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Ling Ling Bird CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY BOOK

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Did you know?

English is spoken in many countries around the world, but sometimes the same English words are spelled differently in different places. For example, in the UK, this is how you spell "colour" (with a "u"). In the USA, this is how you spell it: "color" (without a "u"). It still means the same thing! While you have fun with all the Christmas challenges in this book, why not also look out for words, which you might spell differently where you live?

READY, STEADY, COLOUR!

Hello! This is Ling Ling Bird. He's a bright and cheerful cockatoo with rainbow feathers (but you can make him whichever colour you like!).

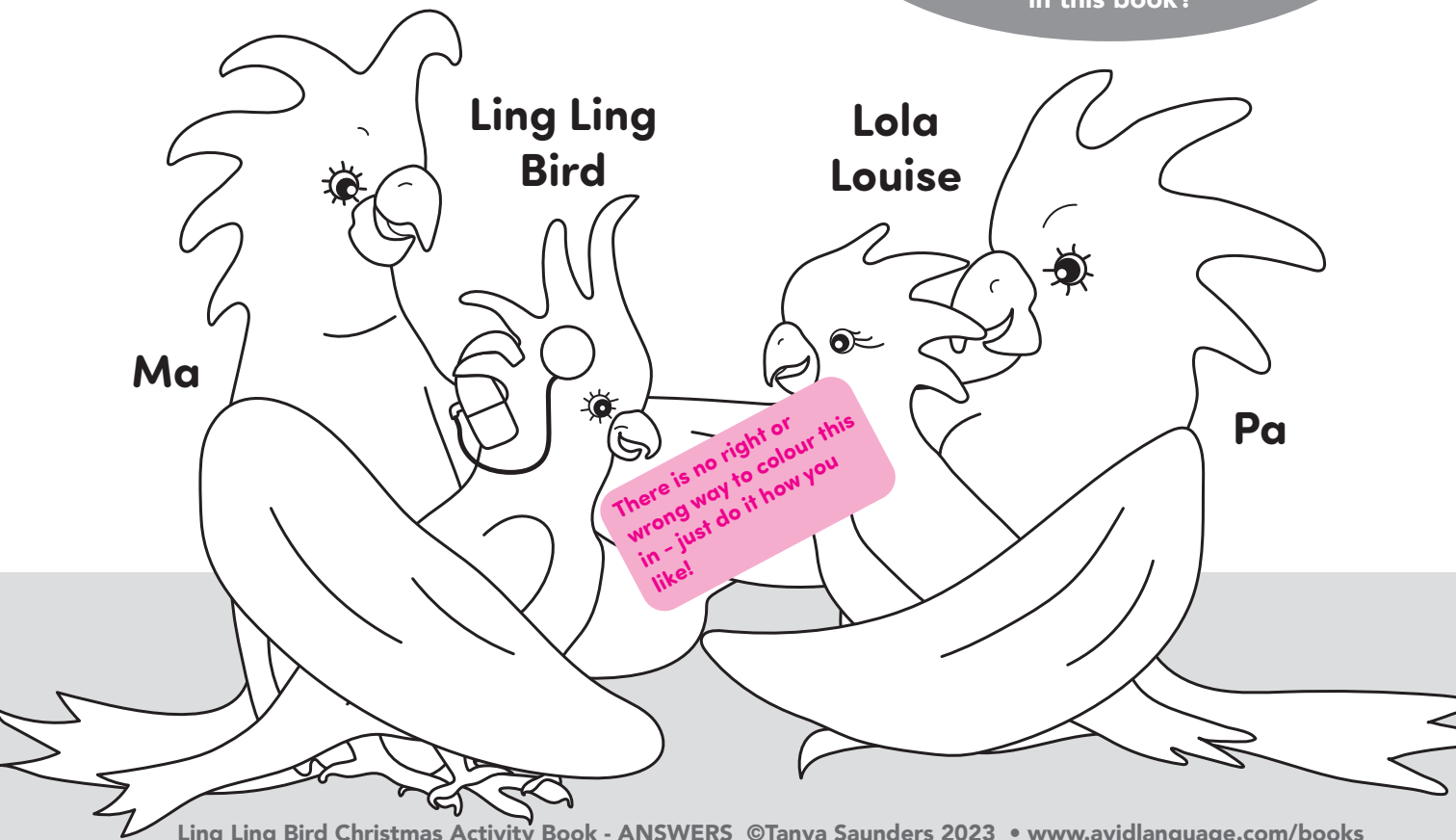
There is no right or wrong way to colour this in - just do it how you like!

Ling Ling Bird is deaf, so he wears cochlear implants, which help him to hear. He calls them his "magic ears". He's smart, he's cool, and he's unstoppable!

MEET THE FAMILY!

This is Ling Ling Bird's family: Ma, Pa and his sister Lola Louise. They're so excited about Christmas! Are you?

LING LING BIRD
NEEDS YOUR HELP!
When you've finished colouring in this picture, will you help him to complete the 62 Christmas challenges in this book?



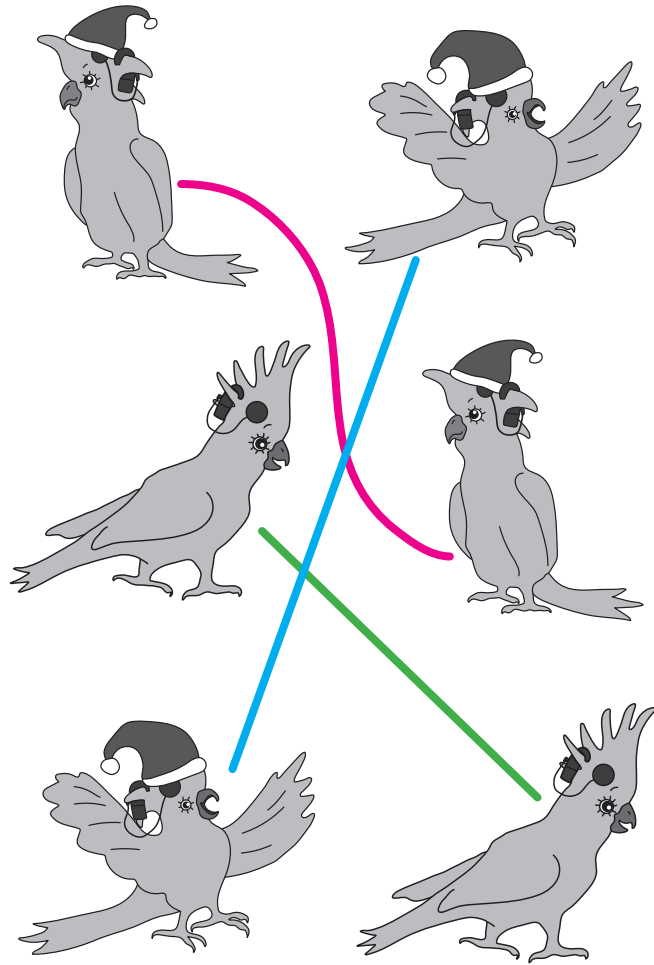
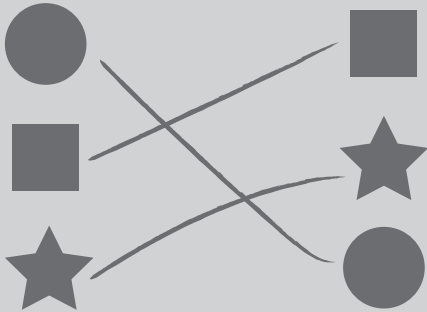
LING LING BIRD MATCHING PAIRS

Ling Ling Bird likes to look for matching pairs, especially when the pictures are of himself! **Do you think you can find 3 matching pairs on the page opposite, and draw a line between each one?**



Ling Ling Bird shows you how...

Here's an example of what to do, using these simple shapes: 2 circles, 2 squares, and 2 stars. Ling Ling Bird has drawn a line between the shapes that are the same, to make matching pairs.



DRAW & COLOUR!

