

Christmas Activity Book



3rd Grade

Name: _____

Christmas Fun Facts

Read the fun facts carefully. You will need them for the activities!

Santa Claus is based on St. Nicholas, a bishop who lived about 1,700 years ago in what is now Turkey. He was famous for secretly giving gifts.



The name "Santa Claus" comes from "Sinterklaas," the Dutch name for St. Nicholas. Dutch settlers brought it to America.



Since 1955, NORAD (the US air defense command) "tracks" Santa's sleigh every Christmas Eve. It started when a store ad printed a wrong phone number and kids called the military by accident!



Reindeer really live in the far north, in places like Lapland, Alaska, and Siberia. Another name for them is caribou.



A reindeer's nose warms up the freezing air before it reaches the lungs. So a warm nose is real, even if it does not glow like Rudolph's!



The winter solstice, around December 21, is the shortest day of the year. After that, the days slowly get longer again.



Christmas trees usually grow about 7 years on a farm before harvest. Oregon and North Carolina grow the most.



No two large snowflakes look exactly the same. Each one takes its own path through the clouds, so each one builds differently.



The Rockefeller Center tree in New York is usually taller than a seven-story building.



Activities

You can find all the answers in this book!

1. Who is Santa Claus based on, and what was he famous for?

2. Where does the name "Santa Claus" come from?

3. What does NORAD do every Christmas Eve, and how did that start?

4. What is another name for reindeer?

5. What does a reindeer's nose do?

6. What is the winter solstice?

7. Which states grow the most Christmas trees?

8. Why do no two large snowflakes look the same?

9. Go to mokifun.com and play: Christmas Lights.

What was your score? I scored _____ points.

Solve the problems and crack the code!

70 = B

⑧ $7 \times 10 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$


$$40 = S$$

⑪ $1 \times 3 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	



Word Scramble

Unscramble the letters. All the words are about Christmas!



L I H G S T →

O N R I B B →

L E L B →

R E E T →

E I N L J G →

L N O E →

T H E W A R →

G I E L H S →

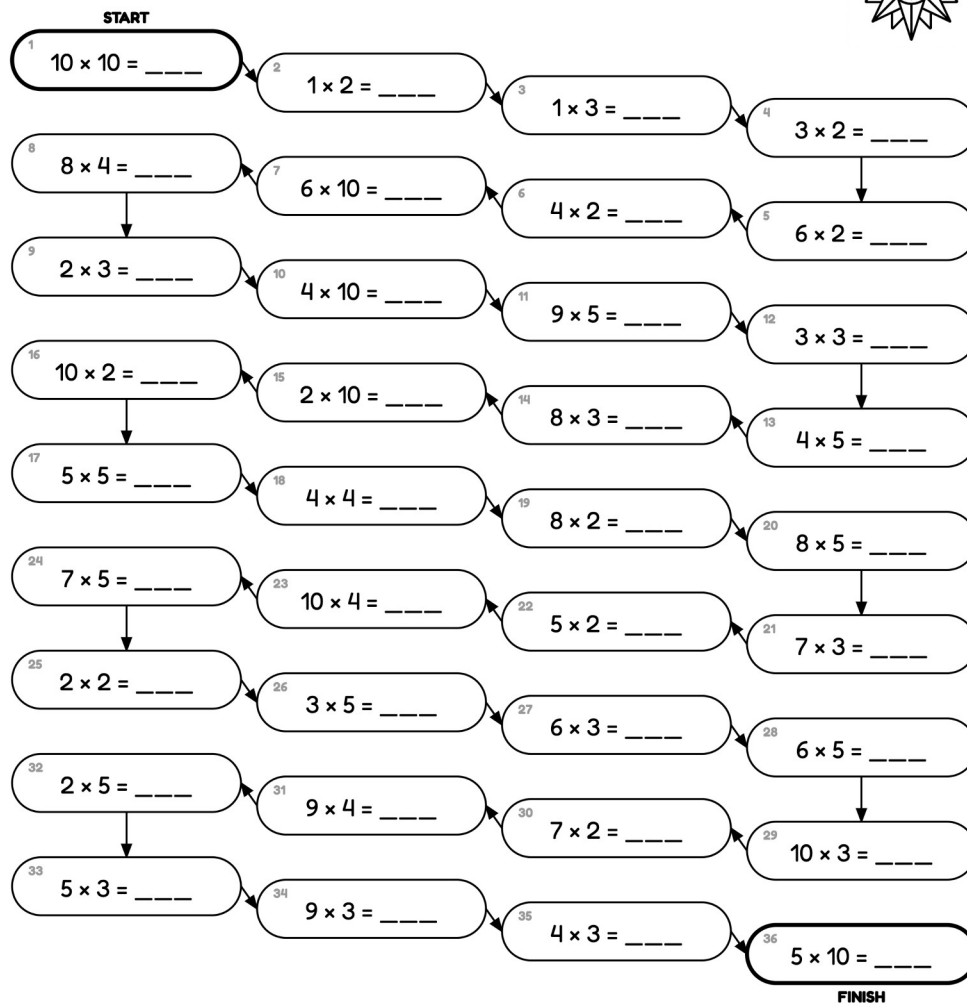
S A T A N →

S O N W →



Math Snake

Solve the problems and color the snake.



