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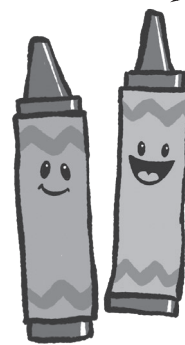


Christmas Around the World

























Nearly everyone celebrates some sort of holiday in the winter. For many people, it's **Christmas**. Let's take a trip to celebrate with kids around the globe!

Frohe Weihnachten Merry Christmas from Germany

The advent calendar is long part of the German tradition to help children countdown the days until Christmas Eve. The calendar has 24 doors with little surprises inside and starts December 1. Each day, children open a calendar door until Christmas Eve arrives.



Color one space on the advent calendar below every day through Christmas Eve!

1 	2 	3 	4 	5 	6 
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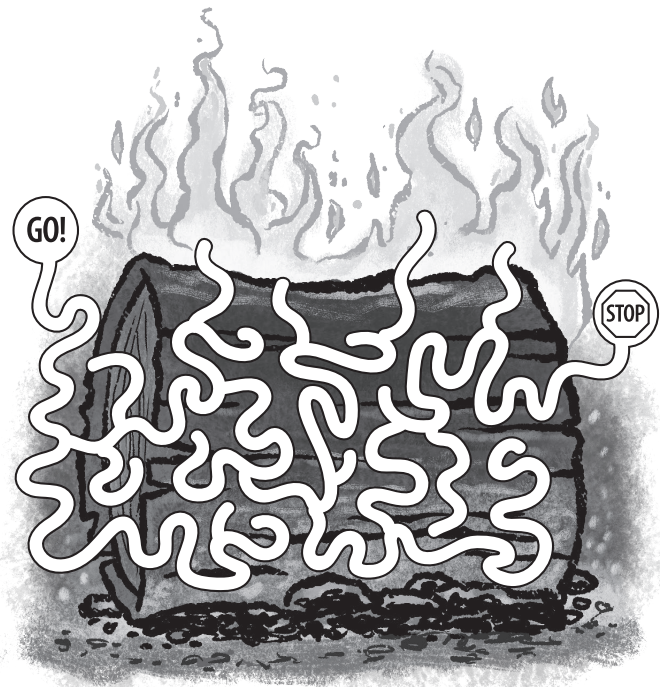
Joyeux Noël

Merry Christmas from France

In France, some families find a large log to burn. They call it the **Yule Log** and light it on Christmas Eve using a piece of unburned log from the year before. Some save the ashes from the Yule Log, believing these ashes can ward off sickness and other misfortunes.

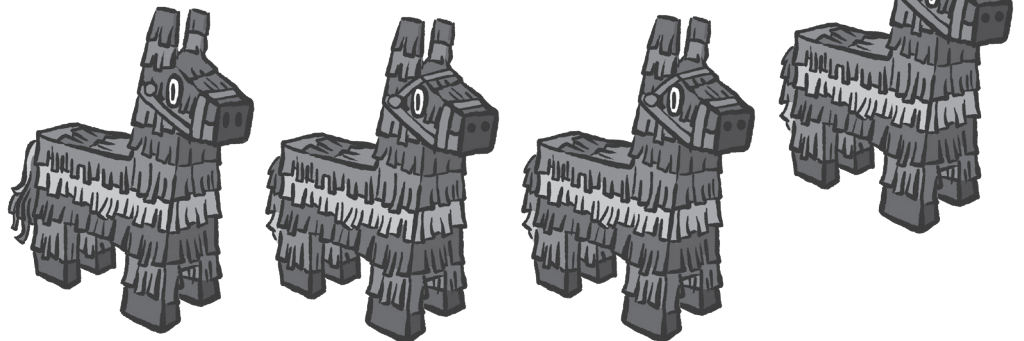
Today, instead of burning a Yule Log, many French people make and eat a beautiful chocolate cake in the shape of a log.

Can you find your way through the Yule Log maze?



God Jul Merry Christmas from Sweden

On December 13th, the eldest daughter plays the role of St. Lucia and serves coffee and sweet rolls to the family. She wears a lighted holly wreath on her head and sings carols.



Feliz Navidad Merry Christmas from Mexico

On Christmas Eve, children celebrate with a **piñata**. The children are blindfolded and take turns trying to break it with a stick. When it breaks open, there are lots of goodies for everyone!