Ling Ling Bird has drawn a Christmas stocking, but he needs you to help him finish it off! **Can you trace the dotted lines to complete the drawing and then colour it in, using your favourite Christmas colours?**

If you'd like to practice drawing some lines and shapes first, you can have a go here:

1 wavy line



2 circles



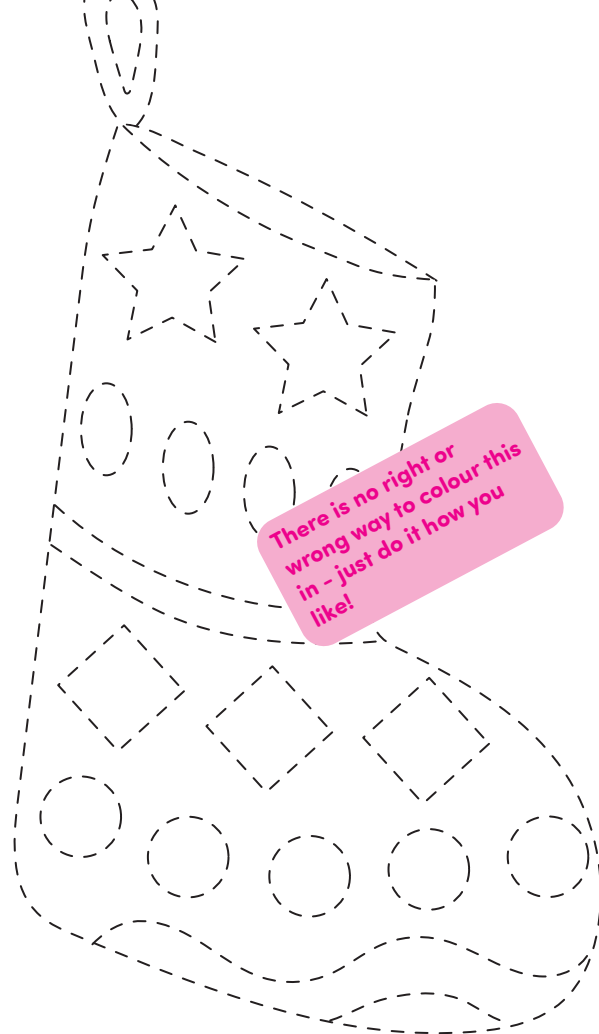
3 stars



4 diamonds

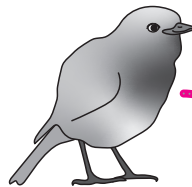


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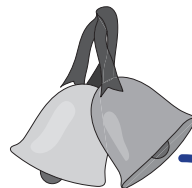


WHAT'S THAT SOUND?

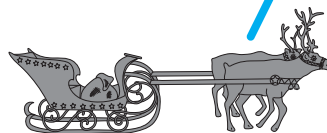
Ling Ling Bird is concentrating really hard on his Christmas listening... he thinks he can match each sound he is hearing with the thing that is making the sound. Do you think you can too? **Draw a line between each sound and where it comes from!**



whoosh!
whoosh!



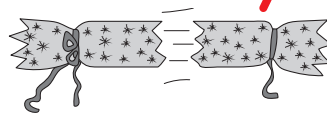
peck! peck!
flap! flap!



pull...pull...
POP!



ting-a-ling...
ring-ring!



tra-la-la!
sing-sing!

HOT OR COLD CHRISTMAS?

We use our five senses (sight, hearing, smell, taste and touch) to navigate the world around us. Christmas is a sensory-rich time of year, with so many wonderful things to see, hear, smell, taste and touch! We use our sense of touch to find out the temperature and texture of things. Are the things around us hot, cold, soft, sharp, hairy, prickly, smooth or rough? **Can you help Ling Ling Bird to find out which of these things are hot and cold - if you know the right answer, underline it!**



When it comes out of the oven, the roast turkey is hot / cold.



Don't touch the candle - it is very hot / cold.



Ice cream feels hot / cold on my tongue.



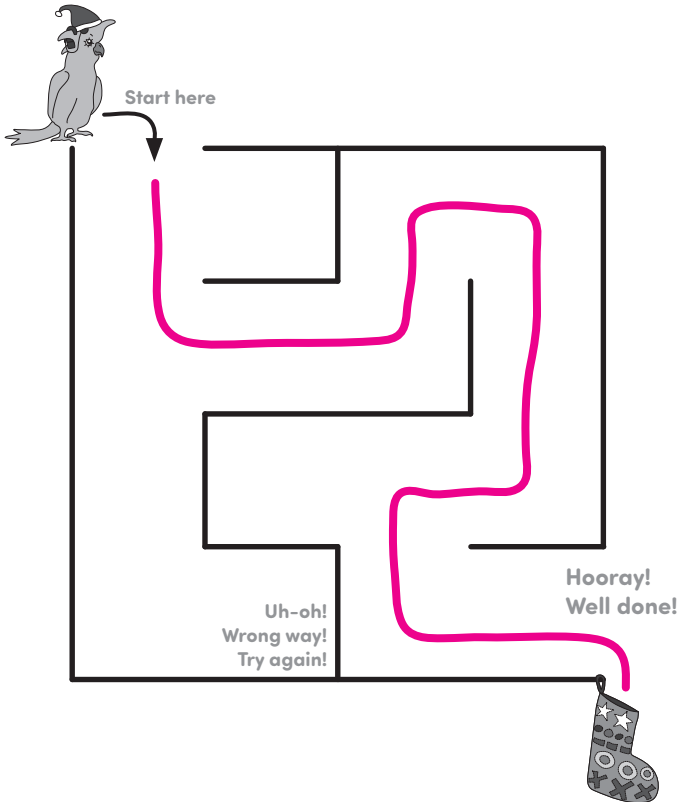
The snow feels hot / cold.



The fire feels hot / cold.

STOCKING SEARCH

Ling Ling Bird is looking for his Christmas stocking. Can you help him? **Draw a line through the maze from Ling Ling Bird to the stocking without hitting any walls!**



REPEATING CHRISTMAS PATTERNS

You can make a repeating pattern by repeating (or copying) the same shapes in the same order, again and again. Ling Ling Bird loves this game... **I wonder if you can also complete the repeating patterns in the rows below!** The first one is already done. You can see how the pattern repeats: Ling Ling Bird - reindeer - Ling Ling Bird - reindeer - Ling Ling Bird.



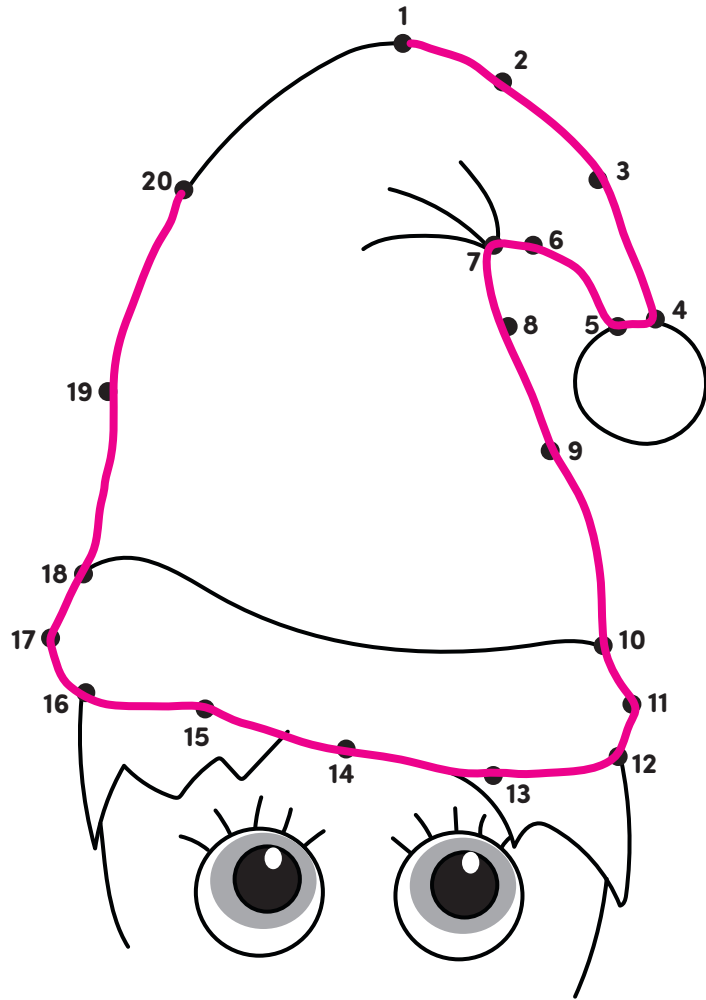
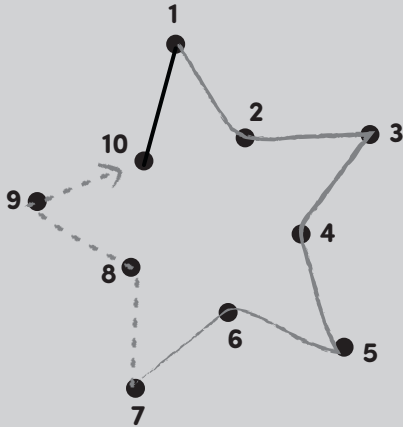
1 TO 20... DOT TO DOT

Can you help this cheeky Christmas elf to finish getting dressed? **Starting at dot number 1, draw a line to number 2, then to number 3, and all the way to 20, joining the dots in the right order until you have completed the whole picture.**



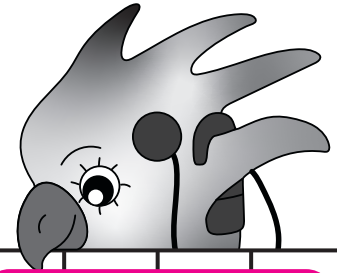
Ling Ling Bird shows you how...

