



It's Christmas

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

Find the missing words in the square. (→ ↓)

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| 1. December 24 th. | Christmas _ _ _ |
| 2. December 25 th. | Christmas _ _ _ |
| 3. A traditional greeting. | _ _ _ _ _ Christmas! |
| 4. A seasonal song. | Christmas _ _ _ _ _ |
| 5. Some people send a lot. | Christmas _ _ _ _ _ |
| 6. You decorate it. | Christmas _ _ _ _ _ |
| 7. Children hang them up. | Christmas _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ |
| 8. He comes in the night. | _ _ _ _ _ _ _ Christmas |
| 9. A meal. | Christmas _ _ _ _ _ _ _ |
| 10. It follows the turkey. | Christmas _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ |
| 11. Noisy fun? | Christmas _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ |
| 12. Something for tea-time. | Christmas _ _ _ _ _ |



The Puzzle Book

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Language

Christmas vocabulary

Level

From elementary

The puzzle

Learners read clues and search a word square for words connected with Christmas.

Procedure

Make one photocopy of the worksheet for each learner and hand them out.

Weaker learners may need the first letter of one or two of the items.

Key

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F	A	T	H	E	R	Y	F	T	S	T	C
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V	O	R	Q	U	C	R	A	C	K	E	R
A	L	A	Q	U	I	A	L	K	S	W	D
W	S	P	L	V	G	O	H	I	R	Y	S
T	R	E	T	M	C	D	E	N	B	I	D
O	J	P	U	D	D	I	N	G	O	R	S
G	A	I	A	L	J	N	A	R	E	C	U
M	E	R	R	Y	S	N	O	L	D	A	Y
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- Eve
- Day
- Merry
- carol
- cards
- tree
- stocking
- Father
- dinner
- pudding
- cracker
- cake

Extra activity

Learners choose one or more local festivals and make a word square including related vocabulary and use it to test the teacher's local knowledge. If writing good clues is too time-consuming/challenging, they can explain the words the teacher is to look for.

Talking points

Is Christmas celebrated in the learners' culture?

If so, do the things in the puzzle also feature in their festivities?

If learners do not celebrate Christmas, what is the major festival in their culture and how is it celebrated?