them on the mantelpiece over their fireplaces.

About ten days before Christmas, many people start to decorate their houses. Wreaths of holly and mistletoe are hung up over the doors and if a boy meets a girl under the mistletoe, she must let him kiss her.

Most people have a Christmas tree in their living room. The tree is decorated with coloured balls, tinsel, chocolate ornaments, candles, robins and on the top there is often a star. Carol singers or choirs go from house to house at Christmas time. They sing Christmas songs, for example Silent Night, and the money they collect is for charity.

On December 24th, Christmas Eve, young people have parties, others go to special shows at the theatre because it is the night for having a lot of fun. The children hang up their stockings over the fireplace. Father Christmas (also known as Santa Claus), who lives at the North Pole, flies through the sky in a sleigh packed with a lot of presents. The sleigh is drawn by nine reindeer called Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen and Rudolph. The last one is the most famous of them because of his red nose. At two or three o'clock in the morning Father Christmas comes down the chimney and puts the small presents into the stockings and the bigger ones under the Christmas tree or in front of the fireplace.

December 25th is called Christmas Day. In the morning people open their gifts. Later on, the smell of turkey and Christmas pudding is in the air. Christmas dinner is a wonderful meal. People put on funny paper hats and they pull crackers, which have jokes or small presents inside them. At 3 p.m., there is the Queen's speech on TV. The Queen usually talks about the last year and she wishes everyone a Merry Christmas.

The next day, December 26th, is also known as Boxing Day because many years ago, rich people gave presents to their servants in boxes on this day. Nowadays, in some families, friends and relatives come to visit in the afternoon and the children play with their new toys.



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When it became time for the daughters to marry, the father became even more depressed as his daughters could not marry without dowries, money and property to give to the new husbands' families.

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 Gave the lustre of midday to objects below,
 When, what to my wondering ¹¹ _____ should appear,
 But a miniature ¹² _____, 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!
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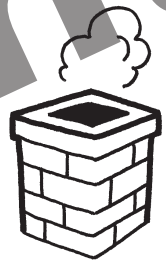
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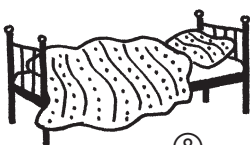
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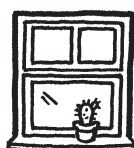
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As dry ¹³ _____ that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of ¹⁴ _____, and St Nicholas too.



And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my ¹⁵ _____, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St Nicholas came with a bound.



He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his ¹⁶ _____,
And his ¹⁷ _____ were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
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The stump of a ²⁰ _____ he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad ²¹ _____ 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 ²² _____; then turned with a jerk,



And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;
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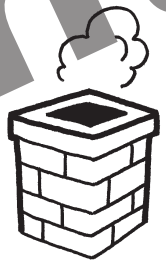
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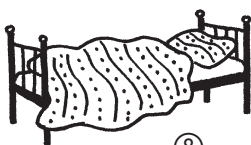
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Every Who
Down in Who-ville
Liked Christmas a lot ...
But the Grinch,
Who lived just north of Who-ville,
Did NOT!

The Grinch hated Christmas! The whole Christmas season!
Now, please don't ask why. No one quite knows the reason.
It could be his head wasn't screwed on just right.
It could be, perhaps, that his shoes were too tight.
But I think that the most likely reason of all
May have been that his heart was two sizes too small.



But,
Whatever the reason,
His heart or his shoes,
He stood there on Christmas Eve, hating the Whos,
Staring down from his cave with a sour, Grinchy frown
At the warm lighted windows below in their town.
For he knew every Who down in Who-ville beneath
Was busy now, hanging a mistletoe wreath.

“And they're hanging their stockings!” he snarled with a sneer.
“Tomorrow is Christmas! It's practically here!”
Then he growled, with his Grinch fingers nervously drumming,
“I MUST find some way to stop Christmas from coming!”

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... All the Who girls and boys
Would wake bright and early. They'd rush for their toys!
And then! Oh, the noise! Oh, the Noise! Noise! Noise!
Noise!
That's one thing he hated! The NOISE! NOISE!
NOISE! NOISE!

Then the Whos, young and old, would sit down to a feast.
And they'd feast! And they'd feast!
And they'd FEAST! FEAST! FEAST! FEAST!
They would feast on Who-pudding, and rare Who-roast-beast
Which was something the Grinch couldn't stand in the least!

And THEN
They'd do something
He liked least of all!
Every Who down in Who-ville, the tall and the small,
Would stand close together, with Christmas bells ringing.
They'd stand hand-in-hand. And the Whos would start singing!
They'd sing! And they'd sing!
AND they'd SING! SING! SING! SING!
And the more the Grinch thought of this Who-Christmas-Sing,
The more the Grinch thought, “I must stop this whole thing!
Why, for fifty-three years I've put up with it now!
I MUST stop this Christmas from coming!
... But HOW?”

Then he got an idea!
An awful idea!
THE GRINCH
GOT A WONDERFUL, AWFUL IDEA!
“I know just what to do!” The Grinch laughed in his throat.
And he made a quick Santa Claus hat and a coat.
And he chuckled, and clucked, “What a great Grinchy trick!
With this coat and this hat, I look just like Saint Nick!”

“All I need is a reindeer ...”
The Grinch looked around.

But, since reindeer are scarce, there was none to be found.