Ling Ling Bird has been having a go at joining these dots from 1 to 10. How do you think he's doing? Can you tell which shape he is drawing by joining all the dots in the right order?



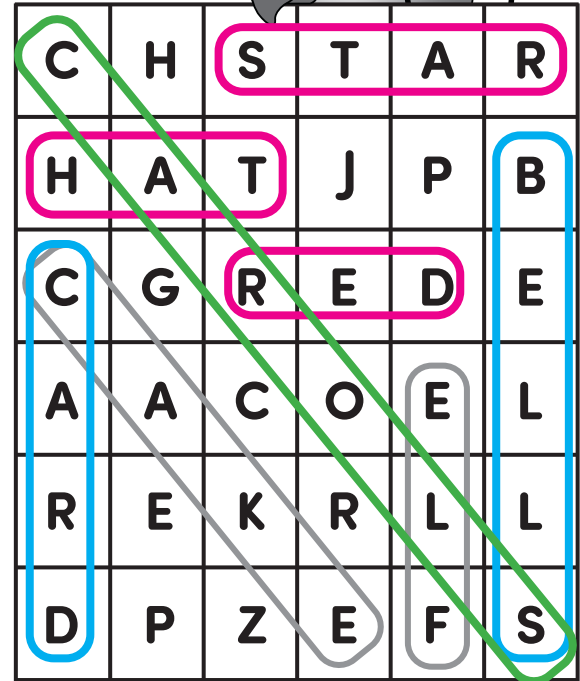
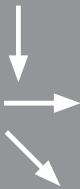
MINI CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

Ling Ling Bird knows there are 8 words hidden in the grid opposite. He has found two of them. **Can you help him to find the rest?** If you find a word, draw a line around it and then tick it off in the list below. Thanks for helping Ling Ling Bird!



- BELLS
- CAKE
- CARD
- CAROLS
- ELF
- HAT
- RED
- STAR

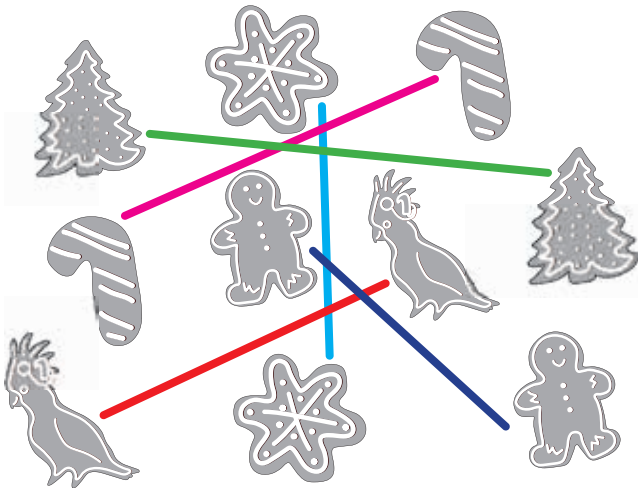
Words can go
straight down,
straight across
or diagonally
downwards



GINGERBREAD MATCHING PAIRS

Ling Ling Bird has been baking gingerbread today. *Mmmm!* He likes the sweet, spicy smell of gingerbread, and likes its taste even more (*yummy scrummy in his tummy!*). Do you like gingerbread too?

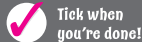
Look at all the fun Christmas shapes Ling Ling Bird has made with his gingerbread! Can you find 5 matching pairs of shapes, and draw a line between each one?



Bonus Challenge

NAME THAT GINGERBREAD!

Ling Ling Bird needs help to match his gingerbread shapes to the words that describe them. Please help him by drawing a line between each gingerbread shape and the words (or names) which describe it.



CHRISTMAS WORD JUMBLE

Ling Ling Bird is feeling confused by all these jumbled words. Can you help him to unscramble the letters and write each word correctly? The pictures should give you some helpful clues! The first word has been unscrambled for you...can you now do the rest?



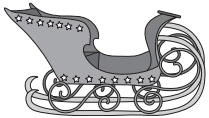
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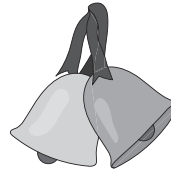
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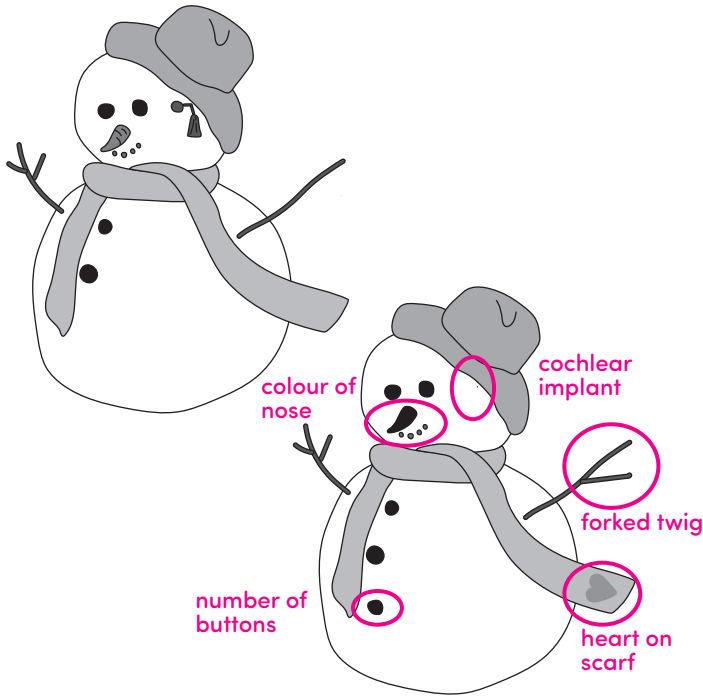


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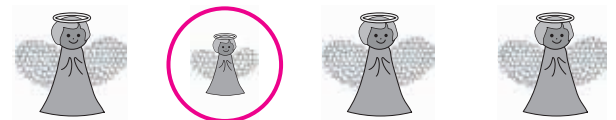
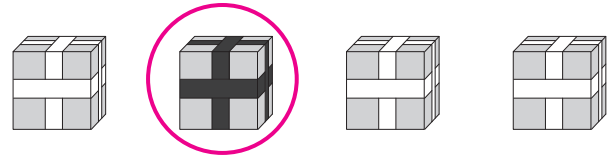
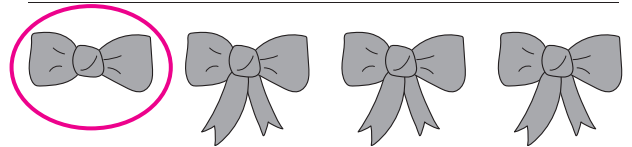
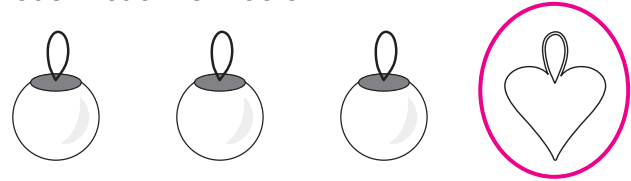
SIMILAR SNOWMEN

Ling Ling Bird and Lola Louise have built two snowmen. They look very similar but are not exactly the same. **Can you spot five differences between these two snowmen?** When you spot something different, draw a circle around it.



FESTIVE ODD ONES OUT

The odd one out in a group is the one that is different from all the others. **I wonder if you can draw a circle around the odd one out in each row below...**



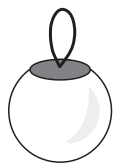
THIS TREE NEEDS DECORATING!

Can you help to decorate this Christmas tree? It needs some dazzle and sparkle and a whole lot of colour! **Draw some decorations, then colour in everything.**



Ling Ling Bird suggests...

Ling Ling Bird says he's sure your ideas are better than his, but you might like to use some of these things on and around your tree:



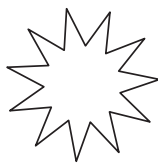
bauble



candy cane



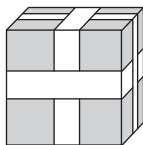
heart



star



ribbon tied
in a bow



gift /
present

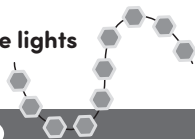


angel



paper chain

Christmas tree lights



There is no right or wrong way to decorate this tree - just do it how you like!



LARGE OR SMALL? BIG OR LITTLE?

Can you tell the difference between large and small? Of course you can! Take a look at these pairs of Christmas pictures. Now, **circle the small one in each pair.** (You might also call it "the little one", because "little" is another word for "small".)

