

Christmas Jokes

SPaG Mini Mystery Game



Find the punchline to these Christmas jokes by using your knowledge of spelling, grammar and punctuation to solve the clues.

Who Hides in a Bakery at Christmas?

Statutory Spelling Words

To find out who hides in a bakery, read the incorrectly spelt words below and work out which letter is missing from each of them. Write the missing letters in the boxes to spell out the answer.

The missing letter is...

The missing letter is...

secretry

existnce

programe

necesary

acheve

equiped

pronuciation

smbol

acommodate



So, who hides in a bakery at Christmas? _____

What Falls at the North Pole but Never Gets Hurt?

Modal Verbs

To find out what falls in the North Pole but never gets hurt, read through the passage below and underline all of the modal verbs. Then, circle the first letter of the underlined words. The circled letters will spell out the answer.

Dear Lee,

Shall we go on holiday this Christmas? I'm thinking of somewhere warm - I need to go see the sunshine after the dreary weather we've had in England lately. We ought to go back to Gran Canaria; we had such a lovely time there in 2019. Will you come with me if I book the tickets today?

Love Leanne

So, what falls in the North Pole but never gets hurt? _____

To find out what Santa's little helpers learn at school, read each sentence below and underline the homophone that has been used incorrectly. Then, use the instructions to find the correct letter of the underlined word. Write all of the letters in the boxes to spell out the answer.

Sentence

"Do we need to altar the delivery route this year?" asked Mrs Claus as she loaded the sleigh with gifts.

The 3rd letter is...

Santa gathered his heard of reindeer ready for the trip.

The 1st letter is...

"Precede past Lapland and then turn left!" ordered Santa.

The 3rd letter is...

I hope that the bad weather doesn't effect Santa's journey.

The 1st letter is...

The reindeer will be aloud a short break after each delivery, during which they will munch on a carrot.

The 2nd letter is...

"Close that door! There's a terrible draft in this workshop and I'm freezing cold," exclaimed Mrs Claus.

The 4th letter is...

One of Santa's final deliveries will be to a small, rural cottage on the Aisle of Man.

The 1st letter is...

"I've made a suit for Ashley and a bridle gown for Cara's wedding," said Fizzy the elf as she ticked them off the list.

The 1st letter is...

Santa arranged his reindeer in the optimal formation so that it was just like last year when Rudolph lead the way.

The 2nd letter is...

Santa's sleigh is incredibly sturdy as it was constructed from antique pine, brass fittings and a steal frame.

The 2nd letter is...

So, what do Santa's little helpers learn at school? _____

What Do You Call an Obnoxious Reindeer?

Commas for Clarity

To find out what you call an obnoxious reindeer, add one comma into each sentence below to make it clear what the intended meaning of the sentence is. Then, circle the first letter that comes after the comma that you have added. The circled letters will spell out the answer.

| The Intended Meaning of the Sentence Is... | Sentence | The Letter That Comes after the Comma Is... |
|--|--|---|
| The game is not called Roy. | Let's play Roy! | |
| I know three elves. | The elves I know are called Saira Umar and Amina. | |
| Only Dasher and Blitzen ate carrots. | Before they met Rudolph Dasher and Blitzen ate a sack full of carrots. | |
| I don't want to eat anyone. | It's time to eat everyone! | |
| I had three things for lunch. | I had a roast dinner onion stuffing and extra gravy for my lunch on Christmas Day. | |
| The presents were small. | As the elves worked little presents were placed into Santa's sack. | |
| I did not eat lunch presents. | After they had eaten lunch presents and cards were opened by the whole family. | |
| I love three things. | I love Christmas holidays and glittery decorations. | |

So, what do you call an obnoxious reindeer? _____

What Do You Get When Santa Becomes a Detective?

Punctuation for Parenthesis

To find out what you get when Santa becomes a detective, read each sentence below and decide whether the parenthesis has been punctuated correctly or incorrectly. When you have decided, circle the letter in the correct column. When all of the correct letters have been circled, the answer will be revealed.

| Sentence | The Punctuation Is Correct So the Letter Is... | The Punctuation Is Incorrect So the Letter Is... |
|--|---|---|
| Santa – an avid football fan – made sure to attend the special match on Christmas Eve. | s | f |
| I'd love a new board game – preferably Snakes and Ladders for – Christmas. | i | a |
| Mrs Claus, whose name is Sheila is fundamental in Christmas being a success. | t | n |
| I bought a special present for my best friend (Helen Fletcher) this year. | t | h |
| Vixen, who had a black nose was jealous of Rudolph's shiny, red snout. | e | a |
| Two elves – Tinky and Poppy – were in charge of making fluffy toys this year. | c | r |
| My family, who live all over the world, travelled to visit me this Christmas. | l | c |
| A new computer (one that plays games would be the perfect) present for me. | a | u |
| They loaded the sleigh – which was fit to burst – with even more Christmas presents. | e | w |
| The wrapping paper, all over the floor will be a nightmare, to clean up! | n | s |

So, what do you get when Santa becomes a detective? _____

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| secretary | a |
| programme | m |
| achieve | i |
| pronunciation | n |
| accommodate | c |
| existence | e |
| necessary | s |
| equipped | p |
| symbol | y |

So, who hides in a bakery at Christmas? **A mince spy!**

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So, what falls in the North Pole but never gets hurt? **Snow!**

What Do Santa's Little Helpers Learn at School?

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So, what do you get when Santa becomes a detective? **Santa Clues!**