Activity

Go to mokifun.com and play: Math Monkey

How many problems did you get right?

My score: _____

Matching

Match the Christmas word to its meaning!



Eve ●

● A ring of branches for the door

Stocking ●

● A long string of decorations

Chimney ●

● A decoration for the tree

Wreath ●

● A Christmas song

Sleigh ●

● A big sock for small gifts

Carol ●

● The evening before a holiday

Garland ●

● The pipe above a fireplace

Ornament ●

● A sled pulled by reindeer



Sudoku

Every digit from 1 to 9 appears once in each row, column, and box.



Puzzle 1

2	1	4			6	8	9	5
9		8	1		5	4	6	7
		6	4			2		
	4			3	2			
	9	5	7			3		6
3			9		1	7	4	8
6		3	2		7		8	1
						5	3	
4	8		5		3	6		2

Puzzle 2

6		7				2		
4	8	2	6	7		9	5	3
3	1		2	9	8	7	6	4
					2			7
9		3		6			1	
7	2			1		6	4	5
5		6	9	4	7	1	2	
	7			2		4		6
		1	8		6			

Puzzle 3

		9	8	7	3		1	5
8		2	5	4	1			
7	5		6	2	9			4
		4	1		2	7		8
	8	3	9	5	7			
1	2	7		8		5	9	3
9	1							
3			2		4	9		
	4	6	7				3	1

Puzzle 4

2					1	7	3	9
9			8	6		5	1	2
5	7	1		3	9	6		4
4		9					6	
7	8		6	9	3		5	1
3		6				9		8
1	4		9	8	6			
8		7	3				9	
	9	5	1				4	

Mandala



Word Search

Find all the words. The leftover letters spell the secret word.



H	J	H	O	L	R	A	T	S	E	I
O	O	W	O	N	S	T	H	G	I	L
L	Y	R	I	B	B	O	N	D	K	E
L	D	E	L	S	T	R	E	E	O	G
Y	J	I	N	G	L	E	A	F	O	N
T	F	I	G	C	A	R	O	L	C	A
S	L	E	I	G	H	T	A	E	R	W
S	A	N	T	A	L	E	S	N	I	T
Y	W	I	N	T	E	R	B	E	L	L



elf

snow

santa

lights

cookie

joy

bell

angel

wreath

jingle

star

tree

carol

sleigh

ribbon

gift

sled

holly

winter

tinsel

Solution:

Activity

Go to mokifun.com and play: Word Race

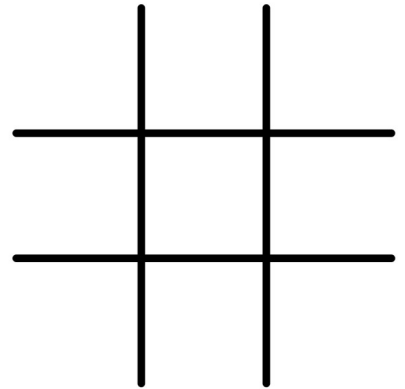
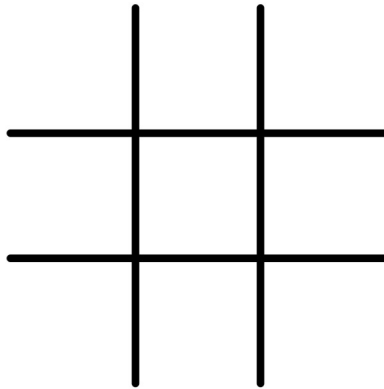
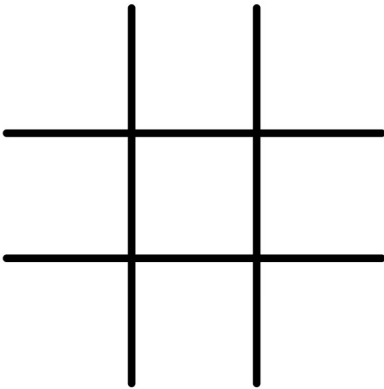
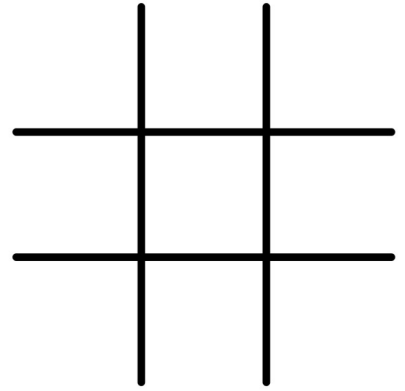
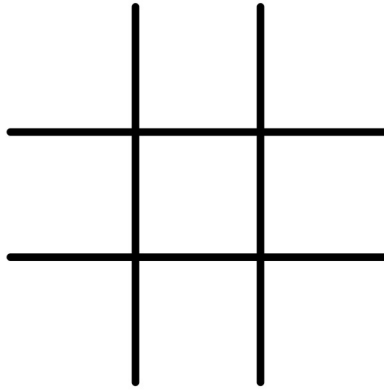
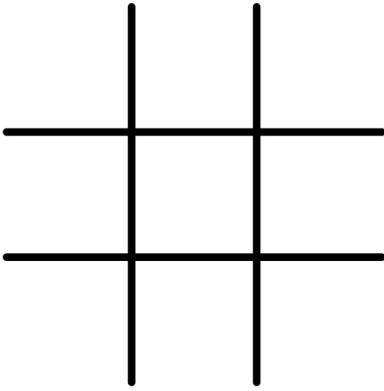
How fast can you find the words?