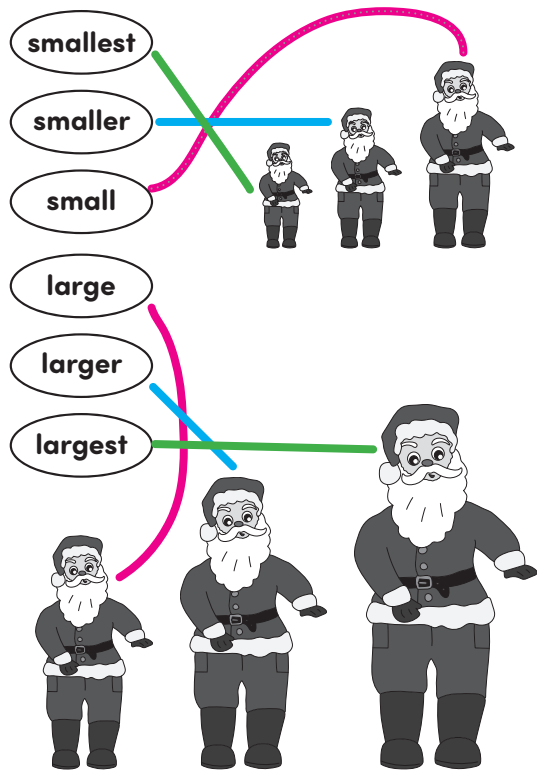


"Big" is another word for "large". Can you circle the large or big one in each of these picture pairs?



SORTING SANTA SIZES

Can you label these Santa Claus pictures according to size? **Draw a line to connect the right description to the right picture.**



CHRISTMAS COLUMNS

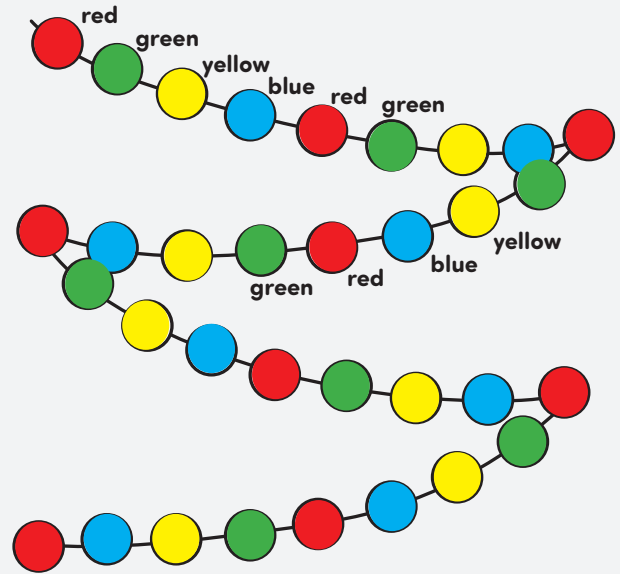
Did you know that rows go across, but columns go down? **See if you can complete the repeating patterns in these columns.** Start from the top and work your way down each column, filling in the gaps to make each pattern repeat perfectly.



Bonus Challenge

REPEATING CHRISTMAS COLOURS

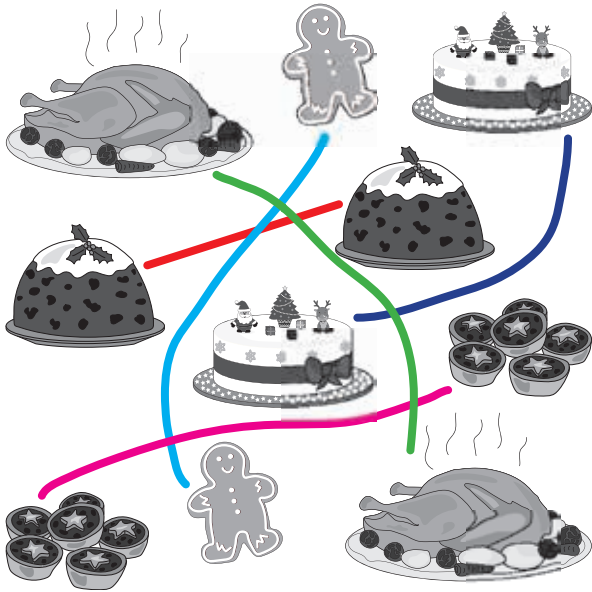
You'll need your coloured pencils for this one! These Christmas lights form a repeating colour pattern. **Can you colour them in, following the repeated pattern all the way from beginning to end?**



CHRISTMAS FOOD MATCHING PAIRS

How many matching pairs can you find?

First, draw a line between each matching pair, then count how many different matching pairs you have found altogether.



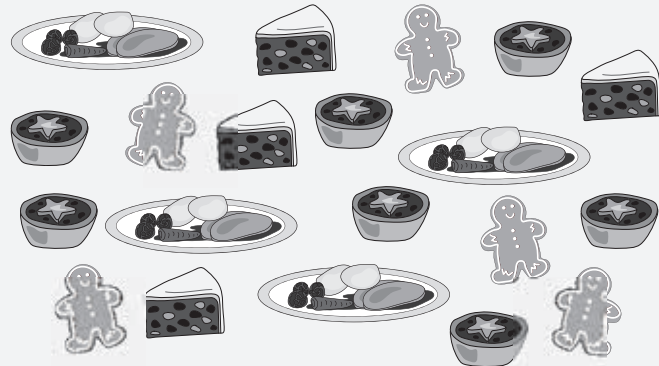
I found 5 matching pairs of Christmas food items.



Bonus Challenge

LET'S COUNT FOR CHRISTMAS!

What a jumble of Christmas food! Does Ling Ling Bird have enough of everything for his whole family? He needs at least 4 of each item - one each for Ma, Pa, Lola Louise and himself. Please help him count!



I counted:

-  4 plates of Christmas dinner
-  7 mince pies
-  5 gingerbread men
-  4 slices of Christmas cake

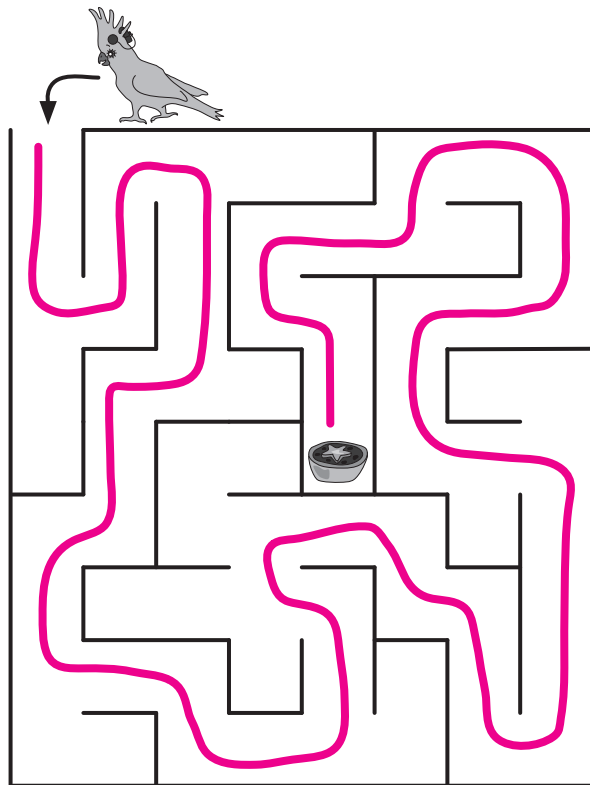
SANTA'S NOT QUITE THE SAME

These two pictures of Santa Claus (you might also call him "Father Christmas") look similar but are not quite the same. There are six differences between the Santa on the left and the Santa on the right. **Can you spot all six differences and draw a circle around each one?**



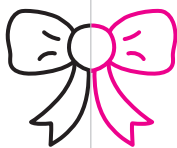
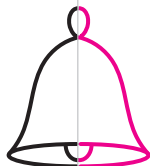
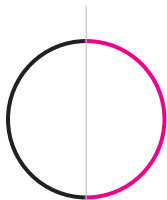
MINCE PIE MAZE

Ling Ling Bird thinks mince pies are delicious! They taste so sweet and fruity! **Can you help him find his way through the maze to the mince pie in the middle?**



CHRISTMAS SYMMETRY

Shapes or pictures which have two sides that are exact reflections of each other are symmetrical. A circle is symmetrical because, when you draw a line down the middle, each side is an exact mirror image or reflection of the other side. **Can you complete these symmetrical Christmas images?**



Bonus Challenge

SNOWMAN SYMMETRY

This symmetrical snowman needs help! **Will you grab a pencil and complete him?** Don't forget, both sides of the centre line need to be exact mirror images or reflections of each other!



CHRISTMAS FOOD FAVOURITES

These are some of Ling Ling Bird's favourite Christmas foods. Do you agree with him?

Put a tick next to the ones you like too (*yum!*), and a cross next to the ones you don't like (*yuck!*).

gingerbread



turkey



There are no right or wrong answers - it's up to you and your taste buds!

