
CHRISTMAS

GAMES AND TRADITIONS

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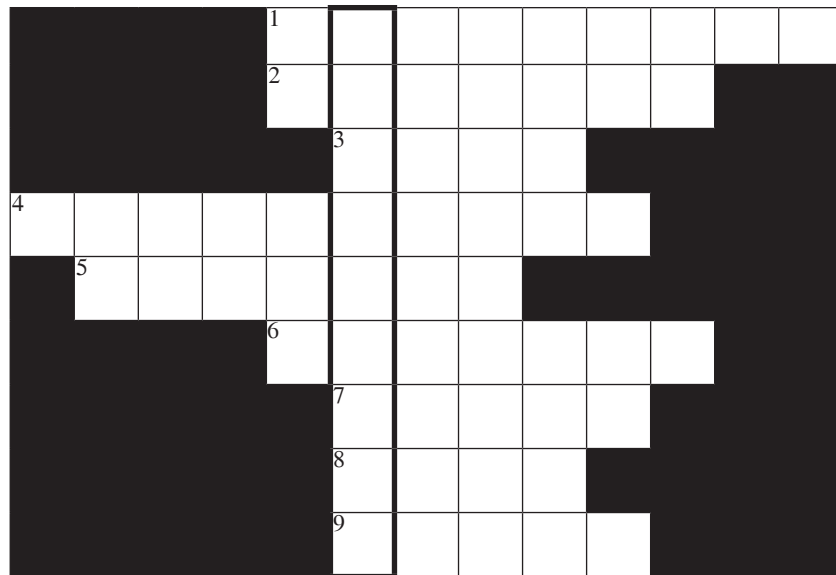
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1.1 CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD



Clues:

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1.2 MY RESOLUTIONS

Before the module		After the module	
I can...	👍	👎	👍
write a poem in English			
make an interview			
talk about Hungarian Christmas traditions			
talk about another country's Christmas traditions			
create a card on the computer			

Before the module		After the module	
In this module I will/did...	✓	✓	
learn 50 new words			
write a 200-word interview			
write definitions for 5 Hungarian words			
learn the traditions of 3 countries			
write 3 Christmas poems			
create 2 Christmas cards			

■ Cut up the cards and put them on the wall.

1 T-Mobile and Pannon customers beat their companies' former records of the number of messages sent by sending text messages to friends and family members. The two Hungarian mobile companies stated that about 28 million text messages were sent at Christmas in 2005.

2 MMS messages are more and more popular in Hungary. People send millions of them during the year, but during the Christmas holidays even more MMSs are sent. Pannon GSM says their customers sent about four times more MMS-es during the holiday season in 2005.

4 In 1843, the first Christmas card was printed in England for Sir Henry Cole. He was a busy man who wanted to save time writing his own Christmas letters, but he was also interested in encouraging the expansion of the postal system. 1000 copies of the card were sold at one shilling each. It was not until the 1860s that the production of cards accelerated, with cheaper printing methods. Then in 1870, the Post Office introduced a half-penny stamp for sending cards.

6 The actual gift givers are different in various countries:

Spain and South America: The Three Kings

Italy: La Befana (a kindly old witch)

England: Father Christmas

France: Pere Noel (Father Christmas)

Russia: In some parts - Babouschka (a grandmother-like figure)

Other parts it is Grandfather Frost.

Hungary: The baby Jesus and the angels

Germany: Christkind (angelic messenger from Jesus)

She is a beautiful fair haired girl with a shining crown of candles.

Scandinavia: a variety of Christmas gnomes, one of which is called Julenisse
Holland: St Nicholas.

3 In 2005, Hungarian people spent about 850 billion Forints in shops only in December. This was 50 billion Forints more than in 2004.

People spent about 4-5 hours a day in shopping centres, while most of them said that they don't enjoy shopping at all.

5 In 1834, Queen Victoria's husband, Prince Albert brought the first Christmas tree for the Royal family to Windsor Castle.

8 The Christmas tree was first decorated with lights in the 16th century. It is believed that Martin Luther, the Protestant reformer, was the first to add lighted candles to the tree. He was so taken with the Christmas night sky that he wished to bring "the lights of the stars" into the home of his family. From this, decorating the tree with ornaments, messages and notes, and small gifts emerged in later centuries leading to our customs today.

9 The common abbreviation for Christmas to Xmas is derived from the Greek alphabet. X is letter Chi, which is the first letter of Christ's name in the Greek alphabet.

10 Silent Night was written in 1818, by an Austrian priest Joseph Mohr. He was told the day before Christmas that the church organ was broken and would not be repaired in time for Christmas Eve. He was saddened by this and could not think of Christmas without music, so he wanted to write a carol that could be sung by choir to guitar music. He sat down and wrote three stanzas. Later that night the people in the little Austrian Church sang "Stille Nacht" for the first time.

**7 Santa's reindeers are
Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen,
Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen
and Rudolph.**

1.4 RUNNING DICTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

WHAT IS CHRISTMAS ALL ABOUT?

- Go around the classroom and read the information on the cards. Answer the questions and give the number of the card, too.

Question	Number	Answer
1 How much did people spend in December 2005 in Hungary?		
2 When and where stood the first Christmas tree?		
3 When and who decorated the Christmas tree with lights the first time?		
4 How many text messages did people send to each other at Christmas in 2005 in Hungary?		
5 Who wrote the song "Silent Night"? When and where did he live?		
6 When and for whom were the first Christmas cards printed?		
7 Which language does the word Xmas come from?		
8 How many times more MMS messages did people send during the holiday season in Hungary?		
9 Who is not Santa's reindeer: Prancer, Vixen, Klaxon, Blitzen?		
10 Who brings Christmas presents in Spain and in Russia?		

2.1 CHRISTMAS WORDSEARCH

■ There are 15 Christmas words in this wordsearch (some of them are 2 words together!). They are in the following 4 directions: →←↓↑



3.2 CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

- Fill in the grid with the necessary information. Use these links below:

<http://northpole.net/world.htm>

<http://www.soon.org.uk/country/christmas.htm>

<http://hrsbstaff.ednet.ns.ca/nbarkhou/christmaswq/resources.html>

Country	When is Christmas?	Meals, drinks	Presents	Special celebration	Other