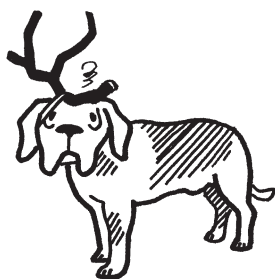
Did this stop the old Grinch ...?

No! The Grinch simply said,

“If I can’t find a reindeer, I’ll make one instead!”

So he called his dog, Max. Then he took some red thread

And he tied a big horn on the top of his head.



THEN

He loaded some bags

And some old empty sacks

On a ramshackle sleigh

And he hitched up old Max.

Then the Grinch said, “Giddap!”

And the sleigh started down

Toward the homes where the Whos

Lay a-snooze in their town.

All their windows were dark. Quiet snow filled the air.

All the Whos were all dreaming sweet dreams without care,

When he came to the first house on the square.

“This is stop number one”, the old Grinchy Claus

hissed,

And he climbed to the roof, empty bags in his fist.

Then he slid down the chimney. A rather tight pinch.

But, if Santa could do it, then so could the Grinch.

He got stuck only once, for a moment or two.

Then he stuck his head out of the fireplace flue,

Where the little Who stockings all hung in a row.

“These stockings,” he grinned, “are the first things to go!”

Then he slithered and slunk, with a smile most unpleasant,

Around the whole room, and he took every present!

Pop guns! And bicycles! Roller skates! Drums!

Checkerboards! Tricycles! Popcorn! And plums!

And he took every bag. Then the Grinch, very

nimbly,

Stuffed all the bags, one by one, up the chimney!

Then he slunk to the icebox. He took the Whos’ feast!

He took the Who-pudding! He took the roast beast!

He cleaned out that icebox as quick as a flash.

Why, that Grinch even took their last can of

Who-hash!

Then he stuffed all the food up the chimney with glee.

“And NOW!” grinned the Grinch, “I will stuff up the tree!”

And the Grinch grabbed the tree, and he started to shove

When he heard a small sound like the coo of a dove.

He turned around fast, and he saw a small Who!

Little Cindy-Lou Who, who was not more than two.

The Grinch had been caught by this tiny Who daughter,

Who’d got out of bed for a cup of cold water.

She stared at the Grinch and said, “Santa Claus, why,

Why are you taking our Christmas tree? WHY?”

But, you know, that old Grinch was so smart and so slick

He thought up a lie, and he thought it up quick!

“Why, my sweet little tot,” the fake Santa Claus lied,

“There’s a light on this tree that won’t light on one side.

So I’m taking it home to my workshop, my dear.

I’ll fix it up there. Then I’ll bring it back here.”

And his fib fooled the child. Then he patted her head

And he got her a drink and he sent her to bed.

And when Cindy-Lou Who went to bed with her cup,

HE went to the chimney and stuffed the tree up!

Then the last thing he took

Was the log for their fire!

Then he went up the chimney, himself, the old liar.

On their walls he left nothing but hooks and some wire.

Was a

And the one speck of food

That he left in the house

Was a

Then
He did the same thing
To the other Whos' houses.

Leaving crumbs
Much too small
For the other Whos' mouses!

It was quarter past dawn ...
All the Whos, still a-bed,
All the Whos, still a-snooze
When he packed up his sled,
Packed it up with their presents! The ribbons! The wrappings!
The tags! And the tinsel! The trimmings! The trap-pings!

Three thousand feet up! Up the side of Mt. Crumpit,
He rode with his load to the tiptop to dump it!
"Pooh-Pooh to the Whos!" he was grinchishly humming.
"They're finding out now that no Christmas is coming!
They're just waking up! I know just what they'll do!
Their mouths will hang open a minute or two.
Then the Whos down in Who-ville will all cry BOO-HOO!"

"That's a noise," grinned the Grinch,
"That I simply MUST hear!"
So he paused. And the Grinch put his hand to his ear.
And he did hear a sound rising over the snow.
It started in low. Then it started to grow ...

But the sound wasn't sad!
Why, this sound sounded merry!
It couldn't be so!
But it WAS merry! VERY!

He started down to Who-ville!
The Grinch popped his eyes!
Then he shook!
What he saw was a shocking surprise!

Every Who down in Who-ville, the tall and the small,
Was singing! Without any presents at all!
He HADN'T stopped Christmas from coming!
IT CAME!
Somehow or other, it came just the same!

And the Grinch, with his grinch-feet ice-cold in the snow,
Stood puzzling and puzzling: "How could it be so?
It came without ribbons! It came without tags!
It came without packages, boxes or bags!"

And he puzzled three hours, till his puzzler was sore.
Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before!
"Maybe Christmas," he thought, "doesn't come from a store.
Maybe Christmas ... perhaps ... means a little bit more!"

And what happened then ...?
Well ... in Who-ville they say
That the Grinch's small heart
Grew three sizes that day!
And the minute his heart didn't feel quite so tight,
He whizzed with his load through the bright morning light
And he brought back the toys! And the food for the feast!
And he ...
... HE HIMSELF ...!
The Grinch carved the roast beast!



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It grew three sizes that day.



You are supposed to continue the text. Add two more lines. Bend the paper over along this line (-----). Your neighbour on your right has to write down the next two lines.

A. If I got 100 € at Christmas,

I would buy a pair of new skis.

B. If I bought a pair of new skis,

I would go to Ski Village.

C. If I went to Ski Village,

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