Can you find the piñata that's different than the others?

Standards Link: Social Studies: Learn traditions of other cultures.



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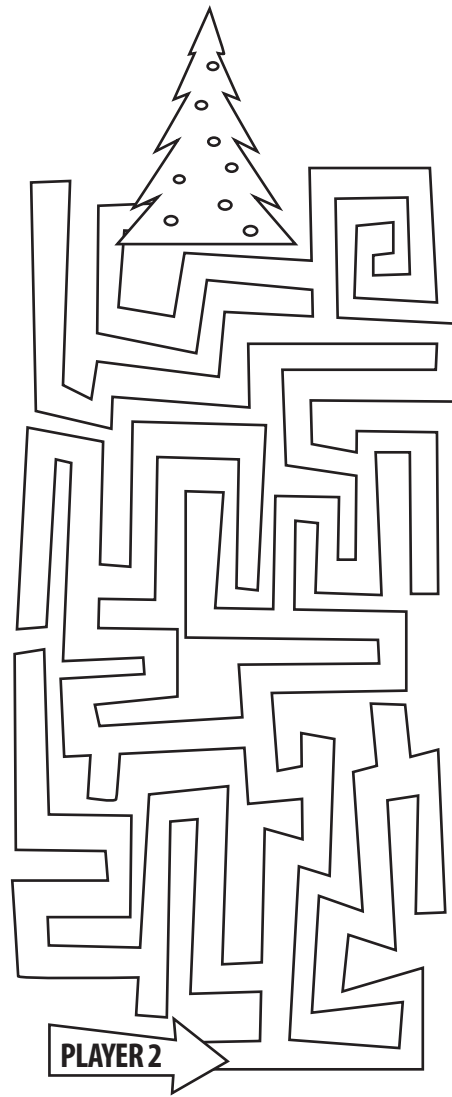
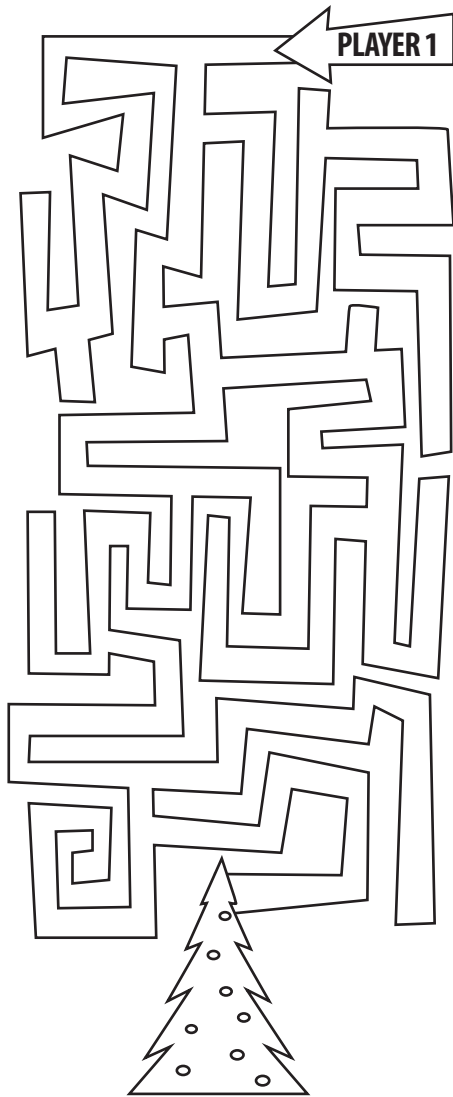


Kid Scoop Together

Christmas Trees

Germany is credited with starting the Christmas tree tradition over four centuries ago. Christians in Germany brought decorated trees into their homes. Some built Christmas pyramids of wood and decorated them with evergreens and candles if wood was scarce.

Race a family member to the Christmas tree!



Gifts from the Heart

Can you find examples in your local newspaper of gifts people can give that don't cost money?

Standards Link: Use the newspaper to locate information.



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Puzzler



Where in the world are these packages being shipped?
Use the code to find out!