My score: _____



Tic-Tac-Toe

A game for two. Who wins the most games?



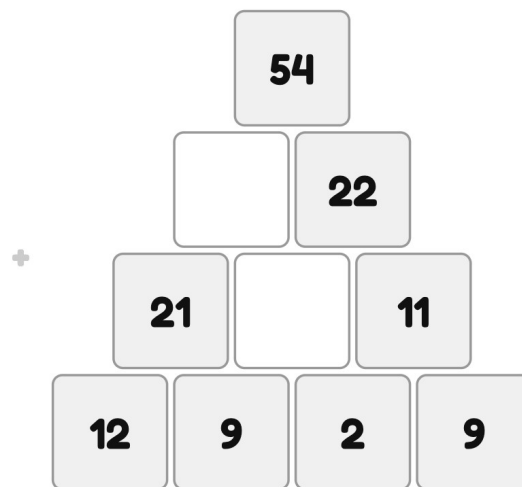
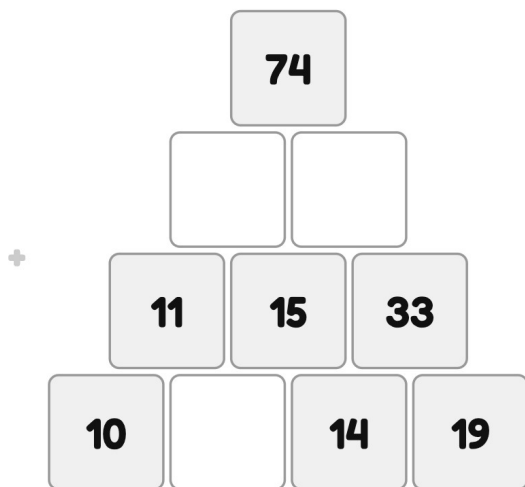
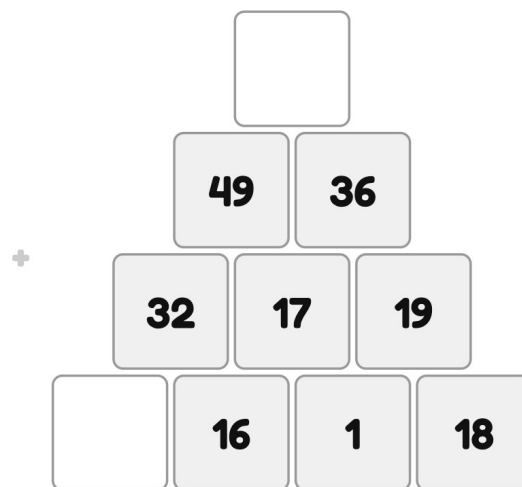
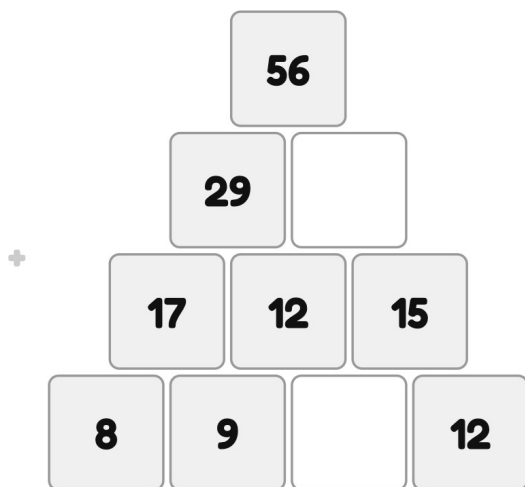
How to play Tic-Tac-Toe (2 players)

1. One player uses X, the other uses O. Take turns marking one square.
2. The first player to get three in a row – across, down, or diagonally – wins the game.
3. Board full and no three in a row? It is a tie. Play six games: who wins the most?

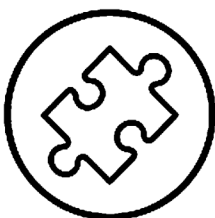


Math Pyramid

Each box is the sum of the two boxes below it. Fill in the empty boxes.



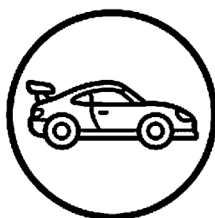
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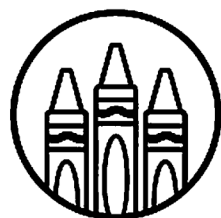
PUZZLES



MAZES



RACE



COLORING