Christmas cake



Christmas pudding



mince pies



Bonus Challenge

SUGGEST SOMETHING NEW!

Ling Ling Bird really enjoys trying out new types of food with different tastes, smells and textures. Can you suggest two new and delicious Christmas treats that he should try out? Can you draw them here, and write their names next to them?

There are no right or wrong answers - suggest whatever you like!

What is so special about these tasty treats?
Why do you think Ling Ling Bird should try them?



Colouring

muh muh muh

“Mmmm-mmmmm!” muses Ling Ling Bird. “Let’s make merry this Christmas with Ma’s mulled wine and my mince pies! I’m going to munch the most!”

“The more, the merrier,” agrees Ma.

Make
this picture
the most
colourful!

There is no right or
wrong way to colour this
in - just do it how you
like!



CHRISTMAS LINGS

Colouring



"Ooooo look!" hoots Ling
Ling Bird. "Oodles of
yummy food to put me in
the Christmas mood! Please
hand me a knife, fork
and spoon!"

Let's do
some cool
colouring
too!



There is no right or
wrong way to colour this
in - just do it how you
like!

Colouring

aa aa aa

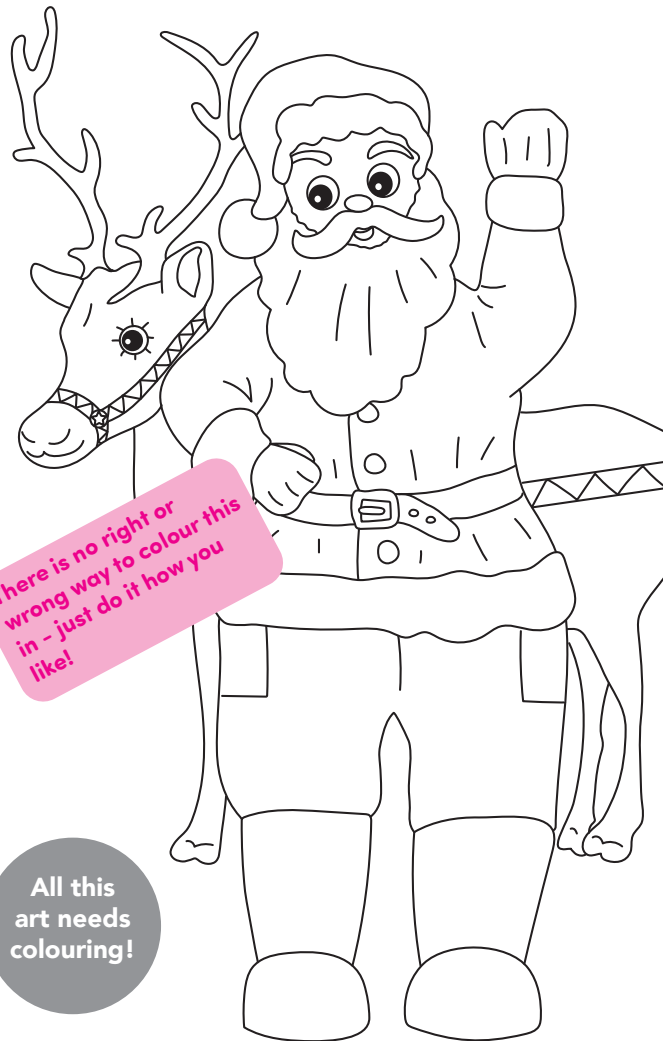
After arriving at their house, Father Christmas asks Ling Ling Bird and Lola Louise to take care of his reindeer.

"Yes, any time!" they say.

"Ah, awesome!

Thanks a lot.

Ta!"



CHRISTMAS LINGS

Colouring

ee ee ee

Ling Ling Bird and Lola Louise are underneath the tree, eating sweets on Christmas eve...

"Don't be greedy!" teases Lola Louise.

"Don't be cheeky!" giggles Ling Ling Bird.

"Tee hee hee!"

Please colour in everything evenly!

There is no right or wrong way to colour this in - just do it how you like!



Colouring

sh sh sh

Ling Ling Bird shouts and shakes with laughter while playing charades with Ma, Pa and Lola Louise. Sharing family time at Christmas sure is fun!

Show us
your
best
colouring!

There is no right or
wrong way to colour this
in - just do it how you
like!



Colouring

SS SS SS

When he sees his Christmas stocking, Ling Ling Bird smiles and says: "So many stars on my soft Christmas stocking, stuffed so full of exciting surprises!"

Ready,
steady,
colour this
stocking!

There is no right or wrong way to colour this in - just do it how you like!



Colouring

nuh nuh nuh

“Nuts are the noisiest nibbles to gnaw,” notes Ling Ling Bird. “Never forget the nutcracker when you’re cracking noisy nuts to nibble!”

Now let's go nuts for colouring!



Colouring

ZZ ZZ ZZ

"Zzzz zzzz" buzzes busy
Baz the bee. "Zany Zoe
the zebra has a snazzy
new Christmas hat. She's
dazzling, isn't she?"



*There is no right or
wrong way to colour this
in - just do it how you
like!*



Are you a
colouring
whizz?

CHRISTMAS LINGS

Colouring

hh hh hh

“Ho ho ho!” hollers Santa Claus. “Hop up here! Let’s have a hug under the holly and a jolly Happy Christmas!”

Hope you have fun colouring!



Colouring

jj jj jj

Jojo the giraffe is such a jolly joker. Look! She has tied some jingle bells to her tail with a jaunty ribbon.

"They're just for Christmas," she says. "I like the jingly-jangly sound they make when I jump and jiggle!"



MISSING LETTER GAME

The words below describe the picture next to them but....**oh no!**... some of the letters in each word are missing! **Can you use these 5 letters to fill in the gaps and complete the words underneath?**

a e i o u



bells



mug



cake



sing



holly

Did you notice that all the missing letters are vowels?

THE BEGINNING AND THE END

Oops! All these words have been cut in two, and the end of each word has been separated from its beginning! **Can you draw a line to match the beginning of each word to the correct ending?** Ling Ling Bird has done the first one for you.



Christ _____ ing



crack _____ in



stock _____ on



cand _____ ents



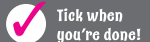
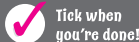
rob _____ le



ribb _____ mas



pres _____ er



SANTA'S SLED - SMALL, MEDIUM OR LARGE?



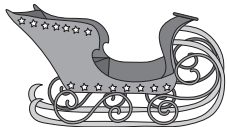
When Santa is getting ready for Christmas, he has to decide which sled to use to deliver presents to all the children. Do you think he should use a small one, a medium-sized one or a large one? Santa has a few spare sleds, just in case any of them break down. **Can you count how many of each size he has?** →

Santa has...



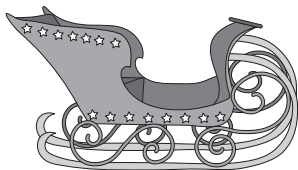
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small sleds



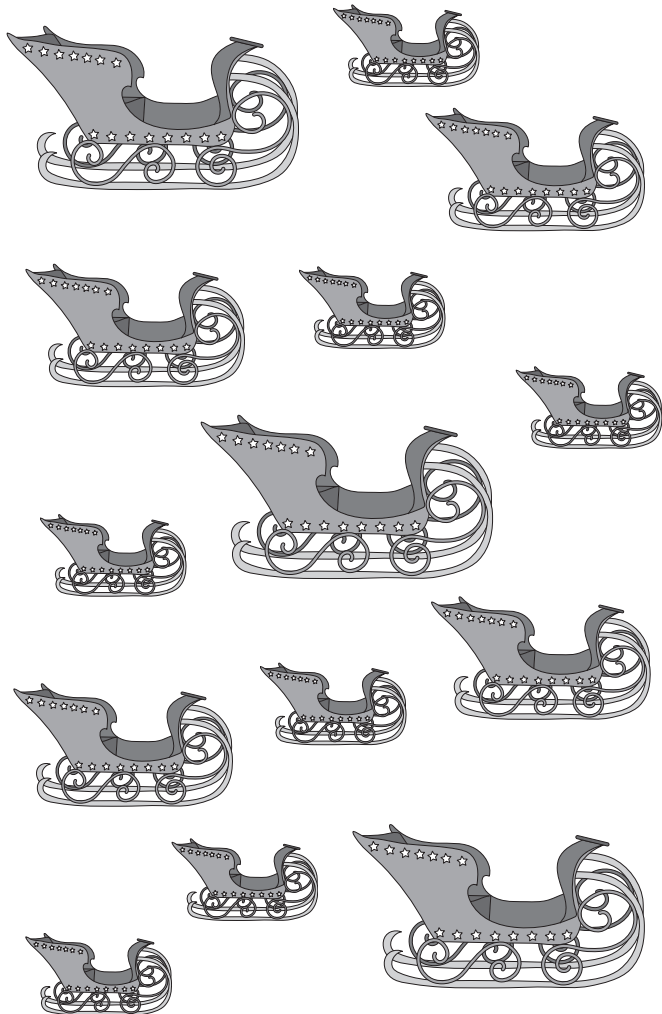
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medium sleds



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large sleds



DESIGN AND FILL!