A = 18	I = 12	P = 6
B = 17	K = 11	R = 5
C = 16	L = 10	T = 4
D = 15	M = 9	U = 3
E = 14	N = 8	X = 2
G = 13	O = 7	Y = 1

15 14 8 9 18 5 11

9 14 2 12 16 7

12 4 18 10 1

6 14 5 3

16 18 8 18 15 18

17 14 10 13 12 3 9

12 5 14 10 18 8 15

13 5 14 14 16 14

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

VOCABULARY BUILDERS

ROLE

The noun **role** means a character played by an actor.

Steven played the **role** of Ebenezer Scrooge in the school play.

Try to use the word **role** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.



Who delivers Christmas presents to cats?



ANSWER: Santa Claws.





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Write On!



My Family Tradition

What is your favorite family holiday tradition? Write about it!



Explore the World

Look through the newspaper to find examples of foods, products, words, names, etc., that show a connection between our community and the rest of the world. Clip the items and attach them to the correct region on a map.

Standards Link: Compare everyday life in different places.



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Kid Scoop Jumbo Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.
Then see how many of these words you can find in today's newspaper.

CAKE

CALENDAR

DOOR

EVE

FAMILY

HOLLY

LOG

PINATA

ROLE

SAVE

STICK

SWEDEN

SWEET

TRIP

YULE

Y C H R I S T M A S

C F B Q N E D E W S

A A S A V E P I R T

L M K D V Y L L O H

E I S E D L O U W T

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A J C W E L O R C W

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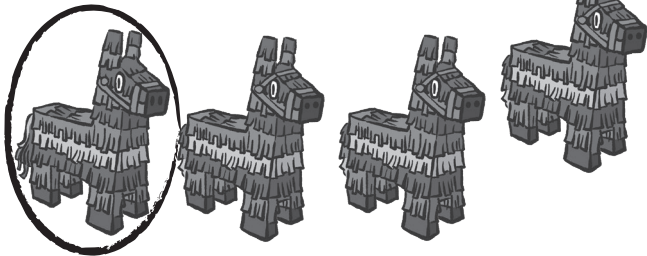
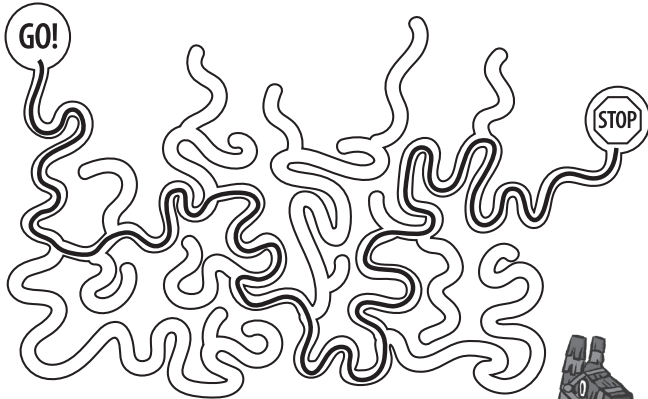
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words.
Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.



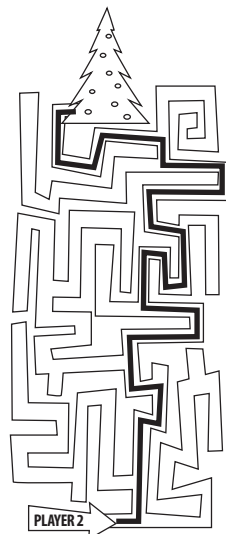
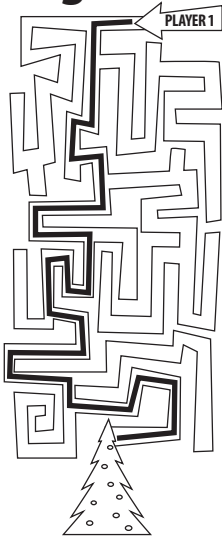
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Answers

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DENMARK

15 14 8 9 18 5 11

MEXICO

9 14 2 12 16 7

ITALY

12 4 18 10 1

PERU

6 14 5 3

CANADA

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BELGIUM

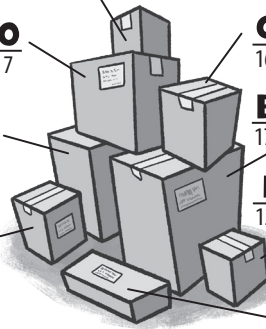
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IRELAND

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GREECE

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