


## Christmas Jokes

Use the key below to decode the answers to these jokes.

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What do you call Santa
Claus if he goes down a lit chimney?


How much did Santa pay for his sleigh?


Who delivers presents to baby sharks?


What do snowmen eat for breakfast?


What did the Christmas tree say to the ornament?

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## Across

2. This classic board game dates back to around $3,000 \mathrm{BC}$. Its $8 \times 8$ board is also used as a chess board.
3. On its 40th birthday in 2003, Americans voted to add an ice cream cone-shaped "brain freeze" to this game's electronic, body-shaped board.
4. You don't need to be an artist to play this game! Good teamwork is the key to winning this drawing game.
5. This super sweet board game was actually created by a schoolteacher in 1949 for quarantined kids! Children confined to a San Diego polio ward could visit Gumdrop Mountain during short breaks from their treatment.
6. You'll need to pass "Go" and stay out of jail to find your way to Boardwalk in this game of chance.
7. Don't sink my $\qquad$ ! Find and destroy your opponent's fleet before your ships are sunk.
8. Crossword game in which every tiled letter counts.

## Down

1. Wowzee! A wealthy Canadian couple invented this dice game as a way to entertain their friends onboard their yacht.
2. Go wild! This colored card game is similar to Crazy Eights.
3. Expert number crunchers have found that there are close to two trillion ways to win this game to get four in a row.
4. Try not to fall down or get tied up in knots playing this game.
5. Up to four players can feed these "Hungry, Hungry $\qquad$ ."
6. Caterpillar Inc. used five construction vehicles to play a super-sized round of this stacking game in 2015. The solid pine blocks were 8 feet long and weighed 600 pounds each.
7. Who killed Mr. Body? Was it Miss Scarlett in the drawing room with the lead pipe? Find out playing this classic whodunnit game.
8. $\qquad$ and Ladders was originally called "Snakes and Ladders" and traces its roots to ancient India.

## Ho, Ho, Holiday Word Search

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NICE
BETHLEHEM
MANGER
DECORATE
ELF
GINGERBREAD

NAUGHTY WISEMEN
JESUS
JINGLE
GIFTWRAP
TOYS

JOSEPH
LIST
BELIEVE
FALALALA TINSEL
ORNAMENT

MARY
CHOIR
MISTLETOE
CAROLING
STOCKING
REINDEER

JOY ANGELS
JOLLY
WREATH
NUTCRACKER
SNOWMAN


## I Want Candy!

## Across

2. This hard candy on a stick was invented by George Smith and named after his favorite race horse, Lolly Pop.
3. Most popular jelly bean color.
4. Surprise! A dentist partnered with a confectioner to devise a machine that used centrifugal force to turn sugar into cotton-like strands. The result was $\qquad$ candy and originally called "Fairy Floss."
5. Hershey's ${ }^{\oplus}$ produces enough Reese's ${ }^{\circledR}$ $\qquad$ Butter Cups in one year to feed one to every single person in the USA, Japan, Europe, Australia, China, Africa and India.
6. Purdue University used a robotic licking machine to determine that, on average, it takes 364 to get to the center of a Tootsie Roll® ${ }^{\text {Pop }}$.
7. In order to blow a huge bubble gum bubble, you need to chew it until all of this has dissolved. The reason? Sugar doesn't stretch!

8. The creator of this candy bar - Frank Mars actually had a favorite horse named Snickers.

## Down

1. These rolled hard candies were created in Golden, Colorado. The name was chosen to give a feeling of a happy, western company.
2. The fun $\qquad$ sensation you get eating Pop Rocks happens when pressurized carbon dioxide in the candy is released. If you drink a soda while eating Pop Rocks, you won't explode, but you just may burp!
3. Approximately 150 million chocolate figurines of this jolly man are produced annually.
4. $72 \%$ of people eat this striped cane starting on the straight end; the rest start on the curved end.
5. The white paper strip that comes out of the top of this popular candy's wrapper is called a "plume." Hershey's originally added it to distinguish itself from knock-off candies.
6. Every day, Skittles ${ }^{\circledR}$ makes $200,000,000$ of its original variety. Multiply this number times 364 days, that's enough Skittles to reach from the $\qquad$ to the moon!
7. In $2019 \mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{M}} \mathrm{Ms}^{\circledR}$ were the most popular candy sold in
$\qquad$ Carolina.

Use the coloring key to finish coloring these pages and learn about winter holidays celebrated all over the world.

## Christmas

This Christian holiday celebrates the birth of Jesus. People celebrate by going to church, giving gifts and sharing the day with their families. In some parts of Europe, "star singers" go caroling - singing special Christmas songs - as they walk behind a huge star on a pole.

## Three Kings Day

At the end of the 12 Days of Christmas comes a day called the Epiphany, or Three Kings Day. This holiday is celebrated as the day the three wise men first saw baby Jesus and brought him gifts. On this day in Spain, many children get their Christmas presents. In Puerto Rico, before children go to sleep on January 5 , they leave a box with hay under their beds so the kings will leave good presents. In France, a delicious King Cake is baked. Bakers hide a coin, jewel or little toy inside the cake.

## St. Lucia Day

To honor this 3rd-century saint on December 13, many girls in Sweden dress up as "Lucia brides" in long white gowns with red sashes and a wreath of burning candles on their heads. They wake up their families by singing songs and bringing them coffee and twisted saffron buns called "Lucia cats."


## St. Nicholas Day

A popular December holiday in many European countries, St. Nicholas Day celebrates St. Nicholas of Myra, the man whose life inspired the tradition of Santa Claus and Father Christmas. He gave all of his money to the needy and was known for his compassion for children and all those in need.

## Diwali

This five-day festival is known as the "Festival of Lights" and is an official holiday in India, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Myanmar. During the festival, those celebrating burst

## Hanukkah

For eight days, Jews light a special candle holder called a menorah. They do it to remember an ancient miracle in which one day's worth of oil burned for eight days in the temple. During Hanukkah, many Jews also eat special potato pancakes called latkes, sing songs and spin a top called a dreidel to win chocolate coins, nuts or raisins.

## Kwanzaa

Kwanzaa, which means "First Fruits," is based on ancient African harvest festivals and celebrates ideals such as family life and unity. During this spiritual holiday, celebrated from December 26 to January 1, millions of people dress in special clothes, decorate their homes with fruit and vegetables, and light a candle holder called a kinara.

## Chinese New Year

During Chinese New Year, people dress in new clothes, carry lanterns and join in a huge parade led by a silk dragon, the Chinese symbol of strength. According to legend, the dragon hibernates most of the year, so people throw firecrackers to keep the dragon awake.


## Cookie Exchange

Unscramble these tasty holiday cookies and treats.



## Elf Maze

Help the elf find his way down the chimney.


Start


Finish

## Connect the Dots

Connect the dots to reveal the little bird's friend.



## Christmas Fortune Teller



Cut along outside of square.