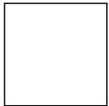
Imagine that you could design your very own Christmas stocking and fill it with your favourite mini gifts and treats! What would your stocking look like? And which Christmas surprises would you hide inside?

Why not have a go designing the ultimate Christmas stocking now? **Decorate the stocking opposite and draw three things you would like to find inside.**

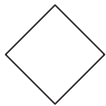


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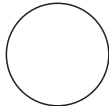
Ling Ling Bird says you can decorate your Christmas stocking any way you like, but thinks you might find some of these shapes useful:



square



diamond



circle



oval



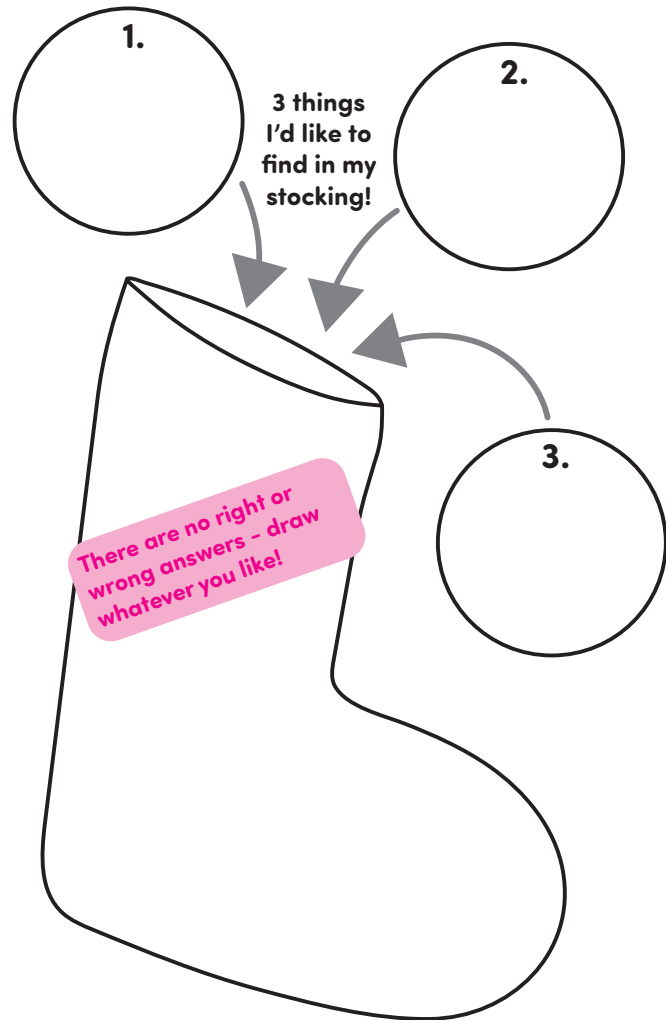
star



heart



Christmas tree



WORD-SMART GAME



Think about the word “gingerbread”. It contains 11 letters. If you move these letters around, use some and leave others out, you can make many other words of various different lengths. I wonder if it’s possible to make 2 one-letter words, 2 two-letter words, 2 three-letter words, 2 four-letter words and 2 five-letter words from the 11 letters in the word “gingerbread”!

Do you want to have a go? 

Please note: You can only use each letter once in each new word, except for **G**, **R** and **E**, which all occur twice in “gingerbread”. You can therefore use two **G**s, two **R**s and two **E**s in each new word.



Ling Ling Bird shows you how...

Ling Ling Bird loves this game! Take a look at the words he’s managed to make from the letters in the word “Christmas”. (He is allowed to use **S** twice in any of his words, because there are two **S**s in “Christmas”.)

CHRISTMAS

I	sit	march
a	hit	smart
i	miss	
at	rash	

GINGERBREAD

I a
a n i n
r e d a g e
d a r e r i n g
g r a d e
b r i d e

These are just a few examples - there are many more words that can be made from the letters in “gingerbread” and “Christmas”.



Bonus Challenge

Can you help Ling Ling Bird to make even more words using the 9 letters in “Christmas”? What is the longest word you can make?

masts, smash, trash, match

charms, chairs, stairs, chasms

SORTING SWEET & SAVOURY

Ling Ling Bird doesn't want any surprises when he starts tucking into his Christmas food. Can you tell him which of these food items are sweet (like sugar) and which are savoury (salty or spicy but not sweet)? **Can you draw a line from each food item to the plate where it belongs?**

Christmas cake

roast turkey

Brussels sprouts

Christmas pudding

carrots

gingerbread

gravy

mince pies

roast potatoes

sweet plate

savoury plate



Bonus Challenge

SWEET vs. SAVOURY

Because everyone is unique, we all have a different sense of taste. At Christmas, Ling Ling Bird's father likes the roast turkey dinner, which is savoury. Ling Ling Bird likes sweet treats more. Which taste do you prefer, sweet or savoury? **Can you draw and name two of your favourite foods, and tell Ling Ling Bird whether they are sweet or savoury?**

1.

2.

There are no right or wrong answers - it's all about what YOU like!

Name of food:

Name of food:

sweet / savoury
(circle one)

sweet / savoury
(circle one)



MEGA CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

Ling Ling Bird has hidden the words listed below in the grid opposite. **Can you find them all, and circle them with a coloured pencil?**



Ticking off each word in the list as you find it can help you keep track!

Words can go straight down, straight across or diagonally downwards

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAMILY | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TURKEY |



UNSCRAMBLE THAT WORD!

Oh my goodness! Ling Ling Bird has been mixing up his letters again... Can you help him to unscramble all these letters and write each word correctly?



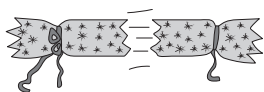
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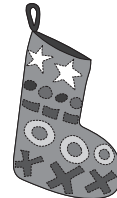


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s t o c k i n g



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S a n t a

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Bonus Challenge

I wonder if you can unscramble this word without a picture to help you?

sCahmrtis

C h r i s t m a s

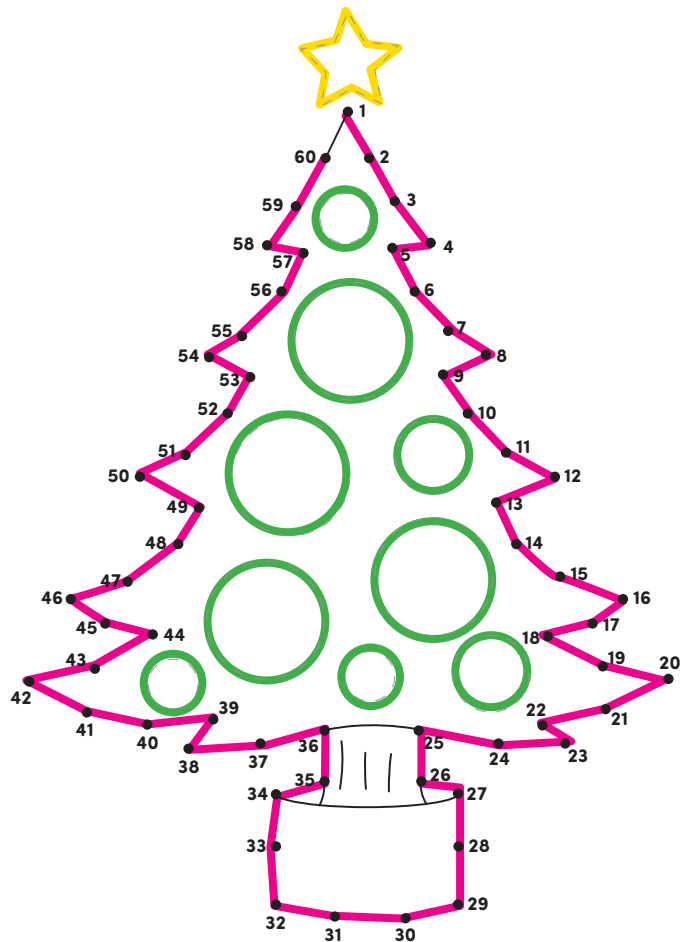
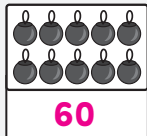
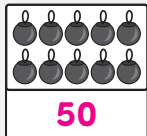
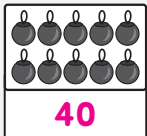
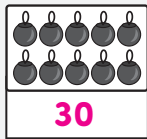
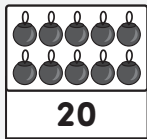
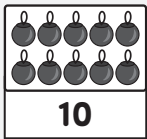
1 TO 60... JOIN THE DOTS!

I wonder if you can count from one to sixty?
Join the dots in the picture opposite, starting at 1 and going all the way up to 60. What does the finished picture reveal?
 Surely one of the prettiest sights to see at Christmas time!



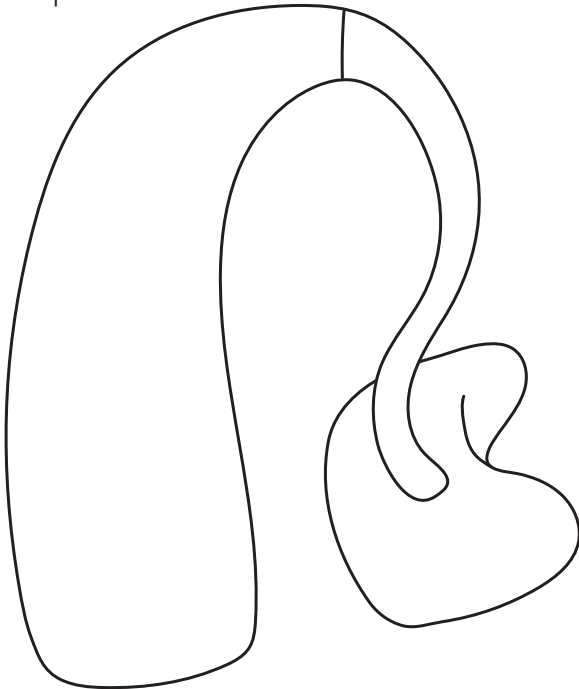
Bonus Challenge

Ling Ling Bird is counting his baubles. He needs to find 60 baubles to decorate his Christmas tree. They are packed away in lots of ten, so maybe you can help him to **count in tens, and fill in the missing numbers below.** How many baubles does Ling Ling Bird have altogether? Does he have enough to decorate his tree?



CHRISTMAS COCHLEARS & HOLIDAY HEARING AIDS!

These devices need sprucing up for Christmas! **Can you help by decorating this hearing aid and speech processor with Christmas shapes and colours?** Don't forget to add any buttons, lights and/or extra microphones!













There is no right or wrong way to colour this in - just do it how you like!








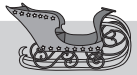




CHRISTMAS COMPOUNDS

Did you know that compound words are individual words made from two (or more) words working together? "Moonlight", "strawberry" and "bookcase" are three examples of compound words. **Can you create these Christmas compounds by drawing lines to link the right words together (and match the pictures)?**

 **snow**  **light**
 **star**  **bread**
 **snow**  **man**
 **ginger**  **deer**
 **rein**  **flake**

CHRISTMAS ASSOCIATION GAME

Have you ever played the association game? One person says a word, then the next person names something associated with it. For example, Ling Ling Bird might say "tent", then Lola Louise might say "camping" (because tents make her think of camping) and then Pa might say "campfire", and so on. **Can you draw lines to connect these Christmas words, making pairs which you think go together?**

 **reindeer**  **Christmas tree**
 **Christmas dinner**  **presents**
 **decorations**  **sled**
 **Father Christmas**  **church**
 **Christmas carols**  **turkey gravy**

WHO GETS WHAT?

We're all a bit different from each other, aren't we? We all like different things, and when it comes to Christmas presents, we all have different wish lists! **Can you name 4 people who are special to you (they might be family, friends or teachers). Think about what they might like for Christmas, then describe or draw each gift so Santa knows what to put in his sack!**

Ling Ling Bird is hoping for a magic wand because he likes doing magic tricks. For Lola Louise, he chooses a beachball because she likes playing games by the seaside.

Ma gets a big diary because she always has to organise the whole family and remember a hundred different things every day. For Pa, Ling Ling Bird chooses a tie because Pa has to look smart when he goes to work.



What present would you like for Christmas? Is it different to what you'd choose for others? Why?



Name of special person:
.....
I think they would like this gift:

Name of special person:
.....
I think they would like this gift:

There are no right or wrong answers - this is all about what you think other people special to you might like for Christmas!

Name of special person:
.....
I think they would like this gift:


Name of special person:
.....
I think they would like this gift:



RHYME TIME

Two (or more) words which end in the same sound rhyme with each other. Some word endings both sound and look the same, like "hot" and "dot". Other word endings sound the same but look different, like "sky" and "pie". These two words still rhyme because the endings sound the same. Ling Ling Bird likes making rhyming pairs. Do you also find it fun? Ling Ling Bird is hoping you can help him to **draw a line between each rhyming pair of words below and opposite.**

1) RHYMING PAIRS WITH ENDINGS THAT LOOK AND SOUND THE SAME

mug	holly 
snow	far
elf	night
★ star	hug
light	shelf
jolly	glow

Connections: mug to glow (pink), snow to far (blue), elf to night (green), star to shelf (red), light to hug (dark blue), jolly to holly (black).

2) RHYMING PAIRS WITH ENDINGS THAT LOOK DIFFERENT BUT SOUND THE SAME

pie	heard
tree	white
wand	perch
church	me
word	why
bright	pond

Connections: pie to perch (pink), tree to pond (blue), wand to white (dark blue), church to heard (red), word to why (green), bright to me (black).



Bonus Challenge

These are just a few examples - there are many more words which rhyme with "hat".

How many words can you think of which rhyme with "hat"?

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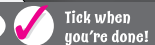
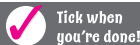
bat

cat

that

sat

gnat



WHEN YOU THINK OF CHRISTMAS...

When Ling Ling Bird thinks of Christmas, many thoughts, words and phrases spring to mind like "family time", "snow", "gingerbread" and "PRESENTS!".

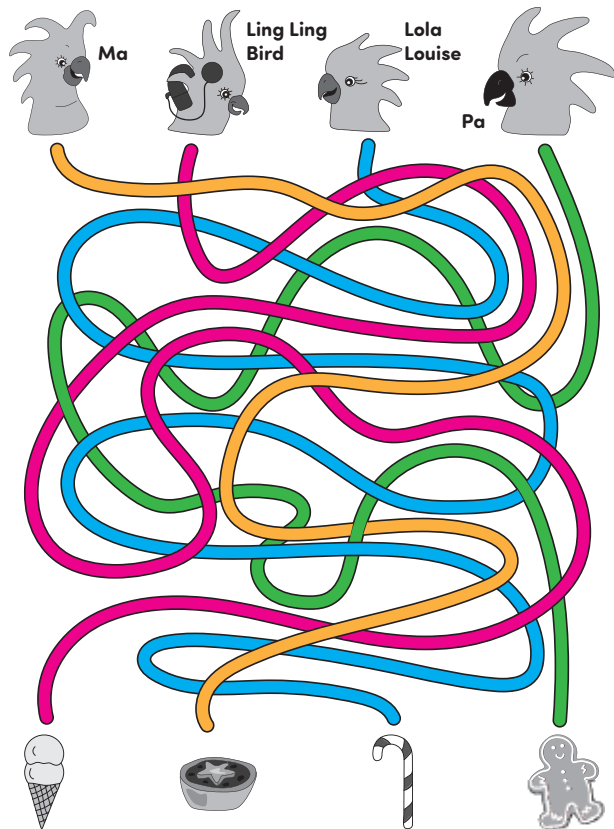
What springs to mind when you think of Christmas? **Can you list 10 Christmas words or phrases which either start with or contain the letter sounds below?**

- | | | |
|-----------|--|---|
| m | <u>merry</u> , <u>mulled wine</u> , <u>mince pies</u> | [yule = same sound but looks different] |
| oo | <u>good mood</u> , <u>oodles of food</u> , <u>yule log</u> | |
| ee | <u>Christmas eve</u> , <u>tree</u> , <u>sneak peek</u> , <u>candy</u> | [sounds like cand-ee] |
| a | <u>anticipation</u> , <u>amazing</u> , <u>star</u> | [contains /a/ sound] |
| s | <u>snow</u> , <u>sled</u> , <u>sleigh</u> , <u>Santa Claus</u> , <u>stocking</u> | |
| sh | <u>sharing</u> , <u>elf on the shelf</u> , <u>charades</u> | [charades = same sound but looks different] |
| n | <u>nuts</u> , <u>nativity</u> , <u>ribbon</u> , <u>angel</u> , <u>presents</u> , <u>candle</u> | |
| z | <u>razzle dazzle</u> , <u>busy</u> | [busy = same sound but looks different] |
| h | <u>happy</u> , <u>holiday</u> , <u>hugs</u> , <u>holly</u> | Did you notice that these are the 10 Ling-Madell-Hewitt (LMH) sounds? |
| j | <u>jolly</u> , <u>jingle bells jangling</u> | |

These are just a few examples - you can think of your own different words too!

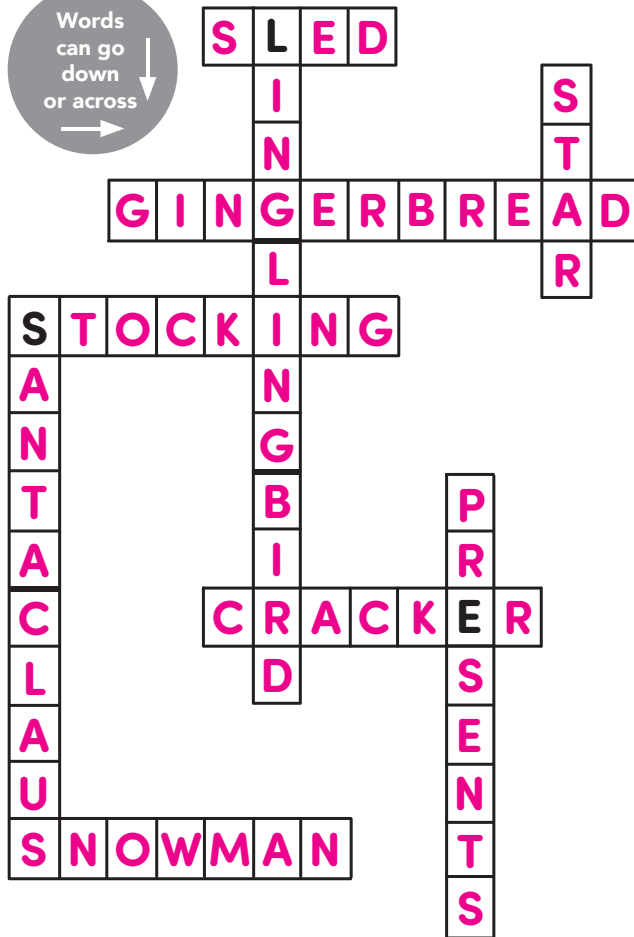
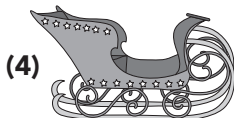
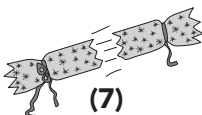
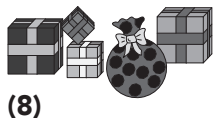
WHAT A MEGA MUDDLE!

Can you use four different colours to follow each path to the Christmas treats?
Who gets which sweet treat?



CHRISTMAS WORD PUZZLE

Ling Ling Bird has been busy making this Christmas word puzzle just for you! He's put his own name in the middle and then connected it to words describing some of his favourite Christmas things. **Look at the pictures below, think of the words they represent (the number of letters in each word is shown in brackets next to each picture) and then try to fit the words into the right place in the grid opposite.**



CHRISTMAS VERSES

Ling Ling Bird likes rhyming verse, because it helps him to develop his language skills. He's struggling today to fit the right words into this poem. **Can you help by fitting these words into the gaps, making sure the poem both rhymes and makes sense?**

sharing

shelf

tummy

yummy

pies



The Christmas robin has been well fed
on cake crumbs and gingerbread...
But have you seen the Christmas elf
still sitting there upon the **shelf** _____?
His rumbly tummy and hungry eyes
are keenly hoping for some mince **pies** _____.
Ling Ling Bird says, "Elf, this is not fair;
you're hungry and all alone up there!
Please come on down and fill your **tummy** _____;
there's so much food and it's all **yummy** _____!
I love Christmas - a time for caring,
loving, laughing and always **sharing** _____."



Bonus Challenge

Can you think of words to complete these rhyming couplets? Please ensure the couplets both rhyme and make sense!

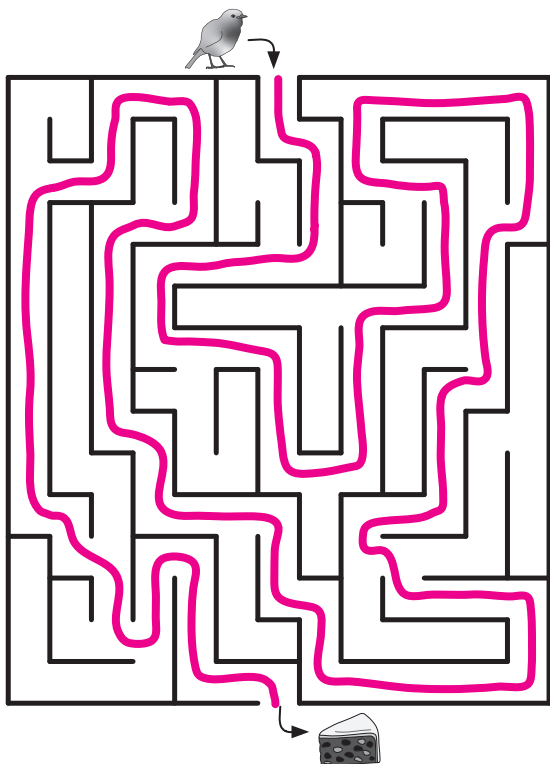
Wow! So many presents under the tree!
There are some for you and some for **me** _____.

Wow! How long did it take to mix and bake
Such a delicious, fruity Christmas **cake** _____?

Wow! Listen to the sweet carol singing
and the *ting-a-ling* of church bells **ringing** _____!

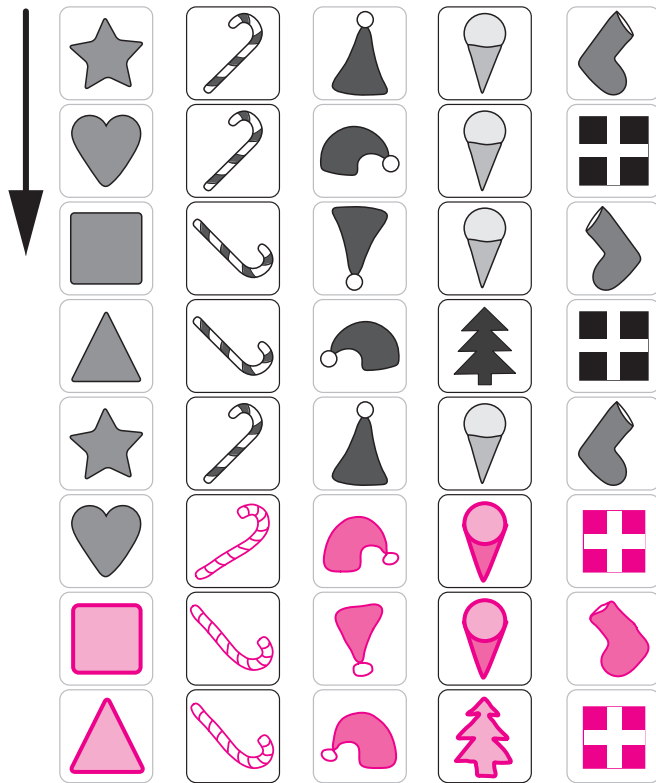
WHICH WAY TO THE CAKE?

The little robin is hungry! She really wants to get to the slice of Christmas cake but she can't find her way through the maze! This challenge is hard... but it is possible. There is a path. **Can you find it?**



1,2,3,4... 1,2,3,4...

These repeating patterns go downwards in columns. **Can you fill in the gaps to complete each column, making sure each pattern repeats perfectly?**



CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD

Congratulations! You made it through to the very last Christmas challenge! The only thing left to do is to solve each and every clue... Have fun with Ling Ling Bird's Christmas crossword puzzle!

CLUES - ACROSS

- Sweet-tasting, hook-shaped, often red and white, you can hang this on the Christmas tree (5,4)
- Entertaining or enjoyable (3)
- Gingerbread tastes and smells like this (5)
- A type of song you only sing at Christmas time (5)
- "Oh, _____ all ye faithful" (a well-loved Christmas carol) or the opposite of "go" (4)
- A traditional Christmas roast (6)
- "Let's make this the best Christmas _____!" (rhymes with "clever")(4)
- Another word for "sled" (6)
- Christians believe that Jesus is the _____ of God (3)
- Carols and hymns are both examples of these (5)

CLUES - DOWN

- Christians meet here to worship and give thanks to God, especially at Christmas time (6)
- "As white _____ snow" (2)
- A feeling of joyful anticipation that makes it hard to sleep on the night before Christmas (10)
- Warm, welcoming and comfortable (4)
- It rings in a church (4)
- These are so much fun to pull but be careful: they can be very loud in your ears - pull, pull, POP! (8)
- You might hang these on the mantelpiece or at the end of your bed on Christmas Eve, ready to be filled with little presents and Christmas treats! (9)
- At Christmas, you decorate these and put presents under them (5)
- A "_____ Log" is a type of chocolate cake eaten at Christmas time - it looks like a cut tree branch (rhymes with "rule")(4)
- Another word for "presents" (5)
- "Ho ho _____" says Father Christmas (